



# SENATE MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

10:00 AM, BOARDROOM (D2315)

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Dr. Gillian Siddall, Chair	Mimi Gellman
Dr. Trish Kelly, Vice Chair	Selina Huang
Kevin Bird, Secretary-of-Senate	Mark Igloliorte
Sanya Arora	Jorma Kujala
Dr. Ruth Beer	Steven Lam
Ben Compton	Erin Lucey
Cybele Creery	Kyla Mallett
Hélène Day Fraser	Celeste Martin
Keith Doyle	Suzanne Rackover
Heather Fitzgerald	Louise St. Pierre
Dr. Cissie Fu	Danielle Zandvliet

Regrets: Geoff Plant

Guests: Michael Clifford, Philippa Mennell, Kurt Stavrou, Lori MacDonald, Alia R Hijaab Ebyed

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## I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Chair of Senate, Dr. Gillian Siddall, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.
2. **Introduction of new Senate Members:** Mimi Gellman, Ben Compton, Erin Lucey.  
Re-elected Senate Members: Selina Huang and Hélène Day Fraser.
3. **Motion:** That Senate approve the September 9, 2019 Senate Agenda as circulated.  
**Moved / Seconded.** **Carried.**
4. **Motion:** That Senate approve the April 29, 2019 Senate Minutes as circulated.  
**Moved / Seconded.** **Carried.**

Dr. Siddall referred to the discussion regarding climate emergency during the open session at the April 29 Senate meeting, and confirmed that an Ad hoc Climate Committee will be formed. Senators who expressed interest in joining the committee: Mimi Gellman, Louise St. Pierre, Steven Lam, Ruth Beer, Celeste Martin, Trish Kelly. Dr. Siddall advised that a meeting will be confirmed soon by the President's office.

5. Senate Governance. Philippa Mennell, University Secretary, referred to the circulated Senate Bylaws, and noted key sections including the structure of Senate, duties of Senators, attendance, quorum, voting, conflict of interest, and that Senate members shall act in the best interest of the University.

## II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Declaration of vacancy – Faculty representative from Design & Dynamic Media (DDM). Kevin Bird, Executive Director, Student Services + Registrar, declared the vacancy for a faculty representative from DDM. An election for a representative will be run by the Registrar.
2. Election of Member-at-large for Senate appointment to the Senate Executive Committee. Kevin Bird ran the election for Member-at-large on the Executive Committee. Mimi Gellman was elected to serve as Member-at-large on the Senate Executive Committee for a year.
3. Election of members for Senate appointment to Senate committees. Kevin Bird ran the election for Senate appointed members on Senate committees. Elected to serve:  
Governance Committee – Sanya Arora  
CPR – Mimi Gellman and Selina Huang  
Aboriginal Advisory – H el ene Day Fraser
4. **Motion:** That Senate approve the new and renewed nominees to Senate committees as recommended by the Nomination Committee.  
Dr. Trish Kelly, Chair, Nominations Committee referred to the circulated list of recommendations.  
**Moved / Seconded. Carried.**
5. Chair Report – Dr. Gillian Siddall welcomed Dr. Trish Kelly, new VP, Academic + Provost, to the Senate. Dr. Siddall thanked Dr. Kelly for well-organized and successful Pedagogy, Inclusion, and Diversity workshops (August 27-28). Dr. Siddall reported that:
  - ECU has hired 11 new faculty members.
  - The Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister met with Dr. Siddall, the Board Chair and the VP, Finance + Administration, in May for an in-depth discussion about budget concerns. Financial information will be presented in the Senate Budget Committee meeting following the Senate meeting.
6. Vice Chair's Report – Dr. Trish Kelly reported on:
  - The discussions and presentations at the recent Teaching and Learning workshops, and thanked the speakers. A Teaching & Learning working group will be formed, and a Teaching & Learning specialist from OCADU will visit ECU September 19-20.
  - The upcoming self-assessment and external program reviews, which are part of the Quality Assurance Audit Process, through the Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB).

#### **IV. OPEN FORUM**

Philippa Mennell reminded members of the Senate-approved Senate Committee Report Template for submitting agenda items. This can be accessed by request to the President's Office and will soon be hosted on the Senate governance website.

**V. NEXT MEETING** – Monday, October 7, 2019 at 9:00am – 10:30am

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.