



OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 28 FEBRUARY 2019

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Attendance

Present: Prof. S. Ono (Chair), Dr K. Ross (Secretary), Dr S. Alam, Dr P. Arthur, Dr P. Barker, Dean G. Binsted, Dr D. Buszard, Dr R. Campbell, Mr S. Chong, Dr J. Cioe, Mr I. Cull, Ms B. Dawson, Ms T. Ebl, Mr A. Fipke, Dr J. Gustar, Dr J. Jakobi, Dr. R. Lalonde, Dr. R. Lawrence, Dr S. Lawrence, Dr M. Legault, Dr Y. Lucet, Dr B. Marcolin, Dr A. Mukherjee-Reed Mr F. Pena, Ms M. Reekie, Dr D. Roberts, Dean *Pro Tem*. B. Rutherford, Dr R. Sadiq, Ms R. Snider, Dean R. Sugden, Dean *Pro Tem*. D. Tannant, Dean B. Traister, Mr J. Traplin, and Dr G. Wetterstrand.

Regrets: Ms H. Berringer, Mr M. Campbell, Ms D. Cater, Mr Y Chen, Ms C. Comben, Dr J. Corbett, Dr J. Eikenaar, Dean B. Frank, Ms L. Fraser, Chancellor L. Gordon, Dr M. Horrfar, Dr J. Hossain, Dr J. Johnson, Mr J. Loepky (LOA), Ms B. MacBean, Mr V. Tamondong, and Dr P. Wylie.

Clerk: Mr C. Eaton

Call to Order

The Chair of Senate, President Santa J. Ono call the meeting to order at 3:34 pm.

Minutes of 31 January 2019

Gordon Binsted	}	<i>That the Minutes of the Meeting of 31 January 2019 be adopted as corrected:</i>
Peter Arthur		

Missing punctuation inserted on pages 1-6.

Approved

Remarks from the Chair

See Terry's notes.

President Ono noted that many senators were on hand in January for the opening of The Commons. He said that this new facility was only possible thanks to the financial support of our



partners in the Federal and Provincial Governments, as well as the current and former students who contributed nearly \$10 million to the project.

Dr Ono advised that last month he was in Ottawa for UBC's annual Day on the Hill, raising awareness among our federal government partners about outstanding UBC research, researchers, and students. One of the groups we spoke to was the British Columbia members of the federal Liberal caucus. He also noted that last month he had the honour of giving a keynote address to the School Community Mental Health Conference in Vancouver that was organized by the provincial Ministry of Education.

The president advised that last week he participated in a ceremony at the UBC Vancouver campus for the raising of the Musqueam flag. This follows the raising of the flag of the Okanagan Nation here at UBC Okanagan last September. He said that these flags formally signify UBC's recognition of Indigenous peoples in whose lands the university resides and will add to a growing visible Indigenous presence on both campuses.

Dr Ono said that he was pleased to note that UBC has been once again named as one of BC's top employers and one of Canada's top employers of young people – the only post-secondary institution to make the list in 2019. He expressed his pride in the faculty and staff of this university who have helped us achieve these rankings.

Remarks from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Dr Deborah Buszard noted the Donor Recognition Awards the previous evening. She advised that currently the Okanagan campus had 289 donor funded awards contributing \$680 000 in annual student funding. The Okanagan component of UBC's endowment is now at \$8 000 000.

Dr Buszard advised that due to a storm in Vancouver the February board meeting was shorted to be a phone-in meeting for time sensitive approval; as a result, the Okanagan 2040 Outlook discussion was deferred to the April Board meeting. At the telephone meeting the two new residence buildings for the Okanagan campus - Skeena and Nechako - were approved for construction.

Senator Cioe asked what UBC's policy was for resident space allocation? Do we guarantee seats for first years?

Dr Buszard replied that yes we do.

The Associate Vice-President Students, Senator Cull, elaborated, saying we guarantee all first year students, all international students, all indigenous students, and all students with special needs space in residence.

Senator Cioe asked if we had a plan for married student residences.



Dr Buszard said there was considering given for mixed housing by having a demand study for students, faculty, and staff. Our study indicated that this was not a desirable area for faculty and staff; however, there is demand for some rental housing for graduate students, visiting professors, etc. She added that we are exploring that as part of mixed use development proposals for some sites. We did contemplate this for current residences, but we had a standard development financing model for them.

Senator Wetterstrand thanked the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for mentioning the award totals. He asked if 289 was the award type total or the number of students.

Dr Buszard advised that it was the number of students.

The President said that both he and the board chair reviewed the 2040 plan and were appreciative of the amount of work that went into the proposal.

Academic Policy Committee

The Chair of the Senate Academic Policy Committee, Dr Jan Cioe, presented.

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

Jan Cioe	}	<i>That Senate approve proposed revisions to the Academic Calendar language concerning supplemental examinations in the Academic Regulations for the Bachelor of Applied Science, as put forward by the Faculty of Applied Science in the attached two-column form.</i>
Deborah Roberts		

Senator Lalonde noted that this change was already in the calendar.

The Association Registrar, Mr Christopher Eaton said he would see how this happened and ensure this did not happen again.

Approved

ACADEMIC VICE-RESIDENT

Jan Cioe	}	<i>That the Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that the title and responsibilities of Provost and Vice-President Academic (UBC Okanagan) be assigned to the current</i>
Gordon Binsted		



*Provost and Vice-Principal Academic (UBC Okanagan) as set out in the attached proposal; and
That the Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal cease to be an academic vice-president, but remain a senior academic administrator under Policy 18 and Section 27 (2)(f) of the University Act.*

Dr Cioe advised that the Senate Academic Policy Committee has reviewed the attached submission from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal (who is also currently an Academic Vice-President with the title of Vice-President Academic and Research) regarding the academic vice-presidency for the Okanagan campus. The Committee agrees with the proposal that a transition in the academic vice-president titles to the incumbent Provost and Vice-Principal Academic (who is also currently an academic associate vice-president) would be of benefit to the rational organization of the campus and University. The Committee further notes the support of the Okanagan deans for this proposal.

Approved

NB: Dr Ananya Mukherjee-Reed abstained

Admission and Awards Committee

The Chair of the Senate Admissions and Awards Committee, Dr Gregory Wetterstrand, presented.

NEW AWARDS

See Appendix A: Awards Report

Gregory Wetterstrand	}	<i>That Senate accept the new awards as listed and forward them to the Board of Governors for approval; and that a letter of thanks be sent to the donors.</i>
Deborah Roberts		

Dr McNeil noted that one of the new awards was unusual as it was being funded by a student group.

Dr Cioe said that it was unclear how many graduate entrance awards would be awarded.

Dr Rutherford said that 6 would be awarded: 3 in the sciences and 3 in the arts.



Approved

ENROLMENT TARGETS

Gregory Wetterstrand	}	<i>That Senate approve the 2019-20 academic year</i>
Jan Cioe		<i>Enrolment Targets, with the addition of 20</i>
		<i>students in the Faculty of Education.</i>

With permission of Senate, the Deputy Registrar for the Okanagan campus, Mr Alfred Vogt, presented the proposal.

Senator Cioe noted that we had 133 people in nursing for 130 seats. How did we fit 3 more?

Dr Binsted replied that we have a bit of fall off in later years, so we slightly over-enroll in Year 1.

Dean Traister asked what the relationship was between the domestic and international targets.

Mr Vogt said we tried to establish the same complete levels for domestic and international students. So, if one body is stronger than the other we may not achieve the other target.

Senator Cioe said that international enrolment was a political issue on the campus that was not accurately reported in the media.

Senator Roberts asked if we used tuition as a way of controlling international enrolment.

Mr Vogt said no, the dollar may affect how many applications we received, but not who we accepted.

Senator Cioe said UBC needed to make clear that international enrolment is not about profit: we need and want a diverse student body.

Senator S. Lawrence asked if we had data on if international enrolment by program

The Registrar, Dr Kathleen Ross, said that this was available by faculty and program and could be made available.

Senator Traister said there was a challenge between our enrolment targets and our physical plant capacity. He commended APSC for growing their enrolment, but as their projections increase and we make room for students, he suggested we were putting more pressure on physical resources and faculty. He noted that there was a physical limit to the amount of space we will



ever have. The dean predicted that arts enrolments will recover in the next 5 years and it will be difficult to place these students if we have taken up space by currently in demand programs. We need to manage current demand with future demand.

Senator Wetterstrand said that at Admissions and Awards we did take into consideration these matters. The reality is that there are some large programs and some smaller programs. Those large programs help fund our smaller programs. He hoped we could embrace both.

Senator Cioe said one relevant faculty is the size of the rooms. There are some programs that can manage large classes and we need to consider that with our assessments. Programs have rate limiters such as lab spaces.

Senator Arthur said that we are at 106% of our funded seats. As we move forward, we need to consider that as we only receive tuition and not grant funding.

Deborah Buszard said that at least 5% over targets was safest, as different programs can have different demands at different times. It was important to meet government targets for expectations and 101% was much better than 99%.

Dr Mukherjee-Reed said that our biggest challenge was the balance between faculties. There is a set number of funded seats but it was not a zero-sum game as it takes 4-5 years for students to progress through their degrees.

Dr Arthur said that last year some faculties went well over their targets. Who cuts them off?

The Provost said that these discussions happened at the Strategic Enrolment Management Committee.

Dr Ross said that the yields were complicated.

Dr McNeil said he agreed with being overenrolled if that encouraged government support. He asked if we had that government support.

The president said it was more the risks of being under-enrolled.

Senator S. Lawrence said we should have both maxima and targets

Mr Vogt said we were looking at that and multi-year targets.

Mr Eaton clarified that under the *University Act* it was actually the maxima that the Board and Senate were to approve.



Senator Ebl asked if we had enough faculty and student support resources to support our increases for international students.

Senator Cioe said the APSC numbers were going up by 20 international and 20 domestic seats. He asked why we were going for 50/50? The government only supported 20 domestic seats.

Senator Sadiq said that this was just a coincidence. The 20 domestic students were just for 1 program the 20 international was for all programs.

Senator Arthur said we should have the Senate Learning and Research Committee do an analysis for international student support.

Dr Buszard said that we have essentially no graduate funded seats at UBC. We also have close to 1000 graduate students. We report them as akin to domestic undergraduates. Overall, UBC is at 116% of target.

Approved

Agenda Committee

The Chair of the Senate Agenda Committee, Dr Peter Arthur, presented.

SENATE MEETING DATES

Peter Arthur
Barb Dawson

} *That, in accordance with Rule 15 (b), the regular senate meeting schedule for 2019-2020 be established as follows:*

- 26 September 2019
- 24 October 2019
- 21 November 2019
- 19 December 2019
- 30 January 2020
- 27 February 2020
- 26 March 2020
- 30 April 2020
- 14 May 2020

Approved

Curriculum Committee



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

FEBRUARY CURRICULUM PROPOSALS

See Appendix B: Curriculum Report

Peter Arthur	}	<i>That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for approval the new course brought forward from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the new courses brought forward from the Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies.</i>
Greg Wetterstrand		

Senator noted that the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies was dropping the use of vectors, and asked the students if vectors were of use to them.

Several student senators replied in the negative.

Senator Legault said that the faculty consulted with students before making the request.

Senator Lalonde said he found vectors to be useful.

The Registrar suggested that visual scheduling provided this kind of information.

Senator Binsted said that vectors did not account for different learning experiences.

Senator R. Campbell said that vectors could have a use in controlling faculty from lengthening or shortening contact hours.

Dean Traister said this did not seem like a good way to police this.

Senator Lucet said that vectors helped the faculty know what the commitment was for contact hours.

Dean Traister raised a pointed of information – were vectors being approved?

The Associate Registrar replied that vectors are a component of course descriptions being considered for approval.

Senator Lalonde noted that there was a triple cross listing being proposed.

The Associate Registrar said it was discouraged but not prohibited.



Approved

NB: Senators Lalonde, Cioe and Campbell abstained

Reports from the Registrar

ACADEMIC YEAR REPORT

Dr Ross presented next year's confirmed academic year for information, noting her satisfaction with the long break between terms in the Winter session.

Senator Cioe said there was a strong move for a fall reading break. The academic policy committee is striking a working group, he asked if any senators who would like to serve on that committee.

Senator Marcolin noted the issue of differing term dates. The Associate Registrar, Mr Eaton, said it was to balance the days.

Senator Roberts asked if we could be lenient about residence move out days with the 29 April end of exams.

Mr Cull said that we have become more lenient on the 24 hour rule. We would give them a day or two to move out.

Other business

By general consent, the following motion was considered:

Candidates for Degrees

Jan Cioe	}	<i>That the candidates for degrees, as recommended by the faculties and College of Graduate Studies, be granted the degrees for which they were recommended, effective February 2019, and that a committee comprised of the Registrar, the relevant deans, and the Chair of Senate be empowered to make any necessary adjustments.</i>
Dwayne Tannant		

Approved



Adjournment

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Appendix A: Awards Report

NEW AWARDS:

Chemistry Course Union Teaching Assistant Award

A \$1,000 award is offered by the Chemistry Course Union to a student enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The award recognizes a student in good academic standing who has made outstanding contributions as a teaching assistant in chemistry courses. Adjudication is based on a candidate's leadership, professionalism, and service to chemistry students. The award is made on the recommendation of the Chemistry Department selection committee. (First award available for the 2018/19 Winter Session)

UBC Okanagan Student Emergency Assistance Fund

Funds have been made available by donors to assist students in any program or faculty at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The funds are for students confronting proven financial need who may require short-term financial assistance due to an unforeseen and unexpected event. The fund is administered by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2019/20 Winter Session)

Vern Nielsen Memorial Bursary in Management

Two bursaries of \$1,000 each are offered by the Rotary Club of Kelowna Foundation in honour of Mr. Vern J. Nielsen to third or fourth-year undergraduate students in the Faculty of Management at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2019/20 Winter Session)

UBC Tuum Est Experiential Award

One-time entrance awards valued at up to \$3,500 are available for outstanding domestic students entering the University directly from secondary schools (or CEGEP in Quebec) to support their participation in experiential learning opportunities. Eligible students must demonstrate excellent academic ability, a strong UBC applicant personal profile, and a high level of engagement in the community and extracurricular activities. The award is adjudicated by Enrolment Services through the admissions process and awarded to students after the offer of admission to UBC is extended; however, funds are released in-course upon confirmation of participation and/or registration in an approved experiential learning activity at UBC including co-operative education, international exchange, undergraduate research, and other experiential learning activities as approved by the student's faculty. (First award available 2019/20 Winter Session)

IKBSAS Graduate Entrance Award

Six IKBSAS Graduate Entrance Awards valued at \$15,000 each are available to students entering their first year of graduate studies in a thesis-based Masters or Doctoral program in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences or an Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies program with a supervisor who is a member of the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences. (First award available 2019/20 Winter Session)



Appendix B: Curriculum Report

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:

GWST 440

FACULTY OF CREATIVE AND CRITICAL STUDIES:

ENGL 154

SPAN 402

THTR 304, WRLD 304

ARTH 403, WRLD 403

THTR 403

ARTH 370, ARTH 375, DIHU 370, DIHU 375, WRLD 370, WRLD 375

THTR 309, ARTH 309, CULT 380

CULT 313

THTR 313, WRLD 313

THTR 180

THTR 212

THTR 412