

## Senate Meeting

Thursday, March 02, 2023; 3:00 pm PDT

Via Microsoft Teams

## Meeting Minutes

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### Attendees:

*Sheldon Levy* (UCW President and Senate Chair)

*Maureen Mancuso* (Vice-President Academic)

*Stephanie Chu* (Executive Dean/AVP Teaching, Learning and Scholarship)

*Henrique Gea* (Registrar)

*Gelareh Farhadian, George Drazenovic, Larry Earnhart, Jill Cummings* (Program Chairs)

*Nam Le, Salvador Trevino, Penny Farley, Alexander Sakharov, Jason Walker, Noosha Mehdian, Hamed*

*Taherdoost, Manbo He, Mehdi Akhgari, Rushdi Alsaleh* (Faculty Representatives)

*Anne Janousek, Anna Lee Boulton* (Staff Representatives)

*Catherine Vertesi* (UCW Board of Governors Representative)

*Mamtha Nagaraja* (Alumni Representative)

*Adrian Mitescu* (University Librarian and Senate Secretary)

*Saleiha Sharif* (Senate Coordinator)

### Regrets:

*Michele Vincenti* (Program Chair)

### Guests:

*Christine Chan* (Director of Student Affairs & Services)

*Amy Hua* (Director, Planning & Budgeting)

*Cassie Savoie* (Director, Academic Operations & Support Services)

*Harpreet Ahluwalia* (Director, Curriculum and Quality Assurance)

*Bradley Fehr* (Associate Director Communications)

*Amit Kohli* (Research Ethics Board Chair)

### Absent:

*Shweta Shaw, Manik Gupta, Udayveer Singh* (Student Representatives)

**1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgment**

S. Levy

*We acknowledge that the territories on which UCW and its campuses are situated are the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Selilwitulh (Tseil-Waututh) Nations. We thank them for having cared for this land since time immemorial, honour their graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here, and iterate our dedication to valuing the ongoing contributions of Indigenous peoples and communities.*

**The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm PST.**

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

S. Levy

**Motion:** To approve the agenda as presented.

**Moved:** J. Walker **Seconded:** A. Janousek

**Motion carried unanimously**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

S. Levy

a) Minutes from the Senate meeting on February 02, 2023

**Motion:** To approve Minutes from the Senate meeting on February 02, 2023 as presented

**Moved:** P. Farley **Seconded:** S. Chu

**Motion carried unanimously**

**4. Business arising from the minutes**

[none]

**5. President's report**

S. Levy

Sheldon briefed the members about the progress on the bridge construction and its interruption in the university's activities. Regarding the space constraints, university is extensively looking at the alternative location to provide more space to the community. He further mentioned that it is really a difficult challenge to dealt with the space with the growing number of students in the university. He highlighted the changes in IRCC regulation with respect to Iranian students and its impact on admissions. He updated the senate members about participation of two teams in women and leadership competition in Toronto next week.

**6. Vice President Academic's report**

M. Mancuso

M. Mancuso briefed the members about the upcoming cyclical reviews of external site visits for all programs MBA, BABC, Bachelor of Commerce and Associate Arts degree. She thanked all the faculty members and staff who have contributed to the preparation of the self-study and key piece of documentation. She further welcomed Jill Cummings on joining UCW as new chair of UAP., her extensive work and major contributions. She gave an update on the initial draft of faculty promotion criteria by the working group. Lastly, she explained the details of partnership with Venture for Canada, a national

charitable organization which will provide a platform and supports for UCW students to obtain job placements and other professional prospects. This partnership will work together with our Career Development Center staff as well as faculty.

## 7. Registrar's report

H. Gea

H. Gea gave an overview of the enrollment numbers and retention rates over the last few terms. He was pleased to share that our student intake is continuing to be strong. He highlighted that communication for Spring intake has been started a bit earlier with a purpose to better plan for the new students. The University have received good number of applications being applied to UCW along with the registration of regular students. Further updated the members on new scheduling system that will assist the Chairs and faculty to plan and communicate in more effective way. The Committee members asked follow-up clarifying questions about new scheduling system that were answered by Henrique and Maureen.

## 8. Question period

G. Farhadian asked about UCW policy regarding Iranian students support under IRCC announcement. S. Levy replied that IRCC is pertaining to everyone and as each institution will have its own strategies so it true with the UCW. J. Walker asked about the updates on budget approval on which S. Levy mentioned that the Board is supportive of the requests to put the resources into the university necessary ; discussions are still ongoing to balance out the return for the risks.

## 9. Committee Reports

### a) Academic Planning & Priorities

M. Mancuso

#### i. University Canada West: Strategic Directions and Operational Planning

M. Mancuso presented the UCW Strategic directions that will help to complement the planning exercises. A lot of issues need to be addressed such as physical space, systems, processes & infrastructure, and student information system. She further explained this document will provide a roadmap to UCW for next five years with the broad themes and its associated four major directions (Sustainable Growth, Recognized Quality, Relevance & Engagement, and Diversity & Diversification). At the end, she mentioned the report card that ensures the accountability and continual progress for the initiatives. G. Farhadian appreciate the strategic plan and suggested that sustainability and innovation might be included in this list. In reply, Maureen mentioned that this is not an exhaustive list that can be updated through subsequent consultations.

### b) Governance and Policies Committee

M. He

There has been no meeting

- c) **Quality Assurance** S. Chu  
There has been no meeting
- d) **University Curriculum Committee** A. Sakharov  
A. Sakharov provided a report on the terms of reference for the Program Curriculum Working Committees; each for undergraduate and graduate programs.
- e) **Research and Scholarly Activities** H. Taherdoost  
H. Taherdoost provided a report on the new initiatives to support scholarly activities and their progress by the committee, as well as the scholarly and research grants presented by S. Chu and lastly contributions in the second GUS Academic Summit.
- f) **Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee** M. Mancuso  
M. Mancuso provided a report on the appointment of S. Trevino as vice chair of the committee and call for nominations of honorary degree for the university. She further mentioned about the Alumni awards presented by C. Chan and UCW Teaching and Learning awards presented by S. Chu. with a March 28<sup>th</sup> deadline for nominations and a presentation of Awards at the July Convocation.

**10. Other Business** [none]

**11. Adjournment** S. Levy

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting  
**Moved:** *G. Farhadian* **Seconded:** *S. Trevino*  
**Motion carried unanimously**

*Meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.*