

20210305 Senate Agenda Committee Minutes - Final

Present: Max Holmes (Chair), Paul Harrison, Janine Benedet, Guy Faulkner, John Gilbert, Kin Lo, Sally Thorne, Claudia Krebs, Chris Eaton (Clerk)

Regrets: Chris Hakim, Kate Ross

Call to Order	The Chair of the Committee, Max Holmes, called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.
Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The Minutes of 29 January 2021 were approved as presented.
Update on Indigenous Strategic Plan and Senate	The Chair and Clerk outlined discussions with the ISP proponents. The Committee agreed to having a topic of broad academic interest on the March Senate meeting on the ISP, and if it found broad acceptance at Senate, to propose at the April meeting of Senate that the ISP be endorsed. The Okanagan Senate is expected to proceed similarly.
Climate Task Force Recommendations and Senate	The Committee agreed to place the Climate Task Force Report and Recommendations on the the Senate agenda for endorsement.
In Camera – Senate Agenda for 17 March 2021	N/A
May Senate Meeting Date	The Committee agreed to move the May Senate meeting from 12 May to 19 May 2021 so as to give the faculties more time to consider candidates for degrees and faculty members more time to submit final grades. The Clerk will work to move the May Agenda Committee meeting back accordingly. The Committee discussed if moving it back to May 26 th may be needed. The Clerk advised that he did not believe so at this time, the Committee agreed to reconsider if needed at the next meeting.
Consideration of the Rule on Roll Call Votes	The Clerk noted that 9 senators had written regarding the increased use of “roll call” votes at Senate. He noted that most of those comments expressed the view that its selective use was an issue. The Chair suggested that this could be something considered during a triennial review, but that his initial view was we should make all votes roll called as a way of being transparent. Members discussed the logistical issues with roll call votes, and possible technological solutions. The clerk advised that it took roughly 5 minutes to sort out each vote. The Committee decided to consider a rule change at their next meeting and then distribute it to Senators for consultation before making a final recommendation to Senate.
Next Meeting	Due to the good Friday holiday, the Committee moved their next meeting date to noon on 1 April 2021.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm

