



VANCOUVER SENATE

MINUTES OF 22 JANUARY 2020

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Attendance

Present: S. J. Ono (Chair), K. Ross (Secretary), D. Agosti-Moro, T. Ahmed, S. Bates, R. Boushel, J. Chai, C. Dauvergne, B. Fischer, S. Forwell, J. Gilbert, C. Gilby, A. Gonzalez, S. Haffey, C. Hakim, P. Harrison, J. M. Holmes, A. Ivanov, P. Keown, A. Kindler, M. Koehoorn, C. Koenig, C. Krebs, M. Kuus, P. Loewen, P. Marshall, S. Matsui, W. McKee, L. Milroy, A. Murphy, J. Olson, T. Onifade, N. Pang, S. Porter, N. Rygnestad-Stahl, A. Sheppard, S. Singh, A. Szeri, A. Tanner, R. Tees, M. Thachuk, S. Thorne, V. Tsang, G. Tsiakos, R. Yada

Regrets: M. Aronson, G. Averill, V. Bungay, J. Burnham, L. Burr, P. Choi, A. Collier, M. Coughtrie, R. Djavanmardi, A. Dulay, G. Faulkner, A. Fisher, B. Frank, I. Frigaard, C. Godwin, L. Gordon, S. Grayston, J. Greenman, V. Griess, R. Helsley, J. Innes, M. Isaacson, C. Jaeger, D. Kelleher, P. Keown, H. Leong, K. Lo, D. MacDonald, M. MacDougall, C. Marshall, B. McNulty, P. Meehan, S. Ngo, C. Nislow, T. Rogers, J. Shepherd, M. Stewart, L. Stothers, C. Suriawan, R. Ty, E. Suzman.

Clerk: C. Eaton

Call to Order

The Chair of Senate, Dr Santa J. Ono, called the fourth regular meeting of the Vancouver Senate for the 2019/2020 Academic Year to order at 6:04 pm.

Minutes of 18 December 2019

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| Richard Tees | } | <i>That the Minutes of the Meeting of 18 December 2019 be adopted as corrected:</i> |
| Julia Chai | | |

Corrections:

Senator Haffey's comments on p. 9 conclude with "people who wished to speak against a motion"

Motion to postpone not approved on p. 9.

Krebs – substitute emergencies for organizations on p. 9



Approved

President's Remarks

The President and Chair of the Senate, Professor Santa Ono, noted that last week universities across Canada observed a moment of silence for the victims on Ukrainian International Airlines Flight 752. He asked for Senate to also observe a moment of silence for those who lost their lives.

Dr Ono welcomed Dr Nadine Caron as the founding First Nations Health Authority Chair in Cancer and Wellness. He also noted that, last week, UBC officially opened the renovated and expanded Biological Science Building.

Tributes Committee

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

MEMORIAL MINUTE FOR DR LUIS DE SOBRINO

The Senate Tributes Committee wishes to pay their respects towards Professor Emeritus Luis Sobrino, who passed on 11 November 2019.

Luis Gonzaga de Sobrino y Sierra was born in Cadiz, Spain on 16 November 1929. On 12 March 1957 he married Margarita (Margara) de la Lastra y Terry, to whom he remained married until her death in 2002. After deserting from the Spanish Navy, Luis went to the United States in 1957 to pursue an MSc and PhD in Nuclear Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon completing his Doctorate in 1960, he accepted a teaching position in the Physics Department at the University of British Columbia, became a full professor in 1968, and remained at UBC until his retirement in 1995. He served as a Representative of Joint Faculties in the UBC Senate from 1984 to 1993; at various times he also served as the Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee.

Dr. Sobrino was one of the founders of the UBC's Arts One and later Science One programs, and was also active in the peace movement as a founding member of the Vancouver Science for Peace Chapter and as an advisory board member with Physicians for Social Responsibility. He was a well-regarded teacher and scholar, who certainly influenced departmental decisions. To his family and friends, the Senate and the University of British Columbia extend their condolences and thanks.

Sally Thorne
Chris Hakim

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



Approved

Academic Policy Committee

The Chair of the Senate Academic Policy Committee, Dr Paul Harrison, presented.

CANCER INSTITUTE

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| Paul Harrison | } | <i>That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that the British Columbia Cancer Research Institute be established within the Faculty of Medicine effective 1 March 2020, as set out in the attached proposal.</i> |
| Richard Tees | | |

Dr Harrison noted that this would be the last research institute being recommended by the Academic Policy Committee, as responsibility for centres and institutes was in the process of being transferred to the Senate Research and Scholarship Committee.

With permission of Senate, Dr Francois Benard presented on behalf of the Faculty of Medicine. He noted that this would be a research institute with \$70-100M in funded research; he advised that the group had already been functioning de facto as an institute but would like formal university approval.

The President noted the incredible work of the Faculty in this area and thanked Dr Benard for his leadership in this proposal.

Approved

PROFESSIONAL MASTERS PROGRAMS

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| Paul Harrison | } | <i>That Senate approve the revisions to the Academic Regulations for Professional Masters' programs in the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration set out in the attached proposal.</i> |
| Dante Agosti-Moro | | |

Approved



Awards Committee

A member of the Senate Awards Committee, Dr Robert Boushel presented.

AWARDS REPORT

See Appendix A: Awards Report

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| Robert Boushel | } | <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> |
| Chris Hakim | | |

Approved

Teaching and Learning Committee

The Chair of the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee, Dr Andre Ivanov, presented.

INTERIM REPORT ON STUDENT EVALUATIONS OF TEACHING

Dr Ivanov introduced Drs Dan Pratt and Simon Bates to present.

Dr Bates advised that this interim report was to present some emerging recommendations as the working group moved to present its final report later this academic year.

Dr Pratt said that the committee had four working principles: student voices should be heard, student evaluations of teaching are not judgments of teaching, contextualize the data, and bias will inevitably exist so we have to mitigate it.

Senator Gonzalez thanked the working group for its efforts.

Senator Thatchuk asked what would come from this process.

Dr Pratt said that eight recommendations have been made. The task of the committee was to look at student evaluations of teaching and we did make recommendations on how that could be integrated and interpreted with other evaluations of teaching.



Report from the Provost

2019-2020 ENROLMENT REPORT

The Provost, Dr Andrew Szeri, presented.

Dr Szeri highlighted the following data from his presented report:

- 55,802 students (*p.30, Table 4*) (2% increase over previous year)
- Delivered FTEs are at 40,078. 0% increase (112% of government funded FTE target) (*p.29*)
 - 107% undergraduate utilization
 - 144% graduate utilization
- 3.0% of domestic students are Aboriginal (n= 1,207) (*p.32*)
- 16,098 international students, a 4% increase (27% of undergrad pop 38% of grad) (*p. 34, Table 7*)

Dr Szeri noted that there were three focus groups of students he wished to bring to Senate's attention:

- Youth Formerly in Government Care

There are currently 54 former youth in government care students studying at UBC and receiving a tuition waiver. This is a 20% increase over last year.

- World University Service of Canada

8 new-to-UBC WUSC students enrolled this year. 38 Students in total on both campuses.

- Vantage College

In 2019/20, students transitioned into; Arts (V campus), Science (V) and Engineering (V and O). This year there are 235 student in the Arts Vantage stream, 136 in the Science stream and 69 in the Applied Science stream.

Dr Ono noted the difference between the campuses for out of province students. Is there a trend for growth within Canada at Vancouver?

With permission of Senate, Vice-Provost Pamela Ratner replied. She said that yes, we have increased our Canadian recruitment efforts for people outside of BC. Typically, only 10% of Canadians leave their home province for higher education. On that basis, she suggested that UBC was doing well.



Senator Singh said that in a figure it looked like domestic students have flat lined versus international and this optically presented challenges. He asked if there was any way to increase domestic enrolment.

Dr Szeri said that we are faced with a 20% demographic dip for Canadian students. Overall, we should see a decline in applications but these should be smaller for UBC given the quality of the institution. Last year, we saw a 3% decline in domestic applications, which is what we expected. Over the past decade, the admit rate has hovered around 70-80% and has been constant despite that dip. We have not become any more or less restrictive to domestic applicants over time.

Dr Singh asked if Simon Fraser or Victoria had similar challenges

Dr Ratner said that we worked collaboratively in the BC system and many were struggling to meet their targets unlike UBC. In a cooperative spirit we have not exceeded our targets to their detriment.

Dr Ross said that applications for this year seemed slightly up.

Senator Holmes said that looking at utilization this year which was 107%; he asked what our target was.

Dr Ratner said 105%.

Senator Holmes asked what was the cost of being over 100% and if we were creating a problem?

The Provost said it could be calculated; there was a cost but there was also a benefit to hundreds of students.

Dr Ross said that it would increase or competitiveness.

Senator Tanner note that degree completion rate for PhDs was heading towards 5 years and what was being done.

Dean Porter said that it was a complex issue. We are conscious of the factors that are controllable and those that are not. We do our best to fund students, follow progress rigorously, but there are some things out of our control.

Dr Tees said that if we overenrolled we do not have government support for those students; this was a particular issue for graduate students.

Dr Szeri said that it was a matter of a conversation with the government each year. Graduate funding does not have bespoke funding in BC. Government support for



graduate education, such as Ontario provides, does not have an analogue in BC. Last year the government did make an appropriation directly for BC graduate student support but this was one-year funding. We used this as matching funds for Blue and Gold and doubled it. We have brought this to the government with a request for continuation.

Senator Ty noted that the 6 year completion rate was 80%; he asked what the reasons are for the 20%

Dr Ratner said it was a mixed group. We do have students who have been here for 10 years but are still making progress towards their degrees.

The Registrar said across north America the average was 60%.

Senator Singh noted that doctoral admissions were down and asked why.

The Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies said that true across Canada.

Other Business

SENATOR HARRISON'S MOTION REGARDING ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

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| Paul Harrison | } | <i>Given that some universities in China have specifically removed reference to academic freedom from their governing documents and given that UBC Vancouver has student exchange and other agreements with those institutions, this Senate requests the Vice-President Academic and Provost to arrange for a review of such relationships and report back to Senate by May 2020.</i> |
| Richard Tees | | |

Dr Harrison expressed a concern given media reports and expressed that it would be prudent to review our relationships to ensure that our people are aware of what was expected at those institutions.

Senator Agosti-Moro asked if this would extent past those that had just changed their formal charters.

Senator Harrison said that this motion was directed at those that made formal changes.



Senator Kindler expressed a concern with the wording of the motion. She was not sure what was meant by reviewing; she appreciated that Senator Harrison's motivation was not pointed at rescinding such agreements. Secondly, she expressed concern that we were reacting to media reports singling out those institutions without reacting to those institutions around the world that are also silent on the issue or may have policies that conflict with the idea of academic freedom.

Senator Holmes agreed with Senator Kindler.

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| J. Maximillian Holmes | } | <i>That "in China" be struck from the motion and</i> |
| Dante Agosti-Moro | | <i>that by "by May 2020" be struck and replaced by</i> |
| | | <i>"and report back to Senate with an interim report</i> |
| | | <i>by October 2020 and with a final report when</i> |
| | | <i>completed."</i> |

The Provost said that we have relationships with over 500 universities. He noted that this amendment would mean tracking down each of their documents and report back by May 2020. This would be a burdensome task given the expanded scope. We would have to have a lot of people and may need translations.

Amendment
Approved

Senator Thorne said that she was comfortable with passing the motion if the Provost could exercise some judgment on what we are reviewing. There is a risk in this conversation in viewing a statement on academic freedom as a blanket good and that was a problem in a world where such statements are more complicated.

The Provost asked what we would do with the data. For instance, he asked if we would strike the agreements from those institutions who made changes.

Dr Harrison said that he hoped that this would make UBC pay attention to the notion of academic freedom and that our people are well informed of what they are getting involved with when they work with foreign institutions.

Senator Murphy said that a statement would not tell us everything we needed to know about an institution. She drew the example of India where policy can differ from practice.

Senator Krebs said that it was important for UBC to consider its values and ensure that these are shared by those we chose to partner with. How does UBC project its values in the world? When it comes to academic freedom we do not need to review all agreements – some countries have constitutional protections for academic freedoms. Policies are also changing rapidly as countries



change. Does that mean that we break off a partnership if a university no longer shares our values? She suggested that we may do so.

Senator Thatchuk said that we have our values and we should be careful how we apply those to the rest of the world. He suggested that this motion would mean a lot of work without a lot of value. If people want to go on exchange they can look up these policies and practices themselves.

Senator Kindler spoke against the motion. She would be concerned if we determined our relationships with other institutions on the basis of whether they had statements or policies they had on academic freedom. Aside from the possible misalignment between such statements and actual practices, she also noted that the UBC community should be able to engage not just with like-minded partners. She felt that working with students and scholars from countries or institutions without such policies would be particularly valuable for them, help expand our understanding of their experience, and create more meaningful opportunities for expression of our values than disengaging.

Dr Harrison said that this was to seek information and academic freedom was one of our core values.

Senator Gilby noted that sending our students abroad may share notions of academic freedom.

Senator Krebs said that this was a review and a collection of data, not a call for specific action.

Senator Holmes said that we are focusing on one very specific value we have at UBC. If we did a review of agreements for all our values that would be different. He expressed a concern with us reviewing something and collecting data before we knew what we would do with that information. He suggested reviewing this to a committee.

Dr Tees noted that the original motion had limited scope and was focused.

Senator Matsui said that partnering with UBC was a great honour and gave status to our partners.

Paul Harrison
Richard Tees

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Approved as
Amended

ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT RESEARCH

The Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee, Dr Richard Tees, presented a motion from the floor.

Richard Tees
Paul Harrison

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That Dr Robert Boushel and Dr Theresa Rogers be appointed to the President's Advisory Committee for the Selection of an Associate Vice-President Research and Innovation.

Approved

Report from the Provost

UPDATE ON ACADEMIC RENEWAL

Sean Haffey
Riley Ty

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That Senate consider this agenda item in camera.

Approved

Adjournment

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.



Appendix A: Awards Report

NEW AWARDS – ANNUAL

Kathleen D. Butler and David Ferguson Centennial Award in Commerce

A \$10,000 entrance award has been made available annually through a gift from Kathleen D. Butler (B. Com. 1992) and David Ferguson for outstanding domestic students entering the Bachelor of Commerce program directly from secondary school or transferring from another post-secondary institution. Recipients are academically qualified and 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 award will be renewed for a further three years of study or until the first undergraduate degree is obtained (whichever is the shorter period). Kathleen and David have three children, and understand that attending university can be expensive. They created this award to help make education more accessible by easing the financial burden of an aspiring UBC student. The award is made on the recommendation of the Centennial Scholars Entrance Award Committee. (First award available for the 2020/2021 winter session).

CREW Vancouver and Conwest Award for Women in Real Estate

Awards totalling \$2,000 have been made available annually through a gift from Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Vancouver and Conwest Group of Companies for domestic female Bachelor of Commerce students who have achieved good academic standing, demonstrated an interest in real estate and shown leadership skills through community involvement or volunteerism. Conwest is a local, privately-owned developer with a 35-year history specializing in industrial, commercial, and residential projects in Metro Vancouver. This award was created in remembrance of Lee Hester (Dip. Urban Land Economics 1993), a commercial real estate broker and member of CREW Vancouver, and in recognition of his work with CREW Vancouver to empower women in the commercial real estate industry. The awards are made on the recommendation of the UBC Sauder School of Business. (First award available for the 2020/2021 winter session).

Master of Laws in Taxation Bursary

Bursaries are offered annually by the Peter A. Allard School of Law for graduate students in the Master of Laws in Taxation (LL.M.(T)) 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.

Benjamin Pham Bursary in Commerce



Bursaries totalling \$2,000 have been made available annually through a gift from Benjamin Pham (B. Com. 2002) for students in the Bachelor of Commerce program. Preference will be given to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students of Canada. Ben Pham would not have been able to complete his degree without financial assistance and created this bursary to help support current students in the UBC Sauder School of Business. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2020/2021 winter session).

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AWARDS WITH CHANGES IN TERMS OR FUNDING SOURCE

ENDOWED AWARDS

4049 – Dave Brown Memorial Thunderbird Rugby Award

Rationale for Proposed Changes

This award was previously approved as an award for members of the men's rugby team. The Department of Athletics would like the award to be for members of both the men's and women's rugby teams to reflect Dave Brown's contributions to rugby at UBC. As discussed with University Counsel this amendment to the award description is within the stated purpose of the endowment which is to support awards for student athletes in the rugby program.

Current Award Description

One or more awards, which may range from a minimum value of \$500 each to the maximum allowable under athletic association regulations, have been made available through an endowment established by UBC Rugby Alumni in memory of UBC Rugby General Manager Dave Brown, for current or incoming UBC men's rugby student athletes who display exemplary leadership, strong character and dedication to the sport. This award recognizes Dave Brown's contributions to the sport of rugby nationally and provincially, and his work in supporting UBC Rugby in its goal of becoming the premier university rugby program in North America. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics Award Committee. (First award available for the 2019/2020 winter session).

Proposed Award Description

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awards are made on the recommendation of the Head Coaches of the Men and Women's Rugby Teams, with review and approval by the Athletics Award Committee. (First award available for the 2019/2020 winter session).

ANNUAL AWARDS

5006 – Spitz Family Transfer Award for Aboriginal Women

Rationale for Proposed Changes

The UBC Sauder School of Business and the donor would like to increase the amount of awards available. The language used to refer to Indigenous students has also been updated.

Current Award Description

A \$10,000 award is offered by the Spitz Family to a female Aboriginal student entering the Bachelor of Commerce program from a post-secondary institution other than UBC, with preference given to candidates coming from remote communities in BC. Community involvement and financial need will be considered. The award may be renewed until graduation from the B.Com. program, provided the recipient remains in good academic standing. The award is made on the recommendation of the Sauder School of Business.

Proposed Award Name: Spitz Family Transfer Award for ~~Aboriginal~~ Indigenous Women

Proposed Award Description

A One or more awards is of at least \$10,000 each are offered annually by the Spitz Family to a female ~~Aboriginal student~~ First Nations, Inuit, or Métis students of Canada entering the Bachelor of Commerce program from a post-secondary institution other than UBC, with preference given to candidates coming from remote communities in BC. Community involvement and financial need will be considered. The awards may be renewed until graduation from the B.Com. program, provided the recipients remains in good academic standing. The awards is are made on the recommendation of the UBC Sauder School of Business.