



# OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 16 MAY 2019

**DRAFT**

## Attendance

**Present:** S. Ono (Chair), K. Ross (Secretary), P. Arthur, P. Barker, H. Berringer, R. Campbell, Dr. Carter, J. Cioe, C. Comben, J. Corbett, T. Ebl, J. Eikenaar, B. Frank, J. Gustar, M. Hoorfar, J. Jakobi, R. Lalonde, R. Lawrence, S. Lawrence, M. Legault, Y. Lucet, B. Marcolin, A. Mukherjee-Reed, S. O’Leary, F. Pena, M. Reekie, D. Roberts, B. Rutherford, R. Sadiq, D. Tannant, B. Traister, L. Mudde, J. Naqvi.

**Regrets:** S. Alam, A. Alnaar, G. Binsted, D. Buszard, M. Campbell, I. Cull, L. Fraser, J. Gordon, J. Hossain, S. McNeil, J. Olson, R. Sugden, G. Wetterstrand (LOA), P. Wylie (LOA), S. Chong. K. DesRoches, D. Efretuei, G. Jayathilake, H. Kang, J. Lafontaine, G. Newry, S. Sandhu, A. Shields, G. Sidhu, V. Tamandong.

**Clerk:** C. Eaton

## Call to Order

The Chair of Senate, Dr Santa J. Ono called the ninth regular meeting of the Senate to order at 3:32 pm.

## Senate Membership

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As a result of the call for nominations issues at the previous meeting, the Registrar announced that two nominations were received for the two vacant positions. As a result, Ms Kelsey DesRoches and Mr Jassim Naqvi were acclaimed as elected to the Senate Nominating Committee until 31 March 2020 and thereafter until replaced.

### DECLARATION OF VACANCIES

The Registrar informed Senate that Dr Jason Loeppky had resigned from Senate, and the seat of Dr James Johnson was declared vacant until Rule 12 of the *Rules and Procedures of Senate*.

## Minutes of 25 April 2019

Jan Cioe	}	<i>That the Minutes of the Meeting of 25 March 2019 be adopted as presented.</i>
Deborah Roberts		

**AMENDMENT**

Dr Arthur advised Senate that a communications issue was brought to the attention of the Agenda Committee regarding Dr Wylie's attendance last term. In light of this, the Agenda Committee supported striking the declaration of vacancy for Dr Wylie from the Senate minutes, and thus him retaining his membership.

Peter Arthur	}	<i>That the declaration of vacancy for Dr Peter Wylie be struck from the 25 April 2019 minutes of Senate.</i>
Jan Cioe		

Approved

**Minutes of 25 April 2019**

Jan Cioe	}	<i>That the Minutes of the Meeting of 25 March 2019 be adopted as amended</i>
Deborah Roberts		

Approved as  
Amended

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

In response to the query raised at the previous meeting, Dr Ross advised that Blue and Gold scholarship is open to domestic and international students.

**Remarks from the Chair**

Dr Ono advised Senate that last week, he had the honour to deliver the closing remarks at UBCO's 15th annual Learning Conference. He commended Peter Newbury and all the others who helped make the event such a success.

The President said he was saddened to hear of the untimely passing of Dr Greg Younging. Dr Younging was instrumental in the development of the Indigenous Studies program here at UBC Okanagan. He also served as an assistant director of research for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

Dr Ono announced that two new Canada Excellence Research Chairs have been appointed: Orlando Rojas as Canada Excellence Research Chair in Forest Bioproducts, and Sriram



Subramaniam as Gobind Khorana Canada Excellence Research Chair in Precision Cancer Drug Design. The latter Chair is named after late Nobel Prize-winning UBC biochemistry professor Har Gobind Khorana. Thanks to the CERC program and the generous support of our partners, including VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation; Dr Ono noted we have an opportunity to continue to build on UBC's reputation as a global leader in these vitally important research fields.

For funding initiatives at UBC, President Ono noted \$18.5 million in new funding from the Networks of Centres of Excellence, a federal program that connects teams of scientists across Canada to collaborate on research with significant health, environmental and societal impacts. Two other UBC-led networks also received \$1.6 million each to transfer knowledge to practice—improving the quality of water for Indigenous and non-urban communities, and supporting the manufacturing of composite materials for industry; NCE support for these important efforts will further scientific research and ensure that academic expertise is applied to some of the most pressing challenges of our time. Finally, a total of 18 early career UBC researchers receive \$4.46m from the federal New Frontiers in Research Fund. Dr Ono congratulated all the recipients.

In closing, Dr Ono announced that Dr Kalina Christoff, Professor of Psychology and a scholar of the cognitive science of thought, has been appointed as the Interim Director of the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies effective June 1st, 2019. Dr Ono noted that Dr Christoff had a long-standing relationship with the Institute, having been an Early Career Scholar in 2005, and a Wall Scholar in 2017.

In closing, Dr Ono reminded Senators that graduation ceremonies begin June 6.

### **Remarks from the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor**

Dr Ananya Mukherjee-Reed spoke on behalf of Dr Buszard who was in Montreal. She thanked Senate for its support over the past six months as well as from the President, Executive and others. She noted that the Provost's Teaching Awards were presented by the President earlier in the month. The recipients were Dr Anis Klegeris, Dr Sally Willis-Stewart. The Killam teaching prize went to Dr Jonathan Holzman.

The President said that the past six months of her term have been extraordinary and has had a great impact at the university.

Dr R Lawrence asked if there was a teaching Honour Roll this year.

Dr Mukherjee-Reed said that this was under review while the student evaluation of teaching matter was reviewed in light of an arbitration decision.

Senator Cioe objected saying that the Ontario arbitration wasn't necessarily applicable to UBC. He argued that we should not unilaterally decide to drop a tradition at this campus.



The Provost said that this wasn't an ongoing decision; it was a 1-year suspension to give us time to review the matter.

Senator Jakobi said given the controversy and given the issues with the teaching evaluation system, a 1-year suspension seems in order while the working group reviewed the practice. She also said that that communication with faculty was needed so that faculty know what is going on with this form of recognition.

### Candidates for Degrees

Jassim Naqvi	}	<i>That the candidates for degrees and diplomas, as recommended by the faculties, be granted the degrees for which they were recommended, effective May 2019, and that a committee comprised of the Registrar, the dean of the relevant faculty, and the Chair of Senate be empowered to make any necessary adjustments (approval) (2/3 majority required).</i>
Ananya Mukherjee-Reed		

Approved

### Council Budget Committee

Senator, R. Lawrence, Chair of the Okanagan Budget Sub-Committee presented.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

Dr Lawrence thanked the senior administration for their participation and work on the Committee.

The President said that UBC as a whole can learn from the Okanagan campus, such as initiatives collegia.

Dr Lawrence said that a key concern is that increases in tuition revenue, especially from International Students, was used to support students, in particular around English language skills and exams.

The Provost added that one clear area of focus needs to be English language success, another is profiling top students.



The President said that health care support was of particular interest to him as many international students don't have medical support

Senator Roberts said that earlier in the year this was referred to the Learning and Research Committee. She noted that they were surveying the deans to see what is happening locally and hoped to present their findings to Senate in September or October of next year.

Senator Ebl said student resources was one issue, but another side is instructor support to consider and deal with the impact an increasing international student population has on classroom dynamics. She further suggested that support to help faculty identify and better understand the challenges of international students was important.

The President said that the executive could form a working group to look at this and report back to the Senate on supporting international student sand supporting faculty in their support of international students.

Senator Legault said that the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies had recently invited Earlene Roberts from the Disability Resource Centre to work with their faculty on supporting students.

### **Academic Policy Committee**

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

#### **New institute**

Jan Cioe	}	<i>That Senate approve and recommend to the Board</i>
Dwayne Tannant		<i>of Governors the establishment of the Canadian</i>
		<i>Institute for Inclusion and Citizenship as a</i>
		<i>research institute of the Okanagan Campus</i>

Senator Cioe outlined the five streams for this proposed Institute:

- Policy, Practice and Ethics
- Employment and Transitions
- Inclusive Education
- Health and Well-being of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and their Families across the Life-Course
- Engaging with Indigenous Communities and Families

Senator Barker said that this was currently one of the centres on campus that we are most proud of given its natural reach and impact. Becoming an institute would give it a stable budget.



Senator S. Lawrence asked us to be clearer on what the distinction was between centres and institutes in the future.

Dr Cioe said that centres were much easier to be established or disbanded, while institutes had a greater sense of permanence.

Senator S. Lawrence said that there was an article in *University Affairs* magazine recently about different meanings of the word citizenship. He suggested that this was something the institute may want consider.

Approved

### Admission and awards

The Acting Chair of the Admissions and Awards Committee, Ms Tamara Ebl, presented

#### BACHELOR OF MEDIA STUDIES

Tamara Ebl	}	<i>That Senate suspend admissions to the Bachelor of</i>
Catherine Comben		<i>Media Studies program.</i>

Approved

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ADMISSION STANDARD (ELAS)

Tamara Ebl	}	<i>That Senate approve the revised the admissions</i>
Deborah Roberts		<i>requirements for the English Language</i>
		<i>Admissions Standard.</i>

Senator Lalonde said that the proposed language encouraging students to write a letter arguing why ELAS should be set aside for them was problematic.

The Registrar said that she had seen this from countries such as Norway where students may have had English instruction for many years but not meet ELAS due to their education not being in Canada. These requests were reviewed on that basis. Some students feel that they want to make a case why they shouldn't have to take that test.

Senator Eikenaar noted the change from 5 to 4 years and asked if 5 was still our intent.

The Registrar confirmed that 4 years was the ongoing intent.



Senator Cioe suggested that in some provinces, secondary school was 4 years so this seemed a reasonable period.

Approved

## NEW AWARDS

*See Appendix A: Awards Report*

Tamara Ebl

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Deborah Roberts

*That Senate accept the new and revised awards as listed and forward them to the Board of Governors for approval; and that a letter of thanks be sent to the donors.*

Senator Cioe thanked those members of the Senate who have graciously donated to supporting the students of the University.

Approved

## Agenda Committee

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

## DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST RULES FOR THE OKANAGAN AND VANCOUVER SENATES

Senator Arthur presented a draft Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Rules for the Okanagan and Vancouver Senates for information and asked for feedback to come in over the summer.

Senator Cioe expressed a concern with the approach of the document saying it was too proscriptive. The University acknowledges and tries to accommodate things and should do that here.

## Appeals on Standing and Discipline

The Chair of the Senate Appeals Committee, Dr Robert Campbell presented.

## ANNUAL REPORT



Dr Campbell thanked his Committee for their work. He noted that as set out in his written report, in the past year, the Committee had heard one non-academic misconduct appeal, and one Policy 131 (Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct) appeal. The Policy 131 appeal was allowed.

## Curriculum Committee

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

### REVISED BACHELOR OF ARTS

Peter Arthur	}	<i>That the structure of the revised Bachelor of Arts program be approved in principle, with final approval of the complete revised program and any associated courses and publication in the academic calendar to be conditional upon subsequent approval by the Senate Curriculum Committee and Senate.</i>
Barbara Rutherford		

Dr Mukherjee-Reed congratulated the faculty on what she described as a major step forward.

Approved

NB: Senator Cioe noted as opposed

### MAY 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 Applied Science, the revised Bachelor of Science requirements, new minor in Geospatial Information Science new GIS course code and new courses brought forward from the Faculty of Arts and Science and the new courses brought forward from the Faculty of Creative &amp; Critical Studies.</i>
Yves Lucet		

Dr S. Lawrence said that the environment survey for the minor in geospatial lengthened the proposal unnecessarily.

Senator Cioe suggested that we make these appendices in the future.





Senator Roberts said that it was problematic for courses to speak to a degree in sustainability that we do not have.

Senator Cioe said it made sense to create the courses first and then decide if and how we want a degree in sustainability.

Dean *Pro Tem*. Rutherford said a degree proposal would be coming to senate in the early fall.

Approved

### Learning and Research Committee

The Chair of the Learning & Research Committee, Dr Deborah Roberts, presented.

#### Candidates for Emeritus status

*See Appendix C: Emeritus Report*

Deborah Roberts	}	<i>That the attached list of individuals for emeritus status be approved and that, pursuant to section 9(2) of the University Act, that they be added to the Roll of Convocation.</i>
Peter Arthur		

*By general consent, the proposal was amended to read Linda ALLAN not Alla.*

Approved as  
Amended

### Nominating Committee

The Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee, Dr Jannik Eikenaar, presented.

#### SENATE MEMBERSHIP

Dr Eikenaar noted that with the change in offices between Dr Buszard and Dr Mukherjee-Reed, the latter has now assumed the seat held on the Senate by the former as Academic Vice-President. To restore the status quo ante with regards to Senate, the Committee would recommend that voting membership on Senate be granted to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and that the now-redundant voting membership held by the former “Provost (UBC Okanagan)” position be withdrawn

Jannik Eikenaar	}	<i>That, pursuant to Section 35.1(3)(j) of the University Act, the position of “Deputy Vice-</i>
Jan Cioe		



*Chancellor and Principal (UBC Okanagan)” be added to the membership of Senate as an ex officio, voting member; and*

*That the position of “Provost (UBC Okanagan)” be removed from the membership of Senate.*

Approved

### **Vice-Chair of Senate**

Jannik Eikenaar  
Dwyane Tannant

}

*That Dr Peter Arthur be elected as Vice-Chair of Senate until 31 August 2019 and thereafter until replaced.*

Approved

### **President’s Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Policy 18)**

Jannik Eikenaar  
Dwayne Tannant

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*That Ms Tamara Ebl, Dr Barbara Rutherford, Dr Jennifer Jakobi, and Ms Heather Berringer be appointed to the President’s Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Deputy Vice-Chancellor for the Okanagan campus.*

Approved

### **President’s Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Vice-President, Human Resources (Policy 34)**

Jannik Eikenaar  
Peter Arthur

}

*That Dr Gino DiLabio (Professor and Head, Chemistry), be appointed to the President’s Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Vice-President Human Resources.*

Approved

### **Appointments to Committees of Senate and the Council of Senates**



Jannik Eikenaar  
Peter Arthur

} *That Mr Jesse Lafontaine and Ms Laura Mudde be appointed to the Council Budget Committee until 31 March 2020 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Ms Brittany MacBean and Mr Jassim Naqvi;*  
*That Mr Jesse Lafontaine, Ms Gurjot Sidhu, and Ms Abbey Shields be appointed to the Academic Policy Committee until 31 March 2020 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Ms Lois Fraser, Mr Venedic Tamondong, and Ms Megan Harper;*  
*That Mr Jassim Naqvi be appointed to the Admissions & Awards Committee until 31 March 2020 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Mr Uchenna Anyaoha;*  
*That the term of Mr Shao Yuan Chong on the Admissions & Awards Committee be extended until 31 March 2020 and thereafter until replaced;*  
*That Mr Venedict Tamomdong and Ms Deborah Efretuei be appointed to the Agenda Committee until 31 March 2020 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Ms Lois Fraser and Mr Yeuting Chen;*  
*That Mr Hogun Kang, and Ms Gabrielle Pintard-Newry be appointed to the Appeals on Standing & Discipline Committee until 31 March 2020 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Ms Rachelle Snider and Mr Jackson Traplin, with the proviso that those members who are currently considering an appeal remain as members until such time as that appeal is resolved;*  
*That the term of Mr Jassim Naqvi on the Appeals on Standing & Discipline Committee be extended until 31 March 2020 and thereafter until replaced;*  
*That Ms Simran Sandhu and Ms Geethma Jayathilake be appointed to the Curriculum Committee until 31 March 2020 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Mr Venedict Tamondong and Mr Andrew Pipke; and*  
*That Ms Gabrielle Pintard-Newry and Ms Geethma Jayathilake be appointed to the Learning & Research Committee until 31 March 2020 and*



*thereafter until replaced, to replace Ms Barb Dawson and Mr Andrew Pipke.*

Approved

### **Adjournment**

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.



## **Appendix A: Awards Report**

### **NEW AWARDS:**

#### **Najjaran Family Bursary in Engineering**

A \$2,000 bursary has been made available through an endowment established by Homayoun Najjaran for a fourth-year undergraduate student in the Manufacturing Engineering program in the School of Engineering in the Faculty of Applied Science at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference is given to the student with the highest GPA over years one through three. The bursary is adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2021/22 Winter Session)

#### **Nadira Sadiq Memorial Bursary in Engineering**

A \$2,000 bursary has been made available through an endowment established by the Sadiq family, in memory of Nadira Sadiq, for a female undergraduate student in the School of Engineering in the Faculty of Applied Science at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Nadira Sadiq (1944-2018) was a homemaker and raised four children. She never went to university, but always wanted her children to be highly educated. This bursary, in her honour, will give students in the School of Engineering valuable assistance in their own pursuit of higher education. The bursary is adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2019/20 Winter Session)

#### **Mina Hoorfar Bursary in Engineering**

A \$2,000 bursary has been made available through an endowment established by Mina Hoorfar for a female undergraduate student in the School of Engineering in the Faculty of Applied Science at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The bursary is adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2021/22 Winter Session)

#### **Liz and Lindsay Gordon Centennial Indigenous Scholars Award**

A \$ 10,000 renewable entrance award has been made available through an endowment established by Lindsay and Elizabeth Gordon, along with matching funds from The University of British Columbia, to First Nations, Inuit, or Metis undergraduate students of Canada entering the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus directly from secondary school or transferring from another post-secondary institution to an undergraduate program of study. Recipients are academically qualified with preference to students who would not be able to attend UBC without financial assistance. In addition to academic merit, consideration is given to qualities such as leadership skills, community service and recognized extra-curricular achievement. Subject to continued academic standing, the awards will be renewed for a further three years of study or until the first undergraduate degree is obtained (whichever is the shorter period). The awards are



made on the recommendation of the adjudication committee. (First award available 2020/21 Winter Session)

**REVISED AWARDS:**

**Ronald Soligo Entrance Award**

Existing description:

A \$2,000 academic entrance award **is offered annually** has been made available through an endowment established by alumnus Ronald Soligo (B.A. 1958) for a student entering an undergraduate program at UBC Okanagan with preference given to students who completed their secondary school from J Lloyd Crowe Secondary School. Preference is given to those who would not be able to attend UBC without significant financial assistance. In the event there are not any eligible candidates in a given year the award will go to a student from School District 20 and, in the case that there are not any eligible candidates from School District 20, then the award will go to a student from School District 8. The award is made on the recommendation of the adjudication committee.

Amended Description:

A \$2,000 academic entrance award has been made available through an endowment established by alumnus Ronald Soligo (B.A. 1958) for a student entering an undergraduate program at UBC Okanagan with preference given to students who completed their secondary school from J Lloyd Crowe Secondary School. Preference is given to those who would not be able to attend UBC without significant financial assistance. In the event there are not any eligible candidates in a given year the award will go to a student from School District 20 and, in the case that there are not any eligible candidates from School District 20, then the award will go to a student from School District 8. The award is made on the recommendation of the adjudication committee.



## **Appendix B: Curriculum Report**

### **FROM THE FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE**

ENGR 464 (3) Distributed Ledger Technologies with Engineering Applications

### **FROM THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Bachelor of Science

Minor in Geospatial Information Science

GISC course code

GISC 380 (3) Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science I

GISC 381 (3) Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science II

GISC 480 (3) Practical Applications in GIS

ANTH 427 (3) (In)Visible Histories: Heritage and the Politics of Memory

EESC 104 (3) Four Billion Years and Counting

EESC 106 (3) The Catastrophic Earth

ECON 338 / PHIL 361 (3) Introduction to the Austrian School of Economics

HIST 106 (3) Global Environmental History

HIST 395 (3) Environmental History of North America

GEOG 201/SUST 201 (3) Introduction to Research in Sustainability and Geography

### **FROM THE FACULTY OF CREATIVE AND CRITICAL STUDIES**

ENGL 156 (3) Environmental Literature

WRLD 382 (3) Cross-cultural Travel Narratives

**Appendix C: Emeritus Report**

First Name	Last Name	Faculty	Emeritus Title
Janet	McArthur	Creative and Critical Studies	Associate Professor Emeritus of English
Peter	Urmetzer	Arts and Sciences	Associate Professor Emeritus of Sociology
Murray	Neuman	Arts and Sciences	Associate Professor Emeritus of Physics
Linda	Allan	Arts and Sciences	Associate Professor Emeritus of Psychology
Carolyn	MacHardy	Creative and Critical Studies	Associate Professor Emeritus of Art History
Linda	Hatt	Arts and Sciences	Associate Professor Emeritus of Psychology
Mary E.	Forest	Arts and Sciences	Associate Professor Emeritus of Biology



