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VANCOUVER SENATE

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

Attendance

Present: President M. C. Piper (Chair), Chancellor A. McEachern, Vice President L. A. Whitehead, Dr. P. Adebar, Dr. B. Bemmels, Dr. J. D. Berger, Dean M. A. Bobinski, Prof. C. Boyle, Dr. J. Brander, Dr. L. Brinton, Dr. M. Cameron, Dr. J. Carolan, Dr. E. Dean, Mr. M. Edgar, Ms. G. Eom, Dr. D. Fielding, Ms. M. Friesen, Dean N. Gallini, Ms. T. Gillespie, Dr. D. Granot, Dean F. Granot, Mr. S. Haffey, Dr. R. Harrison, Dean J. Hepburn, Dean M. Isaacson, Dr. J. Johnson, Dr. R. Kerekes, Dr. S. B. Knight, Dr. B. S. Lalli, Dr. V. LeMay, Mr. J. Liu, Mr. R. Lowe, Dr. P. L. Marshall, Mr. G. Martin, Ms. S. Martz, Mr. J. Mistry, Dr. P. G. Mosca, Dean D. Muzyka, Mr. G. Paton, Dean M. Quayle, Mr. D. Riendl, Associate Registrar D. Robinson, Dr. B. Rodrigues, Dr. A. Rose, Dr. H. J. Rosengarten, Dean J. Saddler, Prof. J. Sarra, Dr. C. Shields, Dean R. Sindelar, Dr. B. Stelck, Dr. D. Steyn, Mr. N. Taylor, Dr. R. C. Tees, Dr. J. Thompson, Dr. S. Thorne, Ms. M. Tull, Mr. D. Verma, Dr. R. Windsor-Liscombe, Mr. D. Yokom, Mr. D. Younan.

Regrets: Mr. R. Affleck, Mr. P. T. Brady, Mr. N. Brockhuizen, Dr. B. Crawford, Dr. J. Dennison, Principal J. H. V. Gilbert, Dr. L. Gunderson, Dr. P. G. Harrison, Associate Vice President J. Hutton, Dr. R. Irwin, Mr. T. P. T. Lo, Ms. J. Lo Ah Kee, Dr. M. MacEntee, Dr. K. MacQueen, Mr. W. McNulty, Dr. D. Paterson, Ms. C. Quinlan, Mr. J. Rogers, Mr. C. Ste-Croix, Dean G. Stuart, Dean R. Tierney, Dr. H. van Vuuren, Dr. R. Wilson, Dr. R. A. Yaworsky, Dean E. H. K. Yen.

The President called the meeting to order.

Senate Membership

The President introduced the following new members:

1. Dr. Lorne A Whitehead, who was attending his first meeting as Vice President Academic & Provost;
2. Mr. Sean Haffey, who had replaced Mr. Edward Greathed as a representative of the convocation;
3. Mr. Bijan Ahmadian, who had been nominated to replace Mr. Michael Yung as the student representative from the Faculty of Applied Science.

The President also introduced Ms. Deborah Robinson, Associate Registrar, Student Recruitment, Admissions, and Awards, who was attending in place of Associate Vice President, Enrolment Services and Registrar Brian Silzer.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

<i>Dr. Tees</i>	}	<i>That the minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2004 be approved as circulated.</i>
<i>Dr. Shields</i>		

Carried.

Remarks from the Chair and Related Questions

ACADEMIC YEAR LAUNCH ACTIVITIES

President Piper welcomed members of Senate to the first meeting of the 2004/2005 academic year. She noted that large numbers of current students had demonstrated remarkable leadership by participating in Imagine UBC, the University's orientation program for new students. In addition, over 1400 parents had registered for a recent parent orientation session held at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts. The President described the orientation activities as providing the optimum welcome for new students and their parents.

Trek 2010 Update

Dr. Rosengarten had circulated the *Trek 2010* White Paper. He stated that the content of the document was almost final, and reminded members of Senate that the University community had been reviewing drafts of the document for nearly a year. Senate had been

instrumental in providing feedback, and Dr. Rosengarten expressed his gratitude to everyone who participated. He had received a total of approximately 100 responses to the Green Paper, many of them submitted by groups. Dr. Rosengarten hoped to place the document on the Senate agenda for approval at the October 2004 meeting, with Board of Governors consideration for approval to follow in November.

In compiling the White Paper, Dr. Rosengarten had made an effort to be consistent in tone and level. The vision statement had been the subject of much discussion and repeated editing. There had also been some debate about the Green Paper's focus on sustainability; some participants had expressed concern about committing the University to one particular point of view. As an important issue for humanity, however, sustainability remained an important feature of the White Paper.

The White Paper included new references to UBC Okanagan. In its final form, *Trek 2010* was to embody goals and strategies for the University as a whole. Separate operational plans would then be developed for each campus.

Dr. Rosengarten gave an overview of some specific changes that had been made to the five "pillars" of the document. One recent change had been the removal of a reference to a student code of conduct, or a compilation of values that students would take away from a university education, as respondents had expressed concern about who would establish and enforce those values. The White Paper also included enhanced language about teaching, which respondents felt had been downgraded in earlier drafts in favour of learning. Language about undergraduate student access to senior faculty had been strengthened to indicate that all students should benefit from this expertise. The "Research" section had been modified to better acknowledge the importance of pure research and research in the social sciences and humanities. The "Community" section included more emphasis on the

role of faculty in community research, and strengthened references to alumni. The "International" section had been lengthened to better reflect the University's desire to support the development of global citizens. Dr. Rosengarten invited comments on the most recent draft.

The President remarked that Dr. Rosengarten had spent an enormous amount of time and energy on the White Paper, and thanked him for his dedication.

Discussion

Mr. Taylor suggested that the reference to "viral" diseases in the "Research" section be removed, noting that many important diseases were not viral in nature.

Dr. Windsor-Liscombe commended Dr. Rosengarten for his work on the document. He suggested that, in the vision statement, "exceptional global citizens" be modified to read "truly responsible global citizens" to clarify the extent and nature of the issue. In the "Internationalization" section, Dr. Windsor-Liscombe suggested that the phrase "develop global awareness" might be changed to "reinforce global awareness." Furthermore, the "Community" section might include a reference to the World Urban Forum, which was to take place in Vancouver in 2006, alongside the reference to the 2010 Olympic Games.

Other suggestions included:

- In "Research," knowledge transfer should not be limited to technology transfer, and that the bullets under the statement about knowledge transfer seemed too limiting in scope.
- In "Learning," the sixth bullet in the goals section should be amended to include reference to students in each year of studies.
- In "Learning," the first bullet in the section on reviewing instructional methods should be revised to make reference to problem-based learning.
- The phrase "developing countries" might be replaced with a less judgmental term. "Transitional" or "emerging" were two suggested alternatives for "developing."

- In "Community," the fifth bullet in the section on the connection between UBC and the external community might include the provision of childcare services as a priority. It was suggested that references to childcare or daycare might be better located under "People."
- In "Learning," the preamble might be modified to include reference to "conflict resolution skills" in addition to strong analytical and communication skills.
- In "Research," the fifth bullet might be revised to read, "Strengthen research undertaken with and in support of teaching hospitals..."

In response to an expression of support for the document's emphasis on working with Aboriginal communities, Dr. Rosengarten remarked that he believed the University to be strongly committed in this area.

Dr. Knight stressed the importance of informal learning environments and social spaces where students could gather. With the increased focus on the use of technology and e-learning, the provision of adequate social space had become even more critical. He suggested that this issue could bridge the People, Learning, and Research sections of the document.

The President reminded members of Senate to send final comments to Dr. Rosengarten as quickly as possible. Members of Senate applauded to express their gratitude and support.

From the Board of Governors

Senate received for information notification that the following recommendations from Senate had been approved, subject, where applicable, to the proviso that none of the programs be implemented without formal reference to the President; and that the Deans and Heads concerned with new programs be asked to indicate the space requirements, if any, of such new programs.

March 24, 2004 Meeting of Senate:

- (i) New Awards
- (ii) Curriculum proposals from the Faculty of Science

April 21, 2004 Meeting of Senate:

- (iii) Curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Applied Science, Education, Graduate Studies and Science

- (iv) Change in name of the Department of Metals and Materials Engineering to the Department of Materials Engineering (MTRL)

May 19, 2004 Meeting of Senate:

- (v) New awards
- (vi) Curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Arts, Graduate Studies, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Science
- (vii) The establishment of the Institute for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Tributes Committee

Dr. Thorne presented the reports, as Chair of the Committee.

CANDIDATES FOR EMERITUS STATUS

The Committee recommended that the following people be granted emeritus status:

1. Adams, Robert: Clinical Assistant Professor Emeritus of Anaesthesia;
2. Gass, C. Lee: Professor Emeritus of Zoology;
3. Olson, Barbara: Clinical Assistant Professor Emerita of Anaesthesia.

<i>Dr. Thorne</i>	}	<i>That Senate accept the recommendations of the Tributes Committee with respect to emeritus status.</i>
<i>Dean Granot</i>		

Carried.

MEMORIAL MINUTES

Dr. Thorne read the following memorial minutes for former members of Senate who had recently passed away.

Edward Greathed

Edward Greathed served proudly as a UBC Convocation Senator from 1999 to 2004 contributing regularly at the meetings of Senate and its committees including Student Awards, Curriculum, Academic Policy, Liaison with Post-Secondary Institutions and the Tributes Committee. He also served on the Board of Directors of the UBC Alumni Association and was a reader at the Crane Resource Centre.

Ed graduated from UBC in 1958 with a Bachelor of Arts (Combined Honours), majoring in International Relations. He went on to Columbia University, where he received a Master of International Affairs.

Ed spent many successful years as a public servant with the Government of Ontario, where he specialized in the practice of intergovernmental affairs for several ministries. He received awards for his work over many years as a member of the Ontario team that contributed to the eventual patriation of the Canadian Constitution. Upon early retirement in 1977, he returned to his hometown of Vancouver, where in addition to his services to the University, Ed was the Rector's Warden of St. Helen's Anglican Church in Point Grey.

Paul T. K. Lin

Paul Lin served on the UBC Senate as an appointee of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council from 1994 to 1999.

A graduate of the University of Michigan and Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and Harvard University, Paul had long-standing relations with and involvement in the Institute of Asian Research at UBC. He began at UBC in 1983 with an appointment as an Honorary Research Associate and later held an appointment as an Honorary Professor.

In his earlier years, he lived and worked in China from 1950 to 1964 as Artistic Director of Radio Peking and a university professor. These early ties were maintained throughout his career; and, in 1998, in recognition of his outstanding contributions in the development of Canada's ties with China, Professor Lin was awarded the Order of Canada.

Dr. Thorne
Mr. Verma

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That the memorial minutes be entered in the Minutes of Senate, and that copies be sent to the families of the deceased.

Carried.

Reports from the Vice President, Academic & Provost

TRANSFER OF PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS FROM THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES TO THE DISCIPLINARY FACULTIES

Note: The full text of this report is not included in the Minutes. Copies are available from the Assistant Registrar, Senate & Curriculum Services.

Vice President Whitehead noted that the proposal to transfer administrative responsibility for the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D.) and the Master of Engineering (M. Eng.) from the Faculty of Graduate Studies to their respective disciplinary Faculties had been discussed at the May 2004 meeting of Senate. Senators had raised several concerns about the

proposal during the discussion, although Vice President Whitehead expressed the opinion that most of the concerns had since been satisfactorily addressed.

<i>Vice President Whitehead Dr. Tees</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the transfer of responsibility for the Doctor of Pharmacy and the Master of Engineering programs from the Faculty of Graduate Studies to the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Faculty of Applied Science respectively.</i>
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Dr. Thompson recalled that the May 2004 discussion had been focused on determining a process by which programs might be transferred from one Faculty to another. He expressed concern about transferring the two programs in question prior to approval of the transfer process itself. Dr. Tees responded that Senators had participated in a full discussion of the pertinent issues at the May 2004 meeting. Dr. Thompson reiterated his concern.

In response to a query from Mr. Taylor, Vice President Whitehead confirmed that the transfer was to become effective in 2005.

Mr. Taylor asked whether the University was considering making any change to the administrative position of the Faculty of Graduate Studies within the University, and whether any such changes might eventually render the present motion moot. Vice President Whitehead described discussions about the role of the Faculty of Graduate Studies as extremely preliminary and unlikely to have any impact on the present proposal.

In response to a query from Mr. Taylor, Dean Isaacson stated that students in the Master of Engineering did not normally receive external funding from granting councils. In response to a further query about students who wish to transfer between the Master of Engineering and other programs, Dean Isaacson stated that, although the Faculty wished to monitor program switching activity, the shift to administering the Master of Engineer-

ing in the Faculty of Applied Science would have no negative impact on students who wished to switch programs.

The motion was
put and carried.

CHANGE IN NAME: BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD RESEARCH CENTRE

<i>Vice President</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the change in name of the Brain and Spinal Cord Research Centre to the Brain Research Centre.</i>
<i>Whitehead</i>		
<i>Dean Sindelar</i>		

The report circulated by Vice President Whitehead stated that the Brain and Spinal Cord Research Centre was approved by Senate in January 1996. The change in name was to avoid confusion and differentiate the Centre from two partner organizations: ICORD (International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries) and the Rick Hansen Institute.

The motion was
put and carried.

CN CHAIR IN TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS

<i>Vice President</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the establishment of the CN Chair in Transportation and International Logistics, made possible by endowment funding from the Canadian National Railway Company and the University of British Columbia.</i>
<i>Whitehead</i>		
<i>Dean Granot</i>		

The report circulated by Vice President Whitehead stated that the Chair was to reside in the School of Community and Regional Planning in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Sauder School of Business.

The motion was
put and carried.

CHANGE IN NAME OF THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS TO THE PHELPS CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS

<i>Vice President McBride</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the change in name of the SFU-UBC Centre for the Study of Government and Business at the Sauder School of Business to the Phelps Centre for the Study of Government and Business.</i>
<i>Dean Muzyka</i>		

The report circulated by Vice President Whitehead stated that Senate had approved the establishment of the Centre in May 1997. The Simon Fraser University component of the Centre had been dissolved, by mutual agreement between the universities, in September 2002. The renaming was to recognize the support of Dr. Michael Phelps, OC.

The motion was
put and carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of Senate was scheduled to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2004.