A meeting of the Senate of Victoria University was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at 4:15 p.m. in the Wymilwood Music Room, Victoria College, President Gooch presiding.

Present:

Professor P Airhart  Professor E Legge
Professor D Bernhardt  Professor M J Legge
Professor M Bourgeois  The Reverend M J Leuty
Mrs J Breukelman  The Reverend F W Lockhart
Professor H S F Collins  Professor J Newman
Ms K Collum  Professor O Pugliese
Principal D Cook  Ms M F Russell
Professor D P DeMontmollin  Professor J H Selles
Ms H Dhanji  Professor C A Silber
Professor L D Dyer  Professor N Terpstra
Professor R H Farquharson  Professor K R Thompson
Professor J H Galloway  Mr S Watters
Dr F K Graham  Professor P S Wilson
Professor B Havercroft  Professor J Wollesen
Dean J Hunter  Ms D Wu
Mr P Jermyn  Principal S P Wyatt
Professor W S Kervin

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:
The meeting was opened with prayer by Professor P S Wilson.

Introduction of New Student Representatives:
President Gooch introduced the following new Victoria College student representatives of Senate who were present at the meeting: VUSAC President Kayley Collum, Hana Dhanji, Peter Jermyn, Sean Watters and Diane Wu.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
The minutes of the previous meeting on November 30, 2005 were approved with the corrections noted.

Regrets:
The Secretary noted that regrets had been received from Ms E E Green, Professor C D Jay, Ms S Larade, Professor W E McLeod, Ms E F Strawbridge, Professor J S Traill, and Professor G Warkentin.

Communications:
Letters of gratitude were read from Victoria College students: Emma Rose Mauretta Cohen, Amanda Cotroneo, Cyril James John Cromwell Simmonds, Seung Hoon Jung, Julienne Lottering, Genny Manolakos, and Stephanie Melnychuk Taylor; and from Woodsworth College student, Joanna Wing Sze Fung. All expressed their thanks for the assistance they received from the College.

Letters from Dr Eva Kushner and Ms Elizabeth Gail Brimbecom were read. They were both honoured by the Senate’s decision to confer upon them honorary degrees at the upcoming convocation on May 11, 2006.

In addition, a letter from Mrs Aida Graff was read. She wished to convey her thanks to Professor H Pietersma for presenting a memorial resolution in memory of her husband, the late Professor James Graff.
Business Arising:
1. At the last meeting of Senate, President Gooch was asked whether the Morrow Match funds could be used to match new Awards established by bequests. He explained that we want to use up the Morrow funds in the near future. We will look on a case-by-case basis and might match bequests that come in in the near future (i.e., bequests that are realized soon).

2. President Gooch provided an update on Quest University. Last fall he had signed a document on behalf of Victoria University to make Victoria a partner of Quest University in British Columbia. Quest is a private, liberal arts university established by Dr David Strangway. President Gooch announced that in June he and Principal Cook will attend a meeting in Vancouver to advise Quest on curriculum and programming.

Appointments to Emeritus Rank:
Professor H S F Collins presented the following resolution for the appointment of Professor Claudine Vercollier to the rank of Associate Professor Emeritus:

Professor Claudine Vercollier came to the Department of French of Victoria College in 1970. As was the case for quite a few of us who joined the department at that time, she came as an ABD Lecturer - ABD meaning “All But Dissertation”. This meant she had done all of the course work and exams for the doctorate before coming here, but then researched, wrote and defended her doctoral thesis while teaching full-time, the load then being four full-courses a year, as opposed to the two full-courses a year that new appointees are asked to teach nowadays. In 1974 she defended her dissertation: “Étude de trois héroines romanesques et de leurs univers: Eugénie Grandet, Clélia Conti et Emma Bovary” at the Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle, and was awarded the degree of "Doctorat du troisième cycle". 19th-century French literature has continued to be the focus of her research and writing since, as well as the teaching of French as a second language. I must emphasize also that Professor Vercollier, like many gifted teachers of literature, is also a published author. I am the happy owner of a collection of her poems, published under the pen name of Claude Verlyer and under the book title La Dièsambule.

Professor Vercollier has distinguished herself at Victoria as a consummate teacher, setting the standard for the rest of us in the Department of French, now no longer of Victoria College, but of the University of Toronto. To read the comments accompanying her evaluations in the undergraduate Anti-Calendar is to discover a teacher beloved and admired by generations of students of French literature and language.

Professor Vercollier has never shirked the responsibility we all have to contribute to the smooth operation of our enterprise. In the days when French at Victoria College was still big enough to warrant having the office of Discipline Representative for French, Professor Vercollier served a term in that office, co-ordinating and generally “enabling” French studies at Victoria, and she did this in a way typical of her: unobtrusively, efficiently and attentively. Beyond her colleagues, she was at that time much appreciated by the people in the Registrar's office for her prompt and competent attention to the business of identifying recipients for the various scholarships and bursaries in French which Victoria awards.

Meanwhile the central Department of French, year in year out, continued to count on her participation on, or chairmanship of, various of its major committees. As so often happens to our especially competent colleagues, everyone's trust in her judgement and fairness led to her being repeatedly elected to committees whose membership is, in fact, by election – as if her membership on yet other committees, as an appointee of one or other officer of the Department, were not enough.
Professor Vercollier now has taken a slightly early, and well-deserved, retirement. She will, however, always be a valued colleague and friend, and we wish her well in her usual pursuits, professional and personal, high among the latter being her two young grandchildren.

I move that Professor Claudine Vercollier be granted the rank of Associate Professor Emeritus of Victoria University.

The motion was seconded by Professor J H Galloway and CARRIED.

Principal S P Wyatt presented the following resolution for the appointment of The Reverend Professor Harold Wells to the rank of Professor Emeritus:

The Rev. Professor Harold Wells, B.A., B.D., M.Th., Ph. D.

Prof. Harold Wells was born in Montreal and returned to that city to undertake doctoral studies at McGill, studies that resulted in a dissertation on the theme of freedom in the anthropology of Paul Ricoeur. Between his birth in Montreal and his return there, he sojourned in several places, most notably in the Ambitious City, Hamilton. At McMaster, Harold studied philosophy and history, and intellectually and spiritually was greatly stimulated by George Grant.

Following his first degree in theology at Emmanuel, Harold studied for his M. Th. at New College, Edinburgh. Those who know Harold’s theological interests may be interested to learn that it was in Edinburgh that the Holy Spirit first came into research focus. In his thesis, Harold considers the Holy Spirit is in relation to the knowledge of God in the theology of Karl Barth. The Holy Spirit, of course, hasn’t been Harold’s only research and teaching focus over the years. Liberation theology, political theology, theology of religions, the theology of the Trinity, the theology of John Wesley and also of Jurgen Moltmann,– are all corners of the vineyard tilled by Harold.

Prof. Wells is an ordained minister of The United Church of Canada and was first settled in a pastorate in Jarvis, Ontario. For a year he served as lecturer and dean of studies pro tem at St. Paul’s College at the University of Waterloo. He then moved to Montreal to study and his doctoral degree was conferred in 1972. Following this, he accepted a call to serve the Garson-Falconbridge Pastoral Charge in Sudbury Presbytery.

Having served four years in Garson, Harold and his wife Pat responded to the call to serve in Lesotho, southern Africa. Harold served at the Morija Theological Seminary as lecturer and then senior lecturer for a total of five years. He then returned to Canada, taking up a call to the East Plains Church in Burlington in 1981. Reflecting on their experience in Lesotho, Harold and Pat co-authored a book that had wide impact in the United Church – Jesus Means Life.

Harold was called to become Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Emmanuel in 1983 and was promoted to professor in 1994.

Harold has co-authored and co-edited several books. His own monographs are titled A Future for Socialism? Political Theology and the Triumph of Capitalism and The Christic Centre: Lifegiving and Liberating. The latter volume, published in 2004, is being used in a number of courses at the Toronto School of Theology and at other theological schools in North America. Harold is at risk of having written a best-seller. If so, we will be able to look to him for a leadership gift in our campaign to endow a theological chair.

Harold has also written a plethora of articles both academic and more popular, and been an important participant in the Canadian Theological Society. He has been an invaluable resource in Advanced Degree teaching at TST, and latterly was carrying the senior responsibility for Protestant theology, guiding the work of a large number of advanced degree students. This
significant contribution to advanced degree programming in theology at TST is being recognized through the initiative of two recent Th.D. graduates whose dissertations were supervised by Harold. They are producing a festschrift in Harold’s honour, bearing the title, *Love and Freedom: Systematic and Liberation Theology and the Canadian Context*.

Harold has never failed to relate his teaching and research in theology to life in church world, responding to invitations to speak in congregations and social justice clusters, and serving, for example, as chair of the Africa Unit of the former Division of World Outreach and as a member of Roman Catholic-United Church Dialogue.

In recognition of Harold’s notable work in research, teaching and service to university and church, I move that this Senate accord him recognition as professor of theology emeritus.

The motion was seconded by Professor J Newman and CARRIED.

**Emmanuel College Basic Degrees:**

**Emmanuel College Testamurs**

- Beryl Christina Massey Boyd, B.A., M.A. .................................. Halton
- Lorraine Ann Davis, B.A. ...................................................... Niagara
- *Derek Shayne DeLuca, B.A., M.Div. .................................. Toronto West
- Deborah Elaine Foster, B.A. .................................................. Oshawa
- Bonnie Victoria Holliday, Dip.A.A. ........................................ Bruce
- *Paul Ernest Ivany, B.A., M.Div. ........................................ Dufferin-Peel
- Audrey Grace Lounder, B.A. ...................................................... Waterloo
- Kerrie Michelle Perry, B.A. .................................................... Simcoe
- Allison Louise Playfair, B.A. .................................................... Halton
- *Wanda Ruth Winfield, B.A., M.Div. .................................. Toronto West

*not members of the graduating class

Dr Graham moved, seconded by Principal Wyatt, that the following candidates for the **Lay Certificate in Theology** be approved:

**Lay Certificate in Theology**

- Nicole Bourassa-Burke
- Paget W. Blaza
- Susan Diane Cowan
- Anna Harbridge
- Laura L. Johnston, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A.
- Noel Puype

CARRIED.

Dr Graham moved, seconded by Professor M J Legge, that the following candidates for **Basic Degrees** be approved:

**Master of Divinity**

- Beryl Christina Massey Boyd, B.A., M.A.
- Tiina Kastepold Cote, B.A.
- Lorraine Ann Davis, B.A.
- Deborah Elaine Foster, B.A.
- Jennifer Lynn Garbin, B.A.
- Svinda Helene Heinrichs, B.Sc.
Bonnie Victoria Holliday, Dip.A.A.
Alcris Digna Limongi, Lic.Th.
Audrey Grace Lounder, B.A.
Kerrie Michelle Perry, B.A.
Allison Louise Playfair, B.A.
Frank William Staples, B.A.

**Master of Religious Education**
Judith Ann Russo, B.A.

**Master of Pastoral Studies**
Jane Amy Ferguson Ballantyne, B.Sc.
Claire Jeannette Barcik, B.A., LL.B.

**Master of Theological Studies**
Ann Elizabeth Edwards, B.Mus., B.Ed., M.M.
Amber Hai-Poh Ing, B.Sc.
Joëlle Mairin Morgan, B.A., B.Ed.
Jeanette Ada Unger, B.Th., B.A.

**CARRIED.**

Professor Wilson moved, seconded by the Reverend M J Leuty, that the following candidates for **Advanced Degrees** be approved:

**Doctor of Ministry**
*One Gospel, Many Cultures: Responses from a Rural United Church Pastoral Charge in Eastern Ontario*
Director: Dr. Wenh-In Ng

**Doctor of Theology**
*A Critical Examination of Mennonite Worship and Ethics: A Praxis Approach*
Director: Dr. Gary Redcliffe

*Story and Song: Religious Education and Worship – A Korean-Canadian Postcolonial Perspective*
Co-Directors: Drs. William Kervin and Wenh-In Ng

**CARRIED.**

**Report of the Awards Committee:**

The Secretary presented the following report on behalf of the Senate Awards Committee:

The Senate Awards Committee met on Wednesday April 19th to consider the terms for several new awards for Victoria College and to revise the terms for two existing scholarships.

**New Victoria College Scholarships:**

The Secretary moved, seconded by Professor D Bernhardt:

**THAT the **Salvatore and Marion (Cooper) Brancaccio Scholarship** be established in Victoria College to be awarded to Victoria College students achieving excellence during the course of their studies.**
THAT the **Charles and Barbara Catto Scholarship** be established in Victoria College to be awarded to Victoria College students with overall A standing with preference given to a student who is enrolled in a social science, religious studies or aboriginal studies program.

THAT the **John M Coles Prize** be established in Victoria College to be awarded a Victoria College student for work completed in First Year who has shown exceptional ability in the use of language (English or French) in his or her work in any degree course at the University.

THAT the **Blake C Goldring Scholarship** be established in Victoria College to be awarded to Victoria College students achieving excellence during the course of their studies.

THAT the **Gordon Westaway Hilborn Scholarship** be established in Victoria College to be awarded to Victoria College students achieving excellence during the course of their studies.

THAT the **Marvi and John Ricker Scholarship** be established in Victoria College to be awarded to Victoria College students having successfully completed the first year of the Vic One Science program and is proceeding to second year in a science course.

THAT the **John A Sawyer Scholarship** be established in Victoria College to be awarded a Victoria College student at end of Second or Third year who has achieved high standing in a program leading to the degree of Honours Bachelor of Arts or Honours Bachelor of Science.

**CARRIED.**

**Change in Terms of Existing Awards:**

**The Class of 1927 Scholarship:**
The existing terms are: Awarded to the student with highest standing in RLG 332Y (Protestant Thought) The Secretary noted that this course is not taught every year and even when it has been taught there have not been any qualifying Victoria students.

The Secretary moved, seconded by Professor D Bernhardt:

THAT the Class of 1927 Scholarship be combined with The Classes of 1916 and 1929 Scholarship and be renamed: **The Classes of 1916, 1927 and 1929 Scholarship.**

Terms: General Admission Scholarship

**CARRIED.**

**The Professor W H Trethewey Prize:**
Existing Terms: Awarded to the student who ranks highest in FRE420Y (Medieval French Literature). This course is no longer offered.

The Secretary moved, seconded by Professor D Bernhardt:

THAT the Professor W H Trethewey Prize be combined with the Marjorie Helen South Scholarship and be renamed: **The Trethewey and South Scholarship.**

Terms: Awarded to the graduating student with the highest overall A standing who has completed a Major or Specialist Program in Modern Languages and Literatures. Preference will be given to a student of French and/or German.

**CARRIED.**
Emmanuel College Scholarships and Prizes:

Dr Fred Graham moved, seconded by Professor M Bourgeois, that the following awards for Basic Degrees be approved:

**General Proficiency Awards**

**The Emmanuel College Honour List**
- Upon the Completion of Ten Credits ................................................................. Paul Reginald Stott
- Upon the Completion of Twenty Credits ..........................................................
  Philip Alan Tennant Gardner, Donna Patricia Kerrigan, Maya Katherine Landell, Nancy Lynn
  Lester, Shannon Lee Neufeldt, Jill Sandra Rogers, Carmen Jane Heather Palmer and Jeanette
  Ada Unger
- Upon the Completion of Thirty Credits ............................................................
  Tiina Kastepold Cote, Jennifer Lynn Garbin, Svinda Helene Heinrichs and Frank William Staples

**The John W. Billes Entrance Scholarship for Fall 2005** .....Michelle Leanne Le Page Robinson

**The John W. Billes In-Course Scholarships**
- Upon the Completion of Twenty Credits ..........................................................
  Philip Alan Tennant Gardner, Donna Patricia Kerrigan, Maya Katherine Landell, Nancy Lynn
  Lester, Jill Sandra Rogers and Carmen Jane Heather Palmer

**The Billes Theological Support In-Course Scholarships**
- Upon the Completion of Ten Credits ................................................................. Paul Reginald Stott
- Upon the Completion of Twenty Credits ..........................................................
  Shannon Lee Neufeldt

**The Abernathy Award** .................................................... Wanda Loretta Stride

**The Rowan Douglas Binning Scholarship**
- Entering ..........................................................................................................
  Leslie William Hills

**The Evelyn Clark Memorial Scholarship**
- Entering ..........................................................................................................
  Michelle Leanne Le Page Robinson

**The Alfred Gandier Scholarship** ................................................................. Wanda Loretta Stride

**The Gordon Hamilton Award** ................................................................. Shannon Lee Neufeldt

**The Evan Francis Kerruish Scholarship** ..................................................... Paul Reginald Stott

**The BoJeong and Okja Kim Award** ............................................................ Katherine Elizabeth MacDonald and David Leslie Walters

**The Percy Price Memorial Prize in Books** ...................................................
  Tiina Kastepold Cote, Jennifer Lynn Garbin, Svinda Helene Heinrichs and Frank William Staples

**The George Soutar Memorial Scholarship** ..................................................
  Jennifer Lynn Garbin and Svinda Helene Heinrichs

**The Robert G. Trimble Scholarship** ............................................................. Philip Alan Tennant Gardner and Donna Patricia Kerrigan

**In Basic Required Courses**

**The Elizabeth Bell Scholarship** ................................................................. Carolyn Anne Spavor
**The Susie A. Chown Memorial Scholarship** ............................................. Carmen Jane Heather Palmer
**The Cousland Scholarship in Church History** ......................................... Janice Elaine Warwick
**The Principal and Mrs. Richard Davidson Memorial Scholarship** ....... Svinda Helene Heinrichs
**The Dempster and Gordon Scholarship** ..................................................... anonymous and Deborah Elaine Foster
**The Margaret Campbell Livingston Scholarship** ..................................... Carmen Jane Heather Palmer
**The Ryerson Scholarship** .............................................................................
  David Allan Barker and Frank William Staples
**The Toronto Korean United Church Scholarship** ...................................
  Yun Jung Kim
**The Martha Lautenschlager Trotter Scholarship** .................................... Christine A. Smaller
**The Albert Wallace Scholarship** ................................................................. Jill Sandra Rogers
**The Wallbridge Scholarship** ..................................................................... Wanda Loretta Stride
**The W.J. Watt Memorial Scholarship** ......................................................... Jill Sandra Rogers
**The Jean Preston Yoshioka Memorial Scholarship** .................................... Paul Reginald Stott
**In Elective Work**

**Upon the Completion of Ten and Twenty Credits**

- **The T. B. McDormand Trust Fund Award**
  - First Credit group .......................................................... James Michael Gerrard Kinney
  - Second Credit Group .......................................................... Judith Ann Russo

- **The Dr. Hugh Pritchard Memorial Scholarship** ................................ Lindsay Ann Cox and Jill Sandra Rogers
- **The Rowell Scholarship** .......................................................... Philip Alan Tennant Gardner
- **The John Smith Memorial Scholarship** .......................................................... Jeanette Ada Unger
- **The Charles Wesley Webb Scholarship** .......................................................... Nancy Lynn Lester and Judith Ann Russo
- **The Joseph Henry Wells Scholarship** .......................................................... Shannon Lee Neufeldt

**Upon the Completion of Twenty and Thirty Credits**

- **The Abernathy Scholarship** .......................................................... Jeanette Ada Unger
- **The Rebecca Kewley Memorial Rural Life Scholarship** ................................ Bonnie Victoria Holliday
- **The Reverend Clarke Franklin Logan Award** .......................................................... Erin Elizabeth Green and Shannon Lee Neufeldt
- **The Charles Plaskett Scholarship** .......................................................... Maya Katherine Landell

**Upon the Completion of Thirty Credits**

- **The T.B. Kilpatrick Scholarship** .......................................................... Alcris Digna Limongi
- **The Francis Huston and Joy Wallace Scholarship** ................................ Deborah Elaine Foster
- **The Glenn Wilkins Memorial Scholarship** .......................................................... Jennifer Lynn Garbin

**Those at Any Stage of the Programme**

- **The Breckenridge Memorial Scholarship** .......................................................... Alexandra Vivian Horsky
- **The Mary and Kenneth Cousland Scholarship** .......................................................... Donna Patricia Kerrigan
- **The Frederick Langford Scholarship** .......................................................... Audrey Grace Lounder
- **The Elwood Wray Mitchell Scholarship** .......................................................... Carmen Jane Heather Palmer
- **The Reverend Ezekiel Richardson Scholarship** .......................................................... Frank William Staples
- **The Deanna Lee Wilson Award** .......................................................... Donna Patricia Kerrigan

**For Overall Standing upon the Completion of Thirty Credits**

- **The Ruby Mills Allen Scholarship** .......................................................... Tiina Kastepold Cote
- **The Principal Richard Davidson Memorial Scholarship** ................................ Deborah Elaine Foster
- **The John Dow Scholarship in New Testament studies** ..........................................................
- **The Frederick W. and Ida B. Langford Memorial Scholarship** ................................ Tiina Kastepold Cote
- **The Elizabeth and Seth Mathers Scholarship** .......................................................... Tiina Kastepold Cote
- **The Gertrude and Dawson Matheson Scholarship** .......................................................... Frank William Staples
- **The Elizabeth Webb Scholarship** .......................................................... Deborah Elaine Foster and Frank William Staples
- **The William Robert Young Scholarship** .......................................................... Frank William Staples

**Special Awards**

- **The C.J.L. Bates Award** .......................................................... Edith Evelyn Heeley
- **The Alfred Fernes Binnington Award** .......................................................... Frank William Staples
- **The Samuel D. Chown Essay Prize** .......................................................... Bonnie Victoria Holliday
- **The Class of 1926 Scholarship** .......................................................... Jennifer Lynn Garbin
- **The Anna Cranston Memorial Award** .......................................................... Beryl Christine Massey Boyd
- **The Sylvia Dunstan Award** .......................................................... Philip Alan Tennant Gardner
- **The Michael Fawcett Prize** .......................................................... Wanda Loretta Stride
- **The Hugh Matheson Memorial Scholarship** .......................................................... Philip Alan Tennant Gardner
- **The Reverend Kam-Yan Ng Award** .......................................................... Young-Hwan Yun
- **The Participation Awards** .......................................................... Erin Elizabeth Green, Andrea Marguerite Johnston and Wanda Loretta Stride
The Howard Pentland Award for Education in a Global Context ............................................ Andrea Marguerite Johnston and Katherine Elizabeth MacDonald
The Reverend William J.H. Smythe Prize .................................................................Debora Lynn McMillan
The Mrs. F.N.G. Starr Prizes
First ........................................................................................................................... Joan Margaret Smith
Second .................................................................................................................... Edward Arthur Dean Vance
The Thistletown United Church Award .................................................................Catherine Anne Kinsman
The Toronto Conference U.C.W. 40th Anniversary Award ..................................................Mary Diane Bennett and Christine A. Smaller
The John Trick and Susan Trebel Trick Scholarship ........................................Maya Katherine Landell
The Wright Award in Public Speaking ..........Charlotte Ann Moore and David Leslie Walters

The Lay Certificate in Theology Award
The Gloria Fell Memorial Award ................................................................. Peter Alan Armstrong

The Sanford Gold Medal in Divinity ..........Jennifer Lynn Garbin and Svinda Helene Heinrichs

Post-Graduate Study Awards

The Charles Andrew Lawson Post-Graduate Scholarship ..................Jennifer Lynn Garbin
The George C. Pidgeon Post-Graduate Scholarship ......................Jennifer Lynn Garbin
The Post-Graduate Fellowship ...............................................................Svinda Helene Heinrichs
The Edward Wilson Wallace Post-Graduate Scholarship ............Jennifer Lynn Garbin
The Dorothy Whiting Post-Graduate Scholarship .........................Jeanette Ada Unger

CARRIED.

Professor P Wilson moved, seconded by Professor P Airhart, that the following awards for
Advanced Degrees be approved:

THAT the following advanced degree awards for Advanced Degree students of Emmanuel
College be approved:

The Bertram Maura Entrance Scholarships ..........Sang Bong Byeon and Alcris Digna Limongi
The Bertram Maura In-Course Scholarship ..................................Jennifer May Pfenniger
The Bloor Lands In-Course Scholarships ............................Christopher Martin Cook,
Stephanie Jolene Klaassen, Allan Rudy-Rudy-Froese and Christopher Wells
The Reverend Garland C. Brooks Award .........................Shin Suk Ko
The Canning Scholarship .................................................................Francis Acquah
The Century United Church Award ..............................................Susan Kennel Harrison
The Frank P. Fidler Memorial Award ..................................................Nelly Tafur
The McKinley Assistantship .........................................................Jonathan Kennel Harrison
The Edith and Lorne Pierce Scholarship ........................................Stephanie Jolene Klaassen
The Edith Reed Scholarship .........................................................Barbara Alison Clark
The St. Andrew’s Award .........................................................Sean Edward O’Leary
The Isabel Warne Award .................................................................Ary Fernandez Alban
The Bertram Maura Finishing Scholarship ......................................Weldon Derek Suderman
The Russell Graduate Fellowship .............................................Luke Anthony Powery
The Bertram Maura Teaching Fellowship ......................................Karen Bernice Williams

CARRIED.
Report of the Library Committee:
Professor J Galloway presented the following report of the Library Committee:

The Senate Library Committee met at 12:00 noon on February 9, 2006 in the Private Dining Room.

PRESENT:        J. Galloway (Chair), P. Gooch (President), R. Brandeis (Chief Librarian), D. Cook, Principal, O. Pugliese, Acting Director, CRRS; K. Wishart, Emmanuel Librarian; Professors M. Bourgeois, A. Motsch; P. Cha (Victoria student), E. Green (Emmanuel Student); N. Ruhnke, Chair, Friends of VUL


The meeting was called to order by Professor Galloway.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Motion: A. Motsch moved that the Minutes of the April 23, 2004 meeting be accepted as read. D. Cook seconded the motion. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

See Agenda No. 6 regarding scanning.

CORRESPONDENCE

R. Brandeis read several letters from students/researchers and faculty commending Library staff for the assistance they had received. He also read an exchange of e-mails with a student who claimed the Pratt book security system had caused the hard drive in his laptop to crash. It hadn’t.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE LIBRARY FACILITIES RENEWAL

A feasibility study is in progress focussing on improvements to infrastructure (electrical wiring, data support, lighting) and reconfiguring spaces where possible to create service improvements. Specifically, the study will focus on redesigning the circulation area, moving the information commons area to a more central location, and rearranging the area near the fireplace to include a comfortable seating and journal reading area. The high shelving ranges in the middle of the reading room could also be reduced in height. There is no budget or schedule yet as the architect is working on a cost analysis for a phased plan which could be accomplished over several years. K. Wishart of Emmanuel College Library noted that visibility of the staircase to the mezzanine level is an important consideration as library users often do not know that additional materials are available there. The Chief Librarian advised that there were limits to what could be done in the library because of heritage and other considerations, and indicated that in addition to the active participation of library staff, faculty and students would be consulted. In reply to a question about the availability of other lounge/study spaces in the College, the Librarian indicated that there are spaces for group study now available in the College and that the “make over” would not add a significant number of study spaces but would use the available space more efficiently.

ANNUAL REPORT (See Appendix)

The Chief Librarian highlighted various aspects of the Annual Report, noting that the increase in circulation is not as large as in the past; however, use of electronic resources is increasing and will continue to do so. Students are consulting printed materials in the Library but not necessarily borrowing them for use outside of the Library. This has financial implications as Victoria receives block grant funding based on the circulation of material, but not for items used in the Library.
This aspect of the Memorandum of Agreement may be amended when it comes up for renewal given the recent changes in Library use here and at UofT. The Chief Librarian noted at this point that the Friends of Victoria Library support a variety of needs, i.e., conservation/restoration of rare materials, acquisitions, information technology and also provide funds for student monitors to supervise the electronic classroom during extended hours. The electronic classroom was used by almost 4,000 students during the study/exam period last year.

The Committee’s attention was drawn to the growth in use of Library web page resources. Library staff does a lot of work on the web page and there is considerable content for student and research use.

Two major collections were recently acquired by the Library; a major and significant William Blake collection (one of the three best private Blake collections in the world) which fits well with the Coleridge and Frye Collections and the Norman Jewison Archive which relates to various aspects of Humanities and cultural studies at Victoria and UofT.

A member of the Committee noted that there was a large increase in the number of volumes acquired this year. The Chief Librarian explained that this was the result of cataloguing the Frye Annotated Books and the 19th century Baxter Collection of Books and Prints. D. Cook asked if the Frye and Baxter were removed from the statistics would the numbers be similar to previous years. R. Brandeis responded that they would be much the same, the statistics vary somewhat from year to year but the trend remains essentially the same. The Acquisition Formula works both for and against us, depending on currency fluctuation and inflation rates.

President Gooch asked about the steep decline in the number of microform items acquired over the last ten years; the Chief Librarian explained that this is, in large part, the result of fewer microfiche purchased by CRRS. A. Motsch noted that microfiche/film is now used essentially as a method of photocopying. M. Bourgeois asked in what languages are theological books written. K. Wishart of Emmanuel College Library replied that there are quite a large number of German items and some in French but most are English language books. It is normally Emmanuel’s policy not to duplicate items available in other TST libraries.

**SCANNING POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

R. Brandeis introduced the draft Scanning Policy to the Committee. A scanning policy is necessary now because of increased demand for scanned material (rather than photographed items). The Library wishes to make our material as available to scholars as possible. In response to a question, the Librarian indicated that in Canada there is a “fair dealing” clause as opposed to the American “fair use” policy. A. Motsch asked if the Library keeps the scanned material on file for future requests. The Librarian replied in the affirmative and indicated that there are developing projects to publish digitized materials. Pratt Library participates in some digitization projects by contributing our materials. M. Bourgeois asked if this Policy would apply to the Archives. R. Brandeis replied that the Archives’ policy may be somewhat different as it tends to emphasize aspects of preservation. P. Gooch noted that some clarification in the rates for service charges might be in order. A. Motsch asked if outsourcing went to UofT or to commercial firms and what “one time use” meant. The Librarian indicated that the Library outsources requests for photographs rather than scanning which tends to be done in-house. One time use gives permission for one publication only.

P. Cha asked what the Library charges when someone requests an item that has already been requested and is on file. He added that many students use no print-based materials. There was some discussion about the high cost to institutions of providing databases. (Victoria, as a federated college of UofT, contributes to several subscriptions.) A. Motsch asked what quality of scanning was done by the Library. R. Brandeis explained that the Library tries to give students/researchers what they require and that while it is often complicated and time-consuming
the Library staff realizes the necessity of meeting research and study requirements as much as possible.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

J. Galloway told the Committee how much he appreciated the help of the Librarians at Pratt in teaching his students on-line research methods.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

R. Brandeis explained that upgrades of various facilities in Emmanuel Library (wiring, lighting, cables etc.) are needed. Grants may be available and savings would result from modernized wiring. A feasibility study is in progress; it is considering improving services, creating more space in cramped areas, highlighting heritage aspects of the library and making it safer. Specifically, it will reconfigure the circulation area, move the information commons to a better situation, rearrange the area near the fireplace to include comfortable seating near periodicals. The high shelving ranges in the middle area could be moved (off-site storage might be an option). There is no budget or time-frame yet; the architects will give costs for each area so the project could be done over some years. K Wishart noted that visibility of the staircase near the circulation area is an important consideration. No students or faculty have been consulted as yet. There are limits to what can be changed because of the building’s heritage status.

D. Cook asked if a study had been made of Emmanuel’s 3rd floor lounge/study space. R. Brandeis said that one hadn’t but that he had the sense that students want space in the library itself. Furthermore, there are no funds to create “private space” for study. K. Wishart says there is space now available in the building for group study.

**Report of the Art Collection Committee:**

Professor Jens Wollesen, Chair of the Art Collection Committee, circulated the following report:


The new Art Committee members, according to my suggestion, and the President’s choice, are: the President Prof. Paul Gooch, and Ms Gillian Pearson, assistant to the President, David Keeling, Robert Brandeis, Larry Davies, Prof. David Blostein, Prof. Jay McPherson, Keenya M. Powell, Prof. Elizabeth Rathé, Prof. Nicholas Terpstra, Prof. Adrienne Hood, and Mr. Michael Newton.

A subcommittee for the purpose of swiftly deciding on acquisition issues was struck with the members Larry Davies, David Keeling, David Blostein, the President and myself. This subcommittee met January 27, 2006 to discuss the (tentative) acquisition of a painting by Richard Gorman (b. 1935), entitled Highway 69, from 1980, (oil on canvas, 9’ x 6’). Recommendation has been made to the president to accept the donation. The President has agreed. For Richard Gorman see: Liz Wylie & Blair Sharpe, Richard Gorman: Pure Painting (Ottawa Art Gallery, 1996); each period of Gorman's career is represented and discussed, from early experiments in Toronto, through his mid-career practice in Ottawa, to the recent work completed in Toronto in the 1990s.

A subcommittee was struck to discuss the location of David Blostein’s faculty portraits (see above), the potential location of the Richard Gorman painting (see below), and of the collage by M. L. Knight, The Truth Shall Make You Free (1991/92), presently in room 102 Old Vic. It is a collage of Old Vic students, employees, and professors from past and present. The subcommittee met on Wednesday, May 3rd, 2006.

The main activities of the Senate Art Committee can be summarized as follows:
• Removal, restoration, and relocation of the Royal Standard in the Burwash Dining Room;
• The restoration and cleaning of an oil painting by Frederic Marlett Bell-Smith (A view of the Thames & Westminster) which now embellishes the Burwash Private Dining Room; the re-shaping of the pictorial setting of the Burwash Private Dining Room continues;
• The acquisition of the Margaret Atwood portrait by Lynn Donoghue (1953-2003). The hanging was celebrated with a well-attended reception, in the presence of Margaret Atwood and many famous and important artists, art related and art connected people in Northrop Frye Hall, on Wednesday, September 15, 2004. It is now hung in an eye-catching position at the end of the ground floor west of the Northrop Frye reception desk;
• A decision was made to permanently exhibit portraits of faculty drawn by David Blostein. The location of these portraits will be discussed in a sub-committee meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd (see above); a possible location of these portraits are the corridor levels of NF;
• The restoration and consolidation of the Sorel Etrog sculpture (1967, a cross-like top on a bronze base, created in memory of Jessie MacPherson, Professor and Dean of Women 1934-67) in front of the Pratt library has now been initiated. The sculpture is in deplorable condition and needed urgent attention. After its restoration, the sculpture might have to be moved indoors in order to prevent further deterioration.

Ongoing business:
• Discussion of the Collection Guidelines, especially issues regarding the acquisition and de-accession of works of art;
• The continuing inventorization of the art collection.
• My assistant Ms Kathy Schafer resigned. The committee will have to meet in order to discuss a suitable replacement starting September 2006;
• The digitizing of the hard-copy art files, which will be accessible from within the new relational art files data base, has progressed from the letters A to D;
• The hard-copy files of the art VIC art collection were moved from Old Vic (retired faculty office) to the office of Ms Gillian Pearson (Executive Assistant to the President). As the art collection is ultimately the President's responsibility, the files associated with the collection were moved in close proximity to his office;
• A request has been made from the Vancouver Art Gallery to borrow one of our Emily Carr paintings for an upcoming traveling exhibition up to May 2008. The request was granted.
• A request has been made to loan a Spruce Root Hat (currently on loan to the ROM) to the Vancouver Art Gallery for the exhibition Raven Traveling. Two Centuries of Haida Art (June-September 2006). The Haida are one of the earliest traceable populations in what `is called the `New World.' (North-West Coast Indians).
• The issue of continuing the art exhibitions at Northrop Frye is being discussed. Pending: Donation of a Robert Bateman (b. 1930) painting Topi (1972), acrylic on canvas, framed. Tax receipt requested. Donation of a Catherine Young Bates painting, Icarus II (2003), oil on canvas, unframed, 91.5 x 203 cm, cultural property certification (CCPERB) requested. (Catherine Young Bates is a prolific artist with many exhibitions since she began exhibiting in 1959. Recent solos include exhibitions at The Roberts Gallery in Toronto, Galerie d’Avignon in Montreal, and at the Michael Gibson Gallery, London, Ontario. Her work can be found in the permanent collections of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the New School for Social Research, New York City, McGill University, the University of Toronto, and the City of Westmount.)

Dr Lockhart commented that the Art Committee seems much busier than in the past. President Gooch agreed and commented that Victoria has a large collection and that the proper maintenance of this collection requires a lot of work and care. He noted that two of Victoria’s paintings – an Emily Carr and a David Milne – were on loan to travelling art exhibitions.

In response to a question about whether the Art Committee decides where pieces of art are to be hung, Professor Wollesen explained that for the most part the Art is already dispersed and hung. He did
Mrs Breukelman asked the chair of the Art Committee to note that the print in the Copper Room has a signature on the glass. He noted that this had been drawn to the committee’s attention.

**Report of the Centre for Research in Religion:**

Professor M Bourgeois presented the following report of the Centre for Research and Religion:

**Centre for Research in Religion, Emmanuel College**

**Background**

With a grant from the Lilly Endowment in 1986, Emmanuel College created The Centre for the Study of Religion in Canada to promote and support research and public discussion on Canadian religious traditions and ethical issues. In 1997, the Centre’s name was changed to The Centre for Research in Religion to avoid confusion with the University of Toronto’s renamed Centre for the Study of Religion. Emmanuel’s Centre for Research in Religion continues to provide a setting within the Toronto School of Theology and the University of Toronto in which students, faculty, visiting research associates, and other interested persons can find stimulation and support for their research projects. Through publications, conferences, seminars, and workshops the Centre contributes to informed discussion of religion, ethics, and public life in Canada. Members of the Centre’s Administrative Committee include: Phyllis Airhart, Michael Bourgeois (Chair), Jennifer Janzen–Ball, and Paul Wilson.

**Activities in 2005-2006**

The work of the Centre’s Research Associates and other projects for 2005-2006 included:

**Reinerio Arce-Valentin**, President of the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Matanzas, Cuba, served as the 2005 Anne Duncan Gray Visiting Scholar at Emmanuel College and while in Toronto conducted research in systematic and liberation theology. Dr. Arce-Valentin also taught a course in Spanish on European political theology and Latin American liberation theology, in which students from Emmanuel and other Toronto School of Theology colleges enrolled, and presented a public paper on liberation theology in post-revolutionary Cuba.

**Betsy Anderson**, former staff for theological education for The United Church of Canada, is conducting research on the history of Howland House, an experiment in Christian communal living connected to the Industrial Work Camps movement of the Student Christian Movement in Canada and the worker priest and Worker Education Centre movement of the 1950. She has conducted interviews and done background research and will continue this work through the summer of 2006. Women’s history and leadership in the church will be one of the themes in a presentation she will give at a conference on “Common Roads, Holy Journeys” in September 2006 at the United Church’s Tatamagouche Centre, Nova Scotia. She also continues her involvement with the “Making Room for Women at the Archives” initiative at Victoria University and as Convenor of the advisory committee for Dr. Gwyn Griffith’s project on the history of the Centre for Christian Studies, the manuscript for which is in its second draft and moving into the editing and publishing stage (see below for more on this project).

**Brian Clarke**, sessional lecturer in the history of Christianity at Emmanuel College, has completed research on the rise and decline of religious riot in Victorian Toronto. He presented his paper, “Religious Riot as Pastime: Orangemen, Parades, and Public Life in Victorian Toronto” at a fall 2005 conference sponsored by the Celtic Studies Program, St. Michael's College, and the Institute of Ulster Scots Studies, University of Ulster. The paper is to appear next year in David Wilson, ed., *The Orange Order in Canada*, to be published by Four Courts Press. Dr. Clarke continues to
collaborate with Dr. Stuart Macdonald, Knox College, examining trends in religious affiliation in Canada from the late 1940s to the present using data from the national census. The first examines changes in membership among Canada’s largest Protestant denominations since the 1960s. The second examines more recent trends (since the 1980s) in affiliation among Canada’s more conservative Protestant denominations.

Gwyn Griffith, former Principal of the Centre for Christian Studies, has researched and is writing *Weaving a Changing Tapestry*, the tentative title for a history of the Centre for Christian Studies and its predecessor schools. Beginning in 1892 with the Church of England Deaconess and Missionary Training House, in 1894 with the National Methodist Training School and in 1897 with the Ewart Missionary Training Home of the Presbyterian Church, the history follows the institutions through the Anglican Women’s Training College and the United Church Training School/Covenant College to the formation of Centre for Christian Studies in 1970. Victoria and Emmanuel were deeply involved in the story of UCTS/Covenant and *Weaving a Changing Tapestry* explores relationships with them as well as other theological schools, the denominations, and community movements. The leadership of women is an important part of the story. The project began in September 2002, with an examination of the archives at both Victoria/United Church and Anglican Church House. The research was supplemented by interviews with almost 100 graduates, former staff and volunteers across the country. The first draft of the history was completed by the end of 2005 and a second draft is in progress. Photographs will add to the written words. Dr. Griffith is conducting the research with the assistance of an advisory group convened by Betsy Anderson, and expects to complete the project in another two years.

Gary Miedema continues work on his SSHRC supported project, “‘Eternal Truths’: The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Religion and Nation-Building, 1932-2001,” for which he first received funding in 2004. In this project Dr. Miedema will address the question of how Canadian state and cultural institutions have managed religious diversity over the course of the twentieth century. He presented a paper entitled “‘A Christian country’: Religious Broadcasting and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, 1938-1960” at the 2005 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences and in London at a joint session of the Canadian Historical Association and the Canadian Society of Church History. His revised dissertation, *For Canada’s Sake: Public Religion, Centennial Celebrations, and the Re-making of Canada in the 1960s*, was published by McGill-Queen’s University Press in 2005.

Mohammad-Kazeem Shaker, Professor of Quranic Studies at the University of Qom, Iran, conducted research in summer 2005 on varieties of historical critical methods in contemporary biblical studies. This research is part of a comparative project with contemporary Quranic studies and will be published in the near future. During his stay he also gave special lectures in a course on the Abrahamic Faiths and their scriptures taught by Emmanuel College sessional lecturer Kurt Anders Richardson; was an invited speaker to the United Church of Canada task force meeting on Christian - Muslim relations; and co-led discussions at weekly sessions of the Society for Scriptural Reasoning, University of Toronto chapter. Dr. Shaker was also able to take up residence on the campus of Victoria in North Burwash Hall and had the opportunity to enjoy interaction with graduate students and fellow faculty members.

The *SpiritWork Research Project*, begun in 2003 with a $50,000 grant from Toronto Conference of The United Church of Canada, continues its research, analysis, and publication on issues of change and renewal in congregations of The United Church of Canada in Toronto Scarborough Presbytery. The project has completed its first phase, including research conducted by Dr. Gary Redcliffe with the assistance of Jennifer Janzen-Ball; three conferences and one colloquium based on this research, the latter cosponsored by the Centre for Research in Religion and held at Emmanuel College; and three publications (*Potentials in Print*). The project has evolved differently from its original plan. The first phase of research and dissemination led to a longer time line and more activities than put forward in the proposal. The SpiritWork project itself is now generating considerable energy, initiatives and projects. Toronto Scarborough Presbytery has
decided to bring an official end to the project in December 2007. Therefore there is a rich field for a second phase of research. However, there will be neither time nor finances for a third phase. The SpiritWork Research Team has decided to seek a partnership with an academic institution for this second and final phase of research and expects to begin the research in the fall of 2006 and disseminate the results in the spring of 2007, bringing the project to a close.

Professor Farquharson asked how active the Centre is in involving other religions? Professor Bourgeois responded that the Centre attracts scholars from a variety of backgrounds and noted that M K Shaker, a Muslim scholar from Iran, was at the Centre working on a project in contemporary Quranic studies.

**President’s Report:**

**a) University of Toronto Committees:**

(i) UofT Convocation Review:
The Committee to review convocations has issued a draft progress report. It has rejected the idea of moving the convocation ceremonies to a larger venue and has agreed that divisions (Colleges) should have more of a role in their convocation ceremonies than they did in the past. They are also very concerned about the quality of the November convocation ceremony for Arts and Science students (including Vic students). There are no festivities or events surrounding this event. President Gooch said we will be focusing on this event and hope to improve it.

(ii) Arts Council:
President Gooch announced that he is on the UofT Arts Council. This council was created in an attempt to coordinate activities in the “Arts” (drama and music) on campus. He will draw the Bader Theatre to the attention of this committee as it should be seen as a great facility for the arts at UofT and in Toronto.

(iii) Art Centre Review:
President Gooch announced that he and Professor Kenneth Bartlett had been appointed to a committee to review the UofT Art Centre.

**b) Student Experience-Internationalization:**

President Gooch noted that we are focusing on enhancing the “International Experience” for our students. We are developing a strategy to improve the opportunities available for our students to have an “international experience” and have launched a fund raising campaign to allow more students to participate in study abroad and in academically relevant travel for work and research.

Principal Cook commented that the UofT had established a Student Experience Fund with $20 million available over 3 years to improve the student experience. On the St George campus, the focus will be on first-entry students. As they are looking for projects that can improve the student experience, Vic will submit a proposal with a number of projects to try to get an allocation from the fund. One of the proposals will focus on enhancing the international experience of Vic students.

**c) The Future of Wymilwood:**

President Gooch announced that the Report of the Advisory Committee on the Future of Wymilwood would be posted on the Victoria University website on Thursday, May 4th. The report explains how the Wymilwood building does not meet student needs. The building needs about $1 million in repairs and upgrades. Over the summer we will move forward to get professional architectural and heritage advice.
d) **Entrance Scholarships Policy:**
President Gooch explained that admission to university and the awarding of admission scholarships is strictly based on grades. In his installation address, President David Naylor raised the issue of sports entrance scholars. President Gooch agrees that it is time to look at other criteria of admissions and awards and would like Victoria and the Senate Awards Committee to explore the idea of awarding a few performance entrance scholarships. These would combine academics and performance. These awards would allow us to attract students who have creative and artistic abilities.

In response to a question about how creativity would be measured, President Gooch said that Victoria would work with the Faculty of Music to determine what criteria to use and to ensure that they are transparent and easily met. President Gooch noted that there would only be a few (5-6) of these special awards available annually.

**Other Business:**

1. **Student Coordinator Term End Report:**
   VUSAC President, Ms K Collum, circulated the following report:

   **Victoria University Senate**
   **Student Coordinator Term End Report**

   **Outgoing Interim Student Coordinator:** Mr. Ewen Weili Chen

   **Incoming First Official Student Coordinator:** Ms. Diane Wu

   **Membership:** Refer to Appendix A

   **Duration:** Academic Year 2005-6

   **Committees with Students:** Victoria University Senate (VUS)
   Awards Committee (AC)
   Honorary Degrees Committee (HDC)
   Library Committee (LC)
   Music Committee (MC)

   **Preamble**

   The 1981 Victoria University Act gives the Senate power to grant degrees, establish student awards, summon Convocations, "make regulations and deal with all such matters of a strictly educational nature as have not in this Act been assigned to either of the Colleges", and "deal with other matters and affairs as may from time to time be committed to it by the Board". The Senate is presided by President Paul Gooch, and the Secretary is Ms. Susan McDonald or appointed. Assistant to the Secretary of the Senate is Ms. Angela Prediger. Meeting is attended by both Victoria College and Emmanuel College Principals, faculty and alumni.

   **Functions of committees:**

   AC: The AC determines the scholarships and awards of Victoria University, dealing with funds and bequests assigned to the university.

   HDC: The HDC determines the nominations and recipients for honorary doctorates awarded by Victoria University. These degrees are the Doctor of Sacred Letters and the Doctor of Divinity.
LC: The LC determines the functions and maintenance of Victoria University’s libraries and archives (namely Pratt and Birge Carnegie libraries).

MC: The MC determines the functions and maintenance of all Victoria University musical instruments and facilities.

Note: The AC and the HDC are the two most active committees of the Senate, and the LC and MC meet from time to time as needed.

Responsibilities of the elected Student Representative:

The elected Student Representative is tasked to attend and participate in all meetings of the VUS and any VUS committees (tasked to at the start of the academic year). The Student Representative is also required to communicate findings and motions passed on to Victoria University Student Administrative Council (VUSAC).

The Student Representative is to research on topics within the Senate and be familiarized on all matters brought towards Senate. During the discussion of issues within the Senate, the Student Representative should explore and question all possible aspects of the matter objectively. When exercising the right of vote, the motion considered must be of sound nature, with the welfare of Vic student population at-large considered. When needed, the Student Representative will bring forward a proposal of motion to the Senate, after consulting with relevant parties.

Report Proper:

Student Representative Activities/Achievements for 2005-06

The academic year 2005-06 started out with the full complement of 9 elected student members under the capable leadership of the newly elected VUSAC President Mr. Brian Clow. It was with the effective and dedicated efforts by VUSAC, that all student positions on the VUS were completely filled. Some elected members filled available positions of the various sub-committees. VUSAC 2004-05 should be complimented for spearheading this spirited drive to better participation, and it is with their efforts that meeting attendance from student members is at an all time high. This effort should be kept up for following years.

One successful sessions of orientation for new student members was held on 27 Oct 2005 for elected members, assisted by Ms. McDonald and Ms. Cecilia Bastedo. The orientation sessions provided the student members with information to their role and expectations as well as committee choices. Student members provided relatively positive feedback from the orientation session, and continuation of these sessions is highly recommended. Ms. McDonald should be commended specially for her efforts this year in accommodating and assisting new student members to the Senate.

Two proposals were brought forward to VUSAC, highlighting the possibility of two-year student representative terms and the need for a coordinator for student members, to address a high turnover rate problem in student representatives on the VUS. A special VUSAC committee was struck to review both proposals, resulting with the turning down of possible two-year terms, and the approval of the new Student Coordinator position for the VUS. The special committee decided not to pursue two-year terms, on the basis that students in the general Vic community will be intimidated by the long terms, resulting in lower elections participation. The special committee recommended that the new Student Coordinator will be selected post election from the pool of newly elected candidates, by the VUSAC Judiciary and incumbent Student Coordinators. The committee also recommended that the new Student Coordinators follow the newly established guidelines in the VUSAC Constitution for role and expectations.
The ratification of the Student Coordinator position by the Senate will be done on the 3 May 2006 meeting.

A joint mid-term progress with Board of Regent and Senate Student Representatives was called in 27 Jan 2006, organized by Ms. Cecilia Bastedo (VUSAC Vice-President External). The meeting was the first of its nature and was recommended to be continued in subsequent years, along with smaller intra VCC, Board and Senate called by the respective Student Coordinators. Plans for election awareness strategies for the various governing bodies were also set out during this meeting, resulting in student representatives writing a short outline of their roles and experience in the Strand.

Throughout the work year 2005-06, student members of the Senate and committees took the initiative to report at each VUSAC meeting, keeping VUSAC well-informed of the proceedings. This is an overall improvement from the previous work year, and should be well kept up.

For further recommendations, please refer to sections “Recommendations” and “Recommendations for upcoming term”.

**Senate**

For the work year 2005-06, the Senate was chaired by Prof. Gooch, President, Victoria University (for student member list, refer to Appendix A). For the work year 2005-06, there were 2 meetings, with 2 planned for after this report. The meeting dates were 5 Oct 2005 and 30 Nov 2005, with the last two meetings planned for 3 May 2006 and Jun 2006 (TBA).

The work year 2005-06 started with communications from different students who have received scholarships and awards from Victoria University, and memorial resolution on the passing of Prof. Gordon Keyes. An announcement was made for the opening of nominations to the HDC for this year’s recipients. This was followed by the discussion of the various statistics on students from both Victoria College and Emmanuel College. This was followed by a report from the AC, with the breakdown of scholarship figures. It was noted that the amount of money available for scholarships is down, and there may be possible lowering in the amounts awarded. This was followed by reports from both Principals of Victoria College and Emmanuel College. Prof. Wyatt gave an update on the progress of the Masters of Sacred Music program to be held jointly with the Faculty of Music. Pres. Gooch mentioned that the Art Committee of the Senate has been restructured. He also mentioned about the appointment of Prof. Paul Thompson as the chair of the Senior Common Room Committee, and a new fundraising campaign made possible by the James Morrow Scholarship funds.

In the second meeting of the Senate, communications from students and the memorial resolution on the passing of Prof. James Graff were read. Ms. McDonald and Prof. Wyatt gave final enrolment updates from both Victoria College and Emmanuel College. Ms. McDonald gave an update from the AC, followed by Prof. Fred Graham on the MC. Prof. Graham reported that the Toronto School of Theology Choir remained strong, and the Vic Chorus had a successful year before. Student representatives had highlighted their concerns about the deterioration of the pianos on campus, and the committee will be taking a tour of the musical facilities and will report back at a later date. Prof Thompson was unavailable, but the Senior Common Room Committee reported on the state of high table attendance. The HDC requested on a vote for the nominees for honorary degrees and a secret ballot was held. The recipients were decided to be Dr. Eva Kushner and Dr. John Steven Mighton for Doctor of Sacred Letters, and Dr. Elizabeth Gail Brimbecom for Doctor of Divinity. An update for the Baccalaureate, Charter Day and Convocation Committee was given, and members of the Senate were invited to the next Victoria University Convocation to be held at the Isabel Bader Theatre. Pres. Gooch gave updates on the Review of Victoria College, university’s art and proposed joint Vic/OISE program for Victoria College undergraduates.
Experiences from term of service

For the past two years that I have served on the VUS, it has been a terrific experience, meeting with alumni and faculty of Victoria University. It should be noted that continued effort from VUSAC helps in the filling of positions and accommodation of incoming students. The level of participation has definitely gone up this year, and it is my hope that it will stay high, and reaching for even more participation in the following years to come. As the interim student coordinator for the VUS, there have been obstacles for communicating with other student members, i.e. getting them to respond to messages. The orientation session is also helpful in helping the new students for adjustments and familiarization. It should be noted that the matters of the Senate may not necessarily apply only to Victoria College, thus student interest may not be as strong. The recent Review of Victoria College has also mentioned that Vic may be over-governed. Upon further research, it is understood that Vic needs the Senate in any events of emergency, and any changes to the Senate would require amendments to the Victoria University Act, requiring provincial legislation.

Recommendations:

- More information about the VUS or other governing bodies should continue to be available to students.
- VUSAC should continue promoting the election of good, able and committed accessor members to the governing bodies.
- VUSAC should help provide more resources for the communication of the members of the Senate.
- VUSAC should continue orientation sessions for newly elected student representatives, with the Student Coordinator organizing.
- Student Representatives should continue to be placed into committees as soon as possible.
- The two-year term proposal should be continually reviewed, such that it is possible for future implementation.
- Student Coordinator needs to keep track of student representative attendance and reporting.
- Student Coordinator needs to send out reminders for meetings, and encourage discussion and participation.
- Student Coordinator needs to encourage communications between members.
- Student Coordinators (incoming and outgoing) should provide handover as soon as possible.

Recommendations for upcoming term:

With the implementation of the new Student Coordinator position, the student members will be better organized. The official ratification of this position with the Senate does not require provincial legislation, and should be implemented quickly. A proper and efficient take-over process from the outgoing and incoming student coordinators is needed. The Student Coordinator should communicate with the Secretary of the Senate periodically to communicate any concerns. The Senate is also a good body to bridge the gap between alumni and students, and should be taken advantage of.

VUSAC should also note that since the work year of the VCC, Senate and Board runs from fall to start of summer, members from the elected work year should still be attending the last meeting of that particular work year, and new members should attend the last meeting to familiarize.
Appendix A

Elected Student Representatives

Mr. Brian Clow (VUSAC President)
Mr. Ewen Chen
Mr. Philip Cha
Ms. Katie Sarah Daniels
Mr. Peter Jermyn
Ms. Gajathayini Sanmugaratnam
Mr. Mark Scheider
Mr. James D. Armstrong
Ms. Keenya M. Powell
Mr. Steve Jen-Chieh Wu

Key Senate Members

Professor Paul Gooch (President, Victoria University)
Professor David Cook (Principal, Victoria College)
Professor (Rev. Dr.) Samuel P. Wyatt
Ms. Susan McDonald (Registrar, Victoria College, and Secretary of the Senate)
Ms. Angela Prediger (Awards Manager, Victoria College, and Assistant to the Secretary)

Mrs Breukelman moved, seconded by Dyer for the proposal be approved:

Proposal for creation of the position of
The Victoria University Senate Student Member Coordinator Post.

Objectives of the proposal

The proposed post is created for the better coordination of student members of the Victoria University Senate (VUS), post election. This provides for some guidance and orienting for newly elected student members of the VUS. The proposed coordinator will also help enhance the coordinated student response to legislation proposals, as set out by the administration.

Roles of Coordinator

1. Coordinate new Student members who have been elected to the VUS, and maintaining communications with all VUS student members via the Vice-President External of VUSAC, or directly.
2. Help the new Student members get on track with their positions, by organizing a VUS new student members’ orientation before the start of their terms.
3. Provides the VUS student members with advice, on both subcommittee choice, and works of the subcommittee throughout the work year.
4. Assigns members to report ex-officio in VUSAC meetings, after the subcommittee and main VUS meetings.
5. Compiles the member contact and biographical information data list for distribution.
6. Throughout the work year, should review the student members’ opinions of recommendations of the Senate.
7. Assists and advises any replacement members of the Senate in the case of position vacating.
8. Assigns year end annual report components to members, and compiles overall report for distribution.

Requirements of Coordinator
1. Candidate must be a responsible senior member of the VUS.
2. Candidate must have shown great interest in the position and also with VUS work.
3. Candidate must have sat on at least one subcommittee.
4. Candidate must have kept up with attendance of meeting.
5. Candidate should have no problems communicating with the administration.
6. When the Candidate is chosen, the Candidate will have to maintain communications with the Secretary of the Senate.

The above proposal is asked for consideration to start effectively immediately on a probationary period for the work year 2005-6, as to allow review and changes to fine tune the position, before permanently rectifying the position. The proposal is also asked for consideration under the assumption that the membership period of the Senate members has been changed to two-year terms.

Prepared by Ewen Chen, VUS

CARRIED.

Ms Diane Wu was welcomed as the new student coordinator on Senate.

2. Professor Pugliese announced the first annual event of the Renaissance Spring Festival to be held during May and June. The events are open to the community at large.

3. The Reverend Michael Locke, after serving 20 years on Senate, announced his retirement.

4. On behalf of the Victoria Women’s Association, Mrs J Breukelman presented a cheque for $10,000 to Victoria University.

5. The next meeting of Senate will be held on Wednesday, May 31st, 2006.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.