

Meeting Notes
Planning and Budget Committee (PBC)
March 24, 2021
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm, WebEx

Attendance

M. Abrahams, VPA and Provost (Chair)	K. Matthews, CIAP
K. Anderson, Education	L. Pike, Budget Office
C. Bazan, Engineering	J. Porter, Registrar's Office
P. Brett, Marine Institute	M. Woods, Medicine
S. Cadigan, AVPA	
E. Kendall, Medicine	
S. MacKenzie, Humanities and Social Sciences	

Unable to Attend

Y. Alabed, MUNSU	P. Ravichandran, GSU
A. Marland, Humanities and Social Sciences	A. Thomas, GCSU
R. Nolan, CIAP	H. Usefi, Science

1. Review of agenda and meeting notes of February 24th, 2021

K. Anderson was listed as both in attendance and unable to attend. The notes will be revised to note that he was unable to attend. The meeting notes for February 24th, 2021 were approved with the amendment.

2. Updates

1. Centres Policy

The working group met after the last meeting of PBC to reorient itself to the work. K. Matthews noted that he had met with Jonathan Dredge, the Manager of the Policy Framework, to get a sense of his office's priorities and to raise awareness of this policy and its development history. Mr. Dredge has committed to prioritizing the policy's completion and recommended two main courses of action:

- Submit a new proposal to Vice-President's Council to bring the policy forward, recognizing that the intent of the review has changed dramatically since the original proposal was submitted in 2017.
- Engage a general consultation with the university community. Although consultation had occurred in 2018, the document is markedly different now and much of the original feedback is likely out of date.

2. Strategic Framework for Indigenization

M. Abrahams noted that the Board of Regents has approved the Strategic Framework for Indigenization. Details of implementation are now being worked out.

3. Annual Reports – Strategic Frameworks and Plans

K. Matthews reported that the letter to the Framework/Plan proponents has been distributed. As directed at the last meeting of PBC, the letter noted the pause in evaluation

while the new Strategic Plan is being finalized. Emily Wooley has confirmed that a draft of the Strategic Plan will be distributed to the Committee in early April.

3. Special Meeting Senate – Delegated Authority to Senate Executive Committee

M. Abrahams noted that a special meeting of Senate has been scheduled to take place immediately after its April meeting.

Various documents related to the issue of delegated authority had been distributed to committee members:

1. “Decisions of an Academic Character made during the COVID-19 pandemic”
2. Environmental Scan – selected language related to delegated authority
3. University of Victoria Emergency Protocol for Senate Operations
4. St. John’s Emergency Response Plan

M. Abrahams asked committee member to consider how to best focus the discussion in light of the documents reviewed. It was agreed that three options would be presented:

- Status Quo (ad hoc approach)
- No Delegation of Authority
- Delegation of Authority with Constraints (See sample plan from University of Victoria)

The purpose is provide a description of the work PBC has been undertaking and seek guidance from Senate on next steps.

M. Matthews was directed to finalize a proposed agenda and send it to the Senate Office. The following documents should be included for review by senators:

- Senate Executive Current Terms of Reference
- Senate By-Laws: https://www.mun.ca/senate/about/Senate_Bylaws_2020.pdf
- “Decisions of an Academic Character made during the COVID-19 pandemic”
- St. John’s Emergency Response Plan
- Environmental Scan – selected language related to delegated authority
- University of Victoria Emergency Protocol for Senate Operations

Senate Executive meets tomorrow. E. Kendall and M. Abrahams will speak to the agenda of the Special Meeting at that meeting.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM