



VANCOUVER SENATE

MINUTES OF 15 NOVEMBER 2017

Attendance

Present: Dr S. Ono (Chair), Dr K Ross (Secretary), Mr T. Ahmed, Dean G. Averill, Ms J. Booth, Dr R. Boushel, Ms S. Brar, Dr H. Brock, Dr V. Bungay, Dr L. Burr, Dean M. Coughtrie, D. Ms Coulbourn, Dean C. Dauvergne, Mr K. Doering, Mr B. Fischer, Dr A. Fisher, Dr S. Forwell, Dean B. Frank, Mr F. Gallegos, Dr J. Gattinger, Dr S. Grayston, Mr S. Haffey, Ms M. Hamid, Dr P. Harrison, Dean R. Helsley, Dr M. Isaacson, Dr A. Ivanov, Prof. C. Jaeger, Dr A. Kindler, Dr M. Koehoorn, Dr C. Krebs, Dr M. Kuus, Dr K. Lo, Dr P. Loewen, Dr D. MacDonald, Ms A. MacDougall, Mr K. Madill, Dr C.W. Marshall, Dr P. Marshall, Dr S. Matsui, Mr B. McNulty, Dr A. Murphy, Ms S. Ngo, Ms S. Parker, Dean S. Peacock, Mr I. Sapollnik, Ms A. Shilling, Dr J. Shepherd, Prof. A. Sheppard, Dr S. Singh, Mr M. Stewart, Dr L. Stothers, Dr A. Szeri, Dr R. Tees, Dr M. Thachuk, Dr S. Thorne, Ms L. Wang, Dean R. Yada

Regrets: Dr A. Collier, Dr G. Faulkner, Dean J. Innes, Dean D. Kelleher, Dr D. Lam, Dean M. MacDougall Dr W. McKee, Dr C. Nislow, Dean *Pro Tem.* J. Olson, Ms S. Park, Mr M. Pratt, Dean S Porter, Mr Q. Salehmohamed

Clerk: Mr C. Eaton

Call to Order

The Chair of Senate, Dr Santa J. Ono, called the third regular meeting of the Vancouver Senate for the 2017/2018 Academic Year to order at 6:04 pm

Senate Membership

The Registrar introduced Ms Amber Shilling to Senate as a student representative for the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies until 31 March 2018 and thereafter until replaced.

Minutes of 18 October 2017

Richard tees
Lynn Stothers

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*That the Minutes of the Meeting of 18 October
2017 be adopted as corrected.*

Corrections: Shepperd name. A MacDougall



appointed to appeals committee.

Approved

Business Arising from the Minutes

The President noted that at its last meeting, Senate approved a change to Policy 18 with the proviso that changes be made to its procedures. Dr Ono said he appreciated the concerns of Senators and others and thanked them for their views. He advised that he has asked the University Counsel to prepare amendments to Policy 18 that recognize both the participation of Senators, and those of faculty members at large, and hoped to see those amendments come forward in the upcoming months.

Tributes Committee

Dr Sally Throne, Chair of the Senate Tributes Committee, presented.

DR ROBERT KUBICEK

Robert Kubicek was born in Drumheller, Alberta, in 1935. Educated at the University of Alberta, the London School of Economics, and Duke University, Dr Kubicek was a member of the Department of History at UBC for 37 years. He served as a member of Senate from 1972 to 1975 as a representative of the joint faculties.

Dr Kubicek's primary research interest was the history of the British Empire, with a focus on the administrative, economic, and technological aspects of the Empire in the 19th century. He published widely on subjects that ranged from class relations in South Africa, to the history of mining in British Columbia, to 19th century ship design. Dr. Kubicek was known as a conscientious teacher and dedicated supervisor to his graduate students.

Inducted into the Quarter Century Club in 1996, Dr Kubicek's contributions to the University were extensive and varied. In addition to his time on Senate, he served terms as President of the Faculty Association, Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and Head of the Department of History. Dr. Kubicek retired as Professor Emeritus in 2000.

In his retirement, Dr Kubicek enjoyed fly-fishing with the Harry Hawthorn Club, and was an active member of the Men's Mid-Week Golf Club at the University Golf Club.

To his family and friends, the Senate and the University of British Columbia offers their condolences and thanks.



Sally Thorne
Lawrence Burr

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That Senate approve the Memorial Minute for Dr Robert Kubicek, that it be entered into the Minutes of Senate and copies be sent to the family of the deceased.

Approved

Remarks from the Chair

The President apologized for missing the last meeting of Senate; noting that he was in Kigali Rwanda with the MasterCard Foundation: an organization that sponsored students at UBC. he advised that he had joined a group drafting a white paper to chart the course for the next decade for the MasterCard Foundation's work.

UBC DEVELOPMENT

Dr Ono advised that at a recent board meeting, we noted that philanthropic giving to UBC has gone up significantly. Last year, we had 7 gifts of \$5 million or more, up from zero the year before. Last year was close to a record and we are ahead of that pace for this year. There will be an announcement in the next few weeks on a focused effort to enhance scholarship support for students.

FEDERAL RELATIONS

The President reminded Senate that the former Governor General, David Johnston, has convened a group for student mobility. This document is intended to ask the government of Canada to support students who want to have an international experience. Dr Ono noted that the other major advocacy role UBC is undertaking federally is encouraging the government to provide competitive Tricouncil funding. In real dollars, there has been a 35% drop in five years for Tricouncil support.

UNITED STATES

Dr Ono advised Senate that he had just returned from the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities in the United States, where they were in the midst of dealing with uncertainty around both immigration and tax reform. It is clear that universities are a target of tax reforms with plans under development for endowments, faculty, and tuition waivers to be subject to more taxation.

The President noted that with United States immigration reform, including Republican interest in reducing "J" visas, green cards, and "exceptional ability" exceptions, there is a significant amount of interest among faculty and students in Canada; we are in a competition with the Canada 150 chairs program for exactly this kind of talent.



STRATEGIC PLAN

Dr Ono noted that working groups that are working intensively and the Senate would be updated as their work progressed.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Dr Ono explained that in the midst of the summer there were some challenging events at some American universities where the principle of freedom of expression vs concerns around hate speech were blurred in a harmful way. A number of faculty members reached out the president and suggested a dialogue or conversation on Stephen Toope's statement on Freedom of Expression from 2009. There were also a number of flyers distributed across campus and there was a dialogue on if this was offensive or appropriate.

At the encouragement of faculty, Dr Ono advised that he turned to Neil Guppy, Senior Advisor to the Provosts on Academic Freedom, and Dr Guppy convened a group to look at UBC's existing statement. Dr Ono stated that as an alumnus of the University of Chicago, he was often asked why he did not suggest UBC adopt their statement. To that, he replied that we need a policy that worked for British Columbia and not for Chicago. To that end, A group of faculty and staff produced a draft statement that was sent to the President at the end of September. Dr Ono advised that The Globe and Mail's claim that UBC decided to "shelve" the statement was inaccurate; rather, we were considering what time and what forum to continue that conversation. The President opined that at the core, this issues has to do with both academic freedom and freedom of expression, and both of these are integral to any institution. Dr Ono stated that we need to decide on a path forward for UBC in this area, and suggested that those members of the working group who wish to engage could consider that input and revise the statement as appropriate

Candidates for Degrees

Philip Loewen
Catherine Dauvergne

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That the candidates for degrees and diplomas, as recommended by the faculties, be granted the degree or diploma for which they were recommended, effective November 2017, and that a committee comprised of the Registrar, the dean of the relevant faculty, and the Chair of the Vancouver Senate be empowered to make any necessary adjustments.

Approved

Awards Committee



The Chair of the Senate Awards Committee, Dr Lawrence Burr, presented.

NEW AND REVISED AWARDS

See Appendix A: Awards Report

Lawrence Burr	}	<i>That Senate accept the awards as listed and forward them to the Board of Governors for approval; and that letters of thanks be sent to the donors.</i>
Peter Marshall		

Dr Burr noted that around \$75 000 in new awards were proposed this month.

Senator Doering asked if we had non-student awards policies.

The Acting Secretary, Mr Christopher Eaton, replied that we did have the same regulatory structure around non-student awards that we had around student awards. Non-student awards were proposed by the faculties (or in one case the library) and approved on a case-by-case basis.

Approved

Admissions Committee

The Chair of the Senate Admissions Committee, Professor Carol Jaeger, presented.

CHANGES IN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR DIRECT-ENTRY UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANTS – CANADIAN ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Carol Jaeger	}	<i>To approve the proposed changes in admission requirements for direct-entry undergraduate applicants, effective for entry to the 2018 Winter Session and thereafter.</i>
Jakob Gattinger		

Approved

Curriculum Committee

The Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee, Dr Peter Marshall, presented.

PROPOSALS FROM THE FACULTIES OF OF APPLIED SCIENCE, ARTS, EDUCATION, FORESTRY, GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES LAND AND FOOD SYSTEMS, AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES



See Appendix B: Curriculum Report

Peter Marshall	}	<i>That the new courses and new program requirements brought forward by the faculty of Applied Science, Arts, Education, Forestry, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (Law, Medicine, Pharmaceutical Sciences), Land and Food Systems, and Pharmaceutical Sciences be approved.</i>
Richard Tees		

Dr P. Marshall noted that while this docket was lengthy, there were fewer new courses that it appeared. One course was repeated six times, it was an interdisciplinary proposal that was acceptable to many faculties.

Senator Thachuk noted that the Faculty of Science wasn't offering the Science and Society course.

Dr Harrison suggested that the course was language science not science at large. For science students, the course was more valuable as an Arts elective than as a Science course.

Approved

NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS: GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN INDIGENOUS PUBLIC HEALTH (FOR CREDIT); CERTIFICATE IN INDIGENOUS PUBLIC HEALTH (NON-CREDIT)

Dr P. Marshall informed Senate that the Senate Curriculum Committee had approved two new certificate programs, one for credit, and one non-credit in Indigenous Public Health.

Mr Marshal German, Program Manager, Public Health Certificate, Faculty of Medicine was welcomed to the floor and spoke on the importance of these new certificates to the community, to UBC, and to its students.

Report from the President

DRAFT STATEMENT ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Dr Neil Guppy, Senior Advisor to the Provost's on Academic Freedom, presented. He noted that there was some confusion between Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression and assured Senate that there was no intention to rewrite or in any way change the Senate's policy on Academic Freedom through this process.

Dr Guppy noted that they had received around 150 responses so far to the draft statement. Three or four said freedom of expression is freedom of expression and should be protected full stop. A



lot of people asked what the line was when speech became hate speech. The other side of the issue is people who want a learning environment that is conducive to freedom to expression. We tried to go further than many universities have and say what learning environment we value. We are trying to balance those discussions. People are focusing on various things and we will try to parse that out when we share the feedback. To that end, 2 to 15 people have asked to write extended reviews. The question is what will we do next. We need to read everything, see what the opinions are, and then have a working group come together to try to reconcile a contentious set of issues.

Senator Isaacson asked what the consequences would be adopting such a statement. Would administrators make decisions about appropriateness of speech under this statement?

Dr Guppy said that we had a lot of policies and processes in place and we don't think we are re-writing many of those things. He noted that the statement is just that, a statement; the Board or the Senate as a policy didn't consider or approve it as they would with a formal policy.

The President said in response to administrative actions, the idea of Richard Spencer showed how different institutions could have different views on freedom of expression. The University of Cincinnati invited him; The Ohio State University decided that they wouldn't invite him and they would put up with litigation so they didn't have to put their faculty and staff in harms way. Dr Ono also mentioned the economics of these situations when security is needed for controversies, with some universities having to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Senator Thachuk said a conversation is fine, but a policy that was applied and had consequences needed to be more specific.

Richard Tees thanked Dr Guppy for his work. He requested that this document be brought back to Senate and that a further conversation happen closer to the final version.

Report from the Provost

ANNUAL REPORT ON STUDENT EVALUATION ON TEACHING

The Provost, Dr Andrew Szeri, introduced Vice-Provost Eric Eich to present on his behalf.

Dr Eich noted that the overall quality of teaching is assessed on a 5-point scale with an overall of 4.2. 70% were 4 or higher. Most low ratings come from classes with a low response rate. If we apply a minimum response standard, 12 of our 13 worse cases are removed from the dataset.

Most departments also use peer review of teaching, review of assignments and workload, and other data to get a more rounded picture of teaching. The average has always been in the low 4s.



Senator Gattinger asked if there was a correlation between sessional status and tenure track faculty and certain scores.

Dr Eich replied that there didn't seem to be a difference in the data.

Senator Doering noted that since 2011 the number of faculty members who chose to share results have decreased from 11% to 7%.

Dr Eich said he valued transparency and wasn't sure why faculty did not want to do so. We would look into this further and encourage faculty to share their results.

Senator Tees noted the importance of following up on evaluations.

Report from the University Librarian

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE LIBRARY

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The University Librarian, Ms Susan E Parker, she gave her to the Senate Library Committee and its chair, Dr Lawrence Burr, Provost Andrew Szeri, as well as the library staff for their support in her first year at UBC.

Senator Gattinger asked with the exchange rate gap, does the library currency hedge its acquisitions budget.

Ms Parker replied that there were challenges to do that because the renewal cycles weren't in sync. In the US we cannot buy ahead, but apparently you can in Canada.

Senator Krebs noted the high price of electronic research journals; are we working to negotiate better prices?

Ms Parker replied yes. We belong to a series of overlapping consortia that has done better on average in negotiating prices. We want to continue that strategy; it is hard to lose access to journals. We do look to find alternatives to change the publishing paradigm.

Senator Gattinger asked what our total journal subscription cost was.

Ms Parker said \$18M last year total, 2/3rds of which was journals and most of those electronic.

In Camera – Tributes Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HONORARY DEGREES



Adjournment

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.



Appendix A: Awards Report

New Awards – Endowed

David Black Thunderbird Men's Basketball Award

One award to the maximum allowable value under athletic association guidelines has been made available through an endowment to a member of the Thunderbird Men's Basketball team in any year of study who has demonstrated excellent leadership skills and maintained good academic standing. Preference will be given to a graduate of Victoria High School in Victoria, BC; or a high school on Vancouver Island; or a student who is a Canadian citizen. The award is made on the recommendation of the Athletics Awards Committee. (First Award Available in the 2017/2018 Winter Session.)

Dell and Del Johnson Memorial Prize in Nursing

A \$1,200 prize has been made available through an endowment established by Cathy Ebbehøj (BSN 1975, MSN 1999), a retired faculty member of the UBC School of Nursing, to the graduating student who achieves the overall top grade in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. This prize was established in honour of Cathy's parents Dell and Del Johnson, who both deeply valued education and in memory of Cathy's classmate Laura-Lynne McBain (1952 – 2006) who achieved top marks in the BSN class of 1975. The prize is made on the recommendation of the School of Nursing. (First Award Available in the 2017/2018 Winter Session.)

Michael John Page Postdoctoral Fellow Award

Awards totalling \$1,200 have been made available through an endowment to recognize postdoctoral fellows who reflects Dr. Page's academic excellence and his passion for life. These awards are open to Postdoctoral Fellows (PDF) in the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology or the Centre for Blood Research in recognition of outstanding academic achievement combined with significant extra-curricular achievements (both scientific and non-scientific). Nominees must have held a PDF appointment at UBC for at least one year. The awards will be made on recommendation of the Postdoctoral Fellow's research supervisor; each research supervisor may nominate only one PDF per year. The nominator must hold an appointment as a full member of the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology or be an Investigator in the Centre for Blood Research. (First Award available in the 2018/19 academic session.)

Leon Tuey Bursary in Art Education

Bursaries totalling \$2,000 have been made available through an endowment established by Leon Tuey for students who are studying art education in the Faculty of Education. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First Award Available in the 2018/19 academic session.)

New Awards – Annual

Maureen Howe AWF Lifetime Achievement Award



A \$3,750 award is offered annually by the Association of Women in Finance in honour of Maureen Howe to a female undergraduate student entering the third year of the Bachelor of Commerce program at the UBC Sauder School of Business who has achieved outstanding academic merit. Preference is given to a student who is specializing in finance, has a history of community service, plans to pursue a career in finance and has demonstrated an ability to overcome adversity. Maureen is the former managing director of Equity Research with RBC Capital Markets and is currently on the board of directors of several Canadian companies and foundations. The award is made on the recommendation of the UBC Sauder School of Business. (First Award Available in the 2017/2018 Winter Session.)

Master of Community and Regional Planning Bursary

Bursaries are offered annually by the Faculty of Applied Science to graduate students in the Master of Community and Regional Planning program who demonstrate financial need. Available funding is determined based on the number of students enrolled in the program. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First Award Available in the 2018 Summer Session.)

Dr. Geoffrey Newman Graduate Scholarship in Music

Scholarships totalling \$7,500 are offered annually by Dr. Geoffrey Newman to graduate students in the School of Music who demonstrate commitment and exceptional talent in voice or instrumental performance. Geoffrey is a scholar and a music journalist who benefited from extensive musical education. It is his hope to inspire deeper interest in classical music among UBC students. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the School of Music in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First Award Available in the 2017/2018 Winter Session.)

Tianzhu Fellowship in Buddhist Studies

Fellowships totalling \$40,000 are offered annually by the Liuzu Temple of Guangdong for graduate students in the Faculty of Arts undertaking research on East Asian Buddhist Studies. Preference will be given to students researching Chinese Buddhism. The fellowships are renewable for a period of three years or until a graduate degree is completed, whichever is shorter. The fellowships are made on the recommendation of the Department of Asian Studies in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First Award Available in the 2017/18 Winter Session.)

President's Award for Distinguished Service by a UBC Emeritus.

One or more awards of \$1000 are offered annually by the UBC Association of Professors Emeritus to UBC Emeriti who have, since attaining Emeritus status, displayed exceptional leadership or initiative in volunteer community service that benefits others in Canada or abroad. It is anticipated that the recipient will direct the Award to an organization, charity, or fund of



their choosing. Nominations for the award may be made by any Emeritus to the Vice Provost's Office, UBC. The first Award will be in 2017-2018.

Eligibility: all persons listed under "Emeritus Staff" in The UBC Vancouver Academic Calendar.

Previously-Approved Awards with Changes in Terms or Funding Source:

7319 - Medicine Class of 1966 Fred Scriver UBC MED '66 Memorial Bursary

Bursaries totalling \$3,000 have been endowed made available through an endowment by members of the Graduating Class of Medicine 1966 in memory of their late classmate, Fred Scriver, to aid students in the M.D. Program who are in need of financial assistance for medical students who demonstrate financial need. Originally established in 2007 to recognize the untimely passing of classmate Fred Scriver, the bursaries also honour the memories of additional classmates who are no longer with us while recognizing each classmate's unique area of contribution and the unique challenges that life has brought. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services.

Rationale for Proposed Changes

Upon the request of The Graduating Class of Medicine 1966 as represented by Dr. Steve Tredwell, and supported by Fred Scriver's widow, and in collaboration with the Medicine Development team, we are revising the name of the "Graduating Class of Medicine 1966 Fred Scriver Memorial Bursary" to the new name "UBC MED '66 Memorial Bursary" to better reflect that the fund is in memory of all classmates who have died.

1830 - Impact of Ten Dental Hygiene Scholarship

A \$1,550 Scholarships totalling \$1,550 have been made available through an endowment established has been endowed by the Impact of Ten group - alumni and friends of the UBC Dental Hygiene Degree Program. The scholarships is are awarded to a 4th year students enrolled in the Dental Hygiene Degree Program. The recipient is selected on the basis of academic standing. The scholarships are made on the Recommendations are made by of the Faculty of Dentistry.

Rationale for Proposed Changes

Upon the request of the donors and the Dental Development team, we are revising the award description to offer multiple scholarships as the endowment has grown in size.

Appendix B: Curriculum Report

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE

New course

APSC 402 (3) Living Language: Science and Society



ARTS

New course

ASTU 402 (3) Living Language: Science and Society

EDUCATION

New course

LLED 402 (3) Living Language: Science and Society

FORESTRY

New course

FRST 402 (3) Living Language: Science and Society

LAND AND FOOD SYSTEMS

New course

LFS 402 (3) Living Language: Science and Society

PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

New courses

PHAR 402 (3) Living Language: Science and Society;

PHRM 455 (0) PharmD Registration

FACULTY OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES

Law

New program requirements

G+PS>Laws>Master of Laws

Medicine

New concentration

Master of Science in PPH>Health Economics concentration

New courses

SPPH 546 (3) Introduction to Health Economics; SPPH 549 (3)

Advanced Economic Evaluation in Healthcare

Pharmaceutical Sciences

New course

PHAR 560 (3) Advanced Economic Evaluation in Health Care