

20211105 Vancouver Senate Agenda Committee – Final Minutes

Present: Julia Burnham (Chair), Paul Harrison (Vice-Chair), Joanne Fox, Kin Lo, Sally Thorne, Guy Faulkner, Anisha Sandhu,

Regrets: Carol Jaeger, Janine Benedet, Kate Ross, Claudia Krebs, John Gilbert,

Clerk: Chris Eaton

Call to Order Julia Burnham called to order 12:03

Minutes The minutes of 8 October 2021 were approved as presented.

In Camera – 17 N/A

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Senate Agenda

Remote

Meetings

The Clerk set out the background of the suspension of Senate rules to allow for remote meetings, as well as considerations around in-person, remote, and hybrid meetings.

Senator Burnham raised the student preferences as discerned from a Qualtrix survey: a majority of students preferred online Senate meetings but felt meetings should be hybrid, with a few not able to regularly attend if in-person. Students preferred committees to meet online.

Senator Thorne noted the Faculty of Applied Sciences experience with hybrid meetings.

Senators Sandhu and Fox suggested that we should stay online until we figure out how to do hybrid meetings better, and then shift to hybrid.

Senator Thorne suggested that if we do not meet regularly in person, we should have thoughtful social events.

Senator Harrison suggested surveying the full Senate similar to what had been done for students.

Need to work on what hybrid looks like. Extend to end of second term.

Moved HARRISON, SECONDED FOX: That the suspension of the *Rules and Procedures of Senate* be extended to the end of this academic year so as to allow consideration of options and the views of Senators on the format of Senate meetings.

Approved.

ISP Matter

By general consent, this item was postponed to the next meeting.

**Joint
Board/Senate**

Members discussed the Board Secretary and President's proposed agenda item of campus physical development, including the Surrey and downtown Kelowna sites. They suggested a further conversation on Institutional Autonomy and the roles of the Board, Senate, Administration and Government in the governance of the University.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm.