

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Council of Senates Secretariat

Enrolment Services
Senate and Curriculum Services
2016-1874 East Mall
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1

www.students.ubc.ca/council

Council of Senates

AGENDA

THE SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SENATES

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2006

6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

**DVC BOARDROOM, SSC 102, STUDENT SERVICES CENTRE
(OKANAGAN CAMPUS)**

1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda
(approval)
2. Minutes of the Meeting of March 17, 2006
(approval) (circulated)
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
4. Remarks from the Chair & Related Questions -- President Martha C. Piper
(information)
5. Executive Committee -- Dean Michael Isaacson
Presidential Referral: UBC Degrees for Alumni of Okanagan University College
(approval) (circulated)
6. Ad Hoc Committee to Consider Council Membership -- Dr. Paul G. Harrison
(approval) (circulated)
7. Other Business

Regrets: Lisa Collins, telephone 604.822.2951 or email: lisa.collins@ubc.ca

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Enrolment Services
Senate and Curriculum Services
2016–1874 East Mall
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1
students.ubc.ca/senate

Council of Senates

MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 17, 2006

Attendance

Present: President M. C. Piper (Chair), Dr. A. McEachern (Chancellor), Mr. G. August, Principal J. H. V. Gilbert, Dr. P. G. Harrison, Dean M. Isaacson, Mr. M. Koovisk, Dr. P. L. Marshall, Dr. D. McLean, Ms. L. McLean, Mr. P. Orchard, Dr. D. Salhani, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President R. C. Tees, Vice-President L. A. Whitehead, Dr. M. Williams, Mr. B. J. Silzer (Secretary).

Regrets: Dr. S. McCoubrey, Mr. Z. Webster, Dr. R. A. Yaworsky.

Recording Secretary: Ms. L. M. Collins.

By Invitation: Mr. C. Eaton.

Call to Order

The President called the inaugural meeting of the Council of Senates to order.

Council Membership

The Secretary had circulated for information the following list of Council Members.

Ex officio: *University Act, S. 38.1(1)(a through d)*

Dr Allan McEachern, Chancellor

Dr Martha C Piper, President

Dr Richard C Tees, Acting Academic Vice-President, UBC Okanagan

Dr Lorne A Whitehead, Academic Vice-President, UBC Vancouver

Elected Members of the Vancouver Senate: *University Act, S. 38.1(1)(e)*

Dr David McLean, Faculty Senator, UBC Vancouver

Council Membership, continued

Dr Ronald Yaworsky, Convocation Senator, UBC Vancouver

Ms Lianne McLean Student Senator, UBC Vancouver

Mr Phil Orchard, Student Senator, UBC Vancouver

Elected Members of the Okanagan Senate: *University Act, S. 38.1(1)(f)*

Dr Maurice Williams, Faculty Senator, UBC Okanagan

Mr Gary August, Convocation Senator, UBC Okanagan

Mr Matt Koovisk, Student Senator, UBC Okanagan

Mr Zach Webster, Student Senator, UBC Okanagan

Chairs of Vancouver Senate Committees: *University Act, S. 38.1(1)(h)*

Dr John Gilbert, Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee, UBC Vancouver

Dr Paul Harrison, Chair of the Senate Academic Policy Committee, UBC Vancouver

Dr Peter Marshall, Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee, UBC Vancouver

Chairs of Okanagan Senate Committees: *University Act, S. 38.1(1)(i)*

Dr Michael Isaacson, Chair of the Senate Policies and Procedures Committee, UBC Okanagan

Dr Sharon McCoubrey, Chair of the Senate Admissions and Awards Committee, UBC Okanagan

Dr Daniel Salhani, Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee, UBC Okanagan

Vacancies: *University Act, Section 38.1(1)(g)*

One or 2 persons designated by the president and, if 2 are designated, one must be designated for the Okanagan Senate and one must be designated for the Vancouver Senate.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Koovisk } *That the meeting agenda be adopted.*
Dr. Williams

Carried.

Remarks from the Chair and Related Questions

President Piper welcomed Councillors to the first meeting of the Council of Senates, which she described as an historic event, and thanked Councillors for their willingness to serve.

The President reminded Councillors that the two campus-based Senates had disagreed on an issue related to Council membership, namely the number of Senate Committee Chairs each Senate ought to send to the Council. The President had established the Council with equal representation as an interim measure so that the Council could begin its work.

President Piper expressed the opinion that both the Vancouver and Okanagan Senates were operating well, and noted that the relative “health” of the Senates would affect the function of the Council. She thanked Councillors for their respective roles in establishing the Okanagan Senate and the Council of Senates. Next steps for the Council included establishing its committees and determining which issues ought to be considered by the Council.

Rules and Procedures

Note: The full text of the draft rules and procedures documents is not included in the Minutes. Copies are available from the Assistant Registrar, Senate & Curriculum Services.

RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE COUNCIL OF SENATES

Dean Isaacson had circulated for approval the Rules and Procedures of the Council of Senates. The document had been drafted by the Secretary to the Senates in consultation

Rules and Procedures, continued

with the University Counsel. If approved, the document would constitute a framework within which the Council would operate while determining regulations necessary for the proper conduct of its business.

The Secretary circulated the following corrections to the document:

1. Section 22 (a) “designated” should be “designate.”
2. Section 26 (g) “no already included” should be “not already included.”
3. Section 27 “but a vote of two thirds” should be “and a vote of two-thirds.”

*Dean Isaacson } That the proposed Rules and Procedures of
Principal Gilbert } the Council of Senates be adopted; and*

*That the Executive Committee of the
Council of Senates be directed to review the
Rules and Procedures and the operation of
the Council of Senates in a general sense and
report back to the Council of Senates with
any recommendations for changes thereof
no later than March 2007.*

DISCUSSION

The Secretary agreed to make several additional typographic corrections. After discussion, proposals to strike Sections 15 and 32 were **adopted without challenge**.

The amended
motion was put
and carried.

INTERIM ELECTIONS REGULATIONS

The Secretary had circulated for approval the following regulations:

1. Interim Election Regulations for the Vancouver Campus;
2. Interim Election Regulations for the Okanagan Campus;

Rules and Procedures, continued

3. Interim Non-Act Election Regulations.

*Principal Gilbert }
Dr. Harrison } That the Council of Senates approve the
 interim election regulations; and*

*That the Council of Senates direct the
Elections Committee to consider and
propose permanent election regulations in
consultation with the Registrar; and*

*That the Elections Committee report back
to the Council of Senates with its
recommendations no later than September
2006.*

DISCUSSION

Chancellor McEachern expressed the opinion that the Okanagan and Vancouver Senates should have a chance to review election regulations before submission to the Council of Senates for approval. Ms. Collins suggested that the Elections Committee could undertake this consultation before reporting back to the Council.

The motion was
put and carried.

AD HOC COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Dean Isaacson had circulated a proposal to strike an ad hoc committee to consider the allotment of committee chair seats from each Senate to the Council of Senates. He reminded Councillors that the Vancouver and Okanagan Senates had disagreed with respect to whether this representation should be equal. The President had proceeded to establish the Council with equal representation, with the understanding that the Council

Ad hoc Committee to Consider Council Membership, continued

would itself determine its permanent composition.

*Dean Isaacson } That an ad hoc Committee on Membership
Dr. Harrison } be struck to consider the issue of allotment
 } of committee chair seats from each Senate to
 } the Council of Senates, and the membership
 } of the Council generally; and*

*That the ad hoc Committee comprise:
Three Councillors from those elected from
the Okanagan Senate;
Three Councillors from those elected from
the Vancouver Senate; and
The two chairs of the Vancouver and
Okanagan Senate committees that reviewed
the Council of Senates (Dr. John Gilbert and
Dr. Bernard Bauer); and*

*That the ad hoc Committee submit its
recommendations to the Council of Senates
by the next regular meeting.*

DISCUSSION

The following amendments to the motion were **adopted without challenge** (added text in bold):

Three Councillors from those elected from the Okanagan Senate, **one of whom shall be a faculty member and one of whom shall be a student;**

Three Councillors from those elected from the Vancouver Senate, **one of whom shall be a faculty member and one of whom shall be a student;**

There was discussion about whether the term “faculty member” applied to those faculty also holding a senior administrative appointment. There was general agreement that Deans and Vice-Presidents would not be considered faculty members for purposes of appointment to the ad hoc Committee.

The amended
motion was put
and carried.

In response to a request from Principal Gilbert, the recording secretary agreed to append to the Minutes for quick reference the Report of the Joint ad hoc Committee to Consider the Establishment of the Council of Senates (see Appendix A).

En'owkin Affiliation Agreement

The Registrar had forwarded for approval on behalf of the Okanagan Senate an affiliation agreement between UBC and the En'owkin Centre. Approval by the Council was required under the *University Act*, Section 38.2 (4). The agreement had been endorsed by the Okanagan Senate and forwarded to the Council for final approval.

<i>Dr. Tees</i>	}	<i>That the Council of Senates approve the En'owkin Affiliation Agreement as circulated.</i>
<i>Dean Isaacson</i>		

DISCUSSION

The Chancellor stated that both campus-based Senates should have the opportunity to review affiliation agreements that were intended to apply to the UBC system. Chancellor McEachern was hopeful that each of the Senates would become well informed with respect to the activities of the other Senate. Drs. McLean and Harrison encouraged that the agreement be forwarded to the Vancouver Senate for information. The President acknowledged that the agreement under consideration had system-wide implications, but stated that each of the campuses should be free to negotiate partnerships without concern that the other campus would negate those arrangements. Dr. Tees summarized the issue by stating it would be necessary to fine-tune the degree of consultation between Senates as each Senate conducted its business. He noted that any academic programs created as a result of the En'owkin Agreement would be subject to Senate approval.

En'owkin Affiliation Agreement, continued

In response to a question from Principal Gilbert, the President and Vice-President Whitehead confirmed that the drafting of the En'owkin agreement had prompted some discussion between UBC and elders of the Musqueam Indian Band.

The motion was
put and carried.

STUDENT MOBILITY AGREEMENTS

There was general discussion about whether student exchange agreements (also known as student mobility agreements) would require Council of Senates approval. The President stated that agreements that were intended to apply to the entire UBC system fell under the jurisdiction of the Council for approval, and that they could be reported to each campus-based Senate for information.

Other Business

COUNCIL OF SENATES SECRETARIAT

Dean Isaacson requested that the Minutes record an expression of appreciation for the hard work undertaken by Mr. Brian Silzer, Ms. Lisa Collins, and Mr. Christopher Eaton in support establishing the Council of Senates.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The following regular meeting of the Council of Senates was to be scheduled to take place in Kelowna in June 2006.

APPENDIX A: REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE COUNCIL OF SENATES

Background

UBC Okanagan opened officially on July 1, 2005. In order to accommodate this historic development in the UBC system, The *University Act* was amended (*University Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, C. 468) and a Council of Senates of the University of British Columbia was created (see Section 38.1 of the *University Act*). An Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the Council of Senates was established by the Interim Academic Governing Body of UBC Okanagan on March 22, 2005. The Vancouver Senate established a similar ad hoc Committee on March 23, 2005.

Mandate of the Two Campus-Based Ad Hoc Committees

The broad mandate of the two Ad Hoc Committees was to consider and make recommendations for the establishment of the UBC Council of Senates, including recommendations pertaining to the roles, responsibilities, rules and procedures of the Council of Senates relative to the Vancouver and Okanagan Senates.

Both the Okanagan and Vancouver Ad Hoc Committees met several times separately during the summer and then jointly in early September. The following report resulting from their deliberations is forwarded as a consensus document for consideration by the Okanagan Senate and the Vancouver Senate. The recommendations, if adopted, would provide a framework for the Council of Senates to have an inaugural meeting at which time the Council itself could set its own rules and procedures with guidance from the report.

The Ad Hoc Committees, while recognizing that neither Senate has authority to mandate changes to the *University Act*, propose some recommendations that will require such changes. These will need to be considered carefully by both Senates as well as the Council of Senates once it is operational.

DISCUSSION

1. Role of Council of Senates

The Ad Hoc Committees expressed concerns regarding the potentially far-reaching powers of the Council of Senates as allowed by the *University Act*. In particular, there is mutual concern about the fact that the Council will be able to refer matters to itself (see Section 38.2 (1)) and thereby usurp the authorities and responsibilities of the campus-based Senates. A corollary concern is that the Council will be seen as a dispute-resolving body for routine issues that are properly discussed and adjudicated by the campus-based Senates. It is recommended, therefore, that:

Appendix A: Report of the ad hoc Committee to Consider the Council of Senates, continued

- a. The role of the Council should be one of broad system-wide oversight, rather than problem solving or “managerial”;
- b. The Council should ordinarily act only on issues that have been referred to it (except in those areas where the Council has clear authority, as outlined below), and then only on matters that are of system-wide significance; and
- c. The Council should interpret and respond to any issues referred to it by consulting an explicit body of documentation that might include: The *University Act*, TREK 2010, the Academic Plans of UBC V and UBC O, (and their successors), extant Board of Governors and Senate policies and precedents, and any other documents deemed useful in understanding the mission and scope of the UBC system.

2. Procedures

For a matter to be referred to the Council by either Senate, a vote of super majority (i.e., 3/4) within the Senate will be required. The quorum for the Council should be set relatively high, but only a simple majority will be required to pass most motions. The Council should meet at least once annually. At the end of the first year of operation, i.e., in January 2007, the joint Committees recommend that the President convene a Committee to review the Council. A process for undertaking such a review should be established at that time.

3. Elected Membership

Chairs of Senate Committees

UBC Okanagan is expecting to have six standing committees of Senate while UBC Vancouver currently has fourteen (excluding Budget and Elections). To compensate for the concern of undue influence, UBC Vancouver will suggest that the Chairs of six to eight committees be appointed to the Council of Senates, while UBC Okanagan will send all six standing committee Chairs to the Council.

The Chairs of the standing committees should not be elected by Senate but should be appointed by virtue of the nature of the Committee that they chair. In the case of UBC Vancouver, the Nominating Committee should consider and recommend which Committee chairs should be appointed to the Council. Suggestions based on current Committees are:

Curriculum, Admissions, Tributes, Academic Policy, Student Awards, Appeals on Academic Standing, Student Appeals on Academic Discipline.

Appendix A: Report of the ad hoc Committee to Consider the Council of Senates, continued

Student Representation

The *University Act* describes the composition of the Council of Senates (Section 38.1 (1)) and even though it allows for student membership through elections from among Senate members, it does not provide designated student seats. The Ad Hoc Committees recommend that students be explicitly considered.

Thus, the four persons to be elected from each of the two Senates will have the same distribution; that is, two students, one convocation senator, and one elected faculty member.

4. Terms of Office

According to the *University Act* (Section 38.1 (3)), the term of office of elected Council members is three years, in phase with the UBC V and UBC O Senates. However, a three-year term is a very long appointment in the academic life of a student, so it is recommended that students be elected for a shorter period than suggested by the *Act*.

The *University Act* states that Council members may continue in their terms of office even if they cease to be members of either Senate. For reasons of continuity this makes sense, but only with the caveat that the individuals must retain their original status as faculty or students within the University.

5. Committees of the Council and Scope of Authority

There has been discussion as to the nature and number of Committees that should be under the umbrella of the Council of Senates. The *University Act* calls for the Council (rather than the Senates) to establish a standing committee for budgetary issues and to have responsibility for matters pertaining to promoting the interests of the university or for carrying out the objects and provisions of the *University Act*, to set out the terms of affiliation with other institutions of higher learning, and to make and publish rules for nomination, election, and voting (Section 38.2 (4)).

There has been some discussion of both increasing this list (to include the Library, which is seen as a system-wide resource) as well as decreasing the list (to place the responsibility for promoting the interests of the university and to develop institutional affiliation back into the two Senates in the first instance), but as yet there is no resolution.

The ad hoc Committees make the following observations and suggestions about Committees of the Council:

Appendix A: Report of the ad hoc Committee to Consider the Council of Senates, continued

- Members for Committees of the Council of Senates should be drawn from the two campus-based Senates, in addition to from the Council itself, as appropriate.
- The Council of Senates Budget Committee should report to each Senate at least annually.
- The Elections Committee should include two subcommittees: one for UBC O and one for UBC V. Each subcommittee would adjudicate election appeals specific its respective campus. The Committee of the whole would adjudicate appeals concerning system-wide elections.

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Role of the Council of Senates:

That the Senates endorse the following proposed changes to the University Act:

- A. Section 38.2 (1) The president, the board, the Vancouver Senate, or the Okanagan Senate may direct that a matter that the Vancouver senate or the Okanagan senate might consider, is considering or has considered in the exercise of that senate's powers under section 37 is referred to the council for consideration and disposition.
- B. DELETE 38.2 (2)(c) The council may substitute its disposition in respect of the matter for any disposition the Vancouver senate or the Okanagan senate may have made.
- C. Section 38.2 (4). Strike "(o) and (u)" and replace with "(l)" such that it reads, "Sections 37 (1) (e), (l), and 43 (1) do not apply to the Vancouver senate or the Okanagan senate and the council may act under those sections as though it was a senate."

Appendix A: Report of the ad hoc Committee to Consider the Council of Senates, continued

Procedures

That the Rules and Procedures for the Council of Senates be drafted to reflect:

- D. That a motion undertaken by either campus-based Senate to refer a matter to the Council of Senates be carried by a 3/4 majority of those Senators present and voting.
- E. That items for referral are normally brought to either Senate for a vote by the Agenda Committee (at UBC V) or the Policies & Procedures Committee (at UBC O). This does not preclude, however, items arising from the floor.
- F. That the quorum for transaction of business by the Council of Senates be set at a minimum of 50% of the Council members from each campus.

Membership

- G. That the Council of Senates membership initially be as follows:
 - 1. President
 - 2. Chancellor
 - 3. Academic Vice-President UBC V
 - 4. Deputy Vice-Chancellor UBC O
 - 5. 4 UBC V senators elected by UBC V Senate (2 students, 1 convocation, 1 elected faculty)
 - 6. 4 UBC O senators elected by UBC O Senate (2 students, 1 convocation, 1 elected faculty)
 - 7. 1 UBC V designate appointed by the President
 - 8. 1 UBC O designate appointed by the President
 - 9. 8 chairs of Vancouver Senate standing committees
 - 10. 6 chairs of Okanagan Senate standing committees

Terms of Office

- H. That elected members of the Council who cease to be members of either the UBC V or UBC O Senates be permitted to retain their membership on the Council as long as they retain the faculty or student status that made them eligible for election to the Council.

Appendix A: Report of the ad hoc Committee to Consider the Council of Senates, continued

- I. That the Senates endorse that University Act 38.1(4) be amended accordingly.
- J. That the Senates endorse that University Act 38.1 (1) (e) and (f) be amended to make explicit mention of “student senator” and “convocation senator”.
- K. That the Senates endorse that University Act 38.1. (3) be amended such that the term of office for a student senator is one year, as distinct from the term of office for other members, which is three years.



6328 Memorial Road
Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6T 1Z2

Telephone (604) 822-2121
Fax (604) 822-5055

Martha C. Piper, Ph.D., O.C., O.B.C.
President and Vice-Chancellor

April 4, 2006

Mr. Brian J. Silzer
Secretary to the Council of Senates
Brock Hall – West Wing
1874 East Mall
CAMPUS MAIL Zone 1

Subject: Referral to the Council of Senates

Dear Mr. Silzer:

As you are aware, at its meeting of February 17, 2006, the Okanagan Senate approved, in principle, the conferral of UBC degrees on a group of alumni of the former Okanagan University College (OUC).

Following that approval in principle, members of the Vancouver Senate requested that the Vancouver Senate consider a motion to refer the matter of conferral of these degrees to the Council of Senates for final decision.

Upon reflection, I have decided that the best course of action is to exercise the power accorded the president under the *University Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 468, s. 38.2(1) and personally refer the matter of the granting of UBC degrees to alumni of Okanagan University College to the Council of Senates for disposition.

Under the *University Act*, each of the Vancouver and Okanagan Senates has the power to "...provide for and grant degrees[.]" Under normal circumstances, I expect that each of the Senates will approve the conferral of its campus's respective degrees. However, I believe the matter of granting degrees to OUC alumni constitutes an exception to this norm.

To determine whether to make this referral, I considered the unique historical relationship between UBC Vancouver and OUC. During the 1990s OUC offered degree

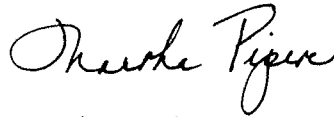
programs that were largely based on UBC curricula and taught by faculty approved by UBC. Students graduating from these programs were awarded degrees granted under UBC authority until 1998, when OUC began offering its own degrees. As a result, 1) UBC Vancouver was directly involved with the degree granting status of OUC through 1998, and 2) the contemplated decision about the conferral of UBC degrees only affects approximately 2,381 OUC alumni who graduated between 1998 and 2005.

I also considered the unique post-transition relationship that exists between OUC and UBC Okanagan. Many of our UBC Okanagan students, faculty, and staff began at OUC and have been instrumental in the establishment and growth of UBC Okanagan.

Given these historical and current circumstances, OUC alumni clearly enjoy a connection with UBC. Accordingly, I believe the Council of Senates is best positioned to determine whether UBC degrees should be granted to this unique group of OUC alumni who both succeed OUC alumni who already possess degrees granted under UBC Vancouver authority and precede alumni who will possess degrees granted under UBC Okanagan authority.

As such, I am referring the matter of granting of UBC degrees to OUC alumni graduating from 1998 through 2005 to the Council of Senates for disposition. The Council's disposition of this matter will be reported to both the Okanagan and Vancouver Senates when it is resolved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martha C. Piper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Martha" being more prominent than the last name "Piper".

Martha C. Piper

cc. Vancouver Senate Agenda Committee
Okanagan Senate Policies and Procedures Committee

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA | OKANAGAN



ENROLMENT SERVICES

3333 University Way
Kelowna, B.C. Canada V1V 1V7
Tel: (250) 807-9259
Fax: (250) 807-8007
kelly.ross@ubc.ca

To: **Okanagan Senate**

From: **Dr Isaacson, Policies and Procedures Committee, UBC Okanagan**

Re: **UBC Degrees to OUC Graduates (approval)**

Date: **17 February 2006**

INTRODUCTION

At its inaugural meeting on December 5, 2005, the Okanagan Senate passed the following motion:

That the Senate refer to its Policies and Procedures Committee in consultation with the Registrar, the task of considering the granting of UBC degrees to graduates of Okanagan University College, and bringing forward associated recommendations to Senate for approval.

The Committee has considered the matter and reports as follows:

PART I. RECOMMENDATIONS (FOR APPROVAL)

RECOMMENDATION 1 – GRADUATES OF OUC DEGREES NOW OFFERED BY UBC

That the Okanagan Senate approve in principle the conferral of corresponding University of British Columbia degrees on Okanagan University College alumni holding one or more of the following degrees conferred by Okanagan University College as the sole granting institution between January 1, 1998 and June 30, 2005:

- *Bachelor of Arts*
- *Bachelor of Education*
- *Bachelor of Fine Arts*
- *Bachelor of Science*
- *Bachelor of Science in Nursing*
- *Bachelor of Social Work*

Rationale

Okanagan University College was given degree-granting authority by the Province of British Columbia in 1995, and conferred its first degrees as the sole granting institution in 1998.

The above list of degrees includes those OUC degrees for which UBC Okanagan assumed full responsibility as of July 1, 2005. All these degrees meet or exceed normal academic standards for university degrees in Canada. UBC becomes the institution of record for purposes of parchment authentication and verification of degrees: services that the now-defunct Okanagan University College can no longer provide. This does not mean that UBC will hold the entire academic record, as this will reside with the new Okanagan College, but will have record of the credential being conferred. Okanagan College will be the custodian of the complete OUC student record. Under this arrangement, this group of OUC alumni are welcomed to the UBC community as new members of the UBC convocation.

From 1989 to 1997, OUC delivered degree programs in conjunction with UBC and the University of Victoria, and conferred those degrees under the authority of the partner universities. The parchments from these partner degrees already list a currently operating university as the institution of record, i.e., UBC or the University of Victoria. This group of alumni will retain their original status and will not be eligible to receive new UBC degrees.

It is noted that the Bachelor of Business Administration is not included in the degrees listed within Recommendation 1.

RECOMMENDATION 2 – PARCHMENT SPECIFICATIONS

That the parchment issued under Recommendations 1 and 2 above bear the words “Degree first conferred by Okanagan University College on [INSERT MONTH AND YEAR],” in addition to the month and year of approval by the UBC Okanagan Senate.

Rationale

The addition of this text to the parchment: (a) signifies a relationship between OUC and UBC; (b) clarifies that the holder completed one degree program, rather than two; and (c) denotes the date when the student completed his or her degree program.

PART II. PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES (FOR INFORMATION)

Subject to Senate's approval of the above recommendations, the Registrar intends to implement the awarding of these degrees on the following basis:

1. The Registrar will develop a list of holders of OUC degrees that should be given the opportunity to accept UBC degrees. (It is noted that OUC honorary degree holders will not be included on this list, but instead the Policies and Procedures Committee may consider future nominations of such individuals for UBC honorary degrees.)
2. At the appropriate times, Senate will be requested to approve the following motion in order to confer these degrees: *"That the listed holders of Okanagan University College degrees be granted the opportunity to accept the University of British Columbia degree for which they are recommended, and that the Registrar, in consultation with UBC Okanagan Deans, and the President as Chair of the Okanagan Senate be empowered to make any necessary adjustments."*
3. Following Senate approval of the conferral of degrees on OUC graduates, these individuals will be added to the roll of convocation at that time and Enrolment Services will produce UBC parchments as appropriate. OUC graduates receiving UBC degrees will not be asked to relinquish OUC parchments.
4. For OUC graduates accepting UBC degrees, the UBC Student Information System will contain identifying data about the person (including a UBC student number) and his/her degree(s) sufficient for purposes of degree verification. However, the full transcript of academic record will be maintained by Okanagan College. Transfer credit will not be assigned by UBC. The UBC transcript will show the conferral of the UBC degree and will note that the full record may be obtained from Okanagan College.
5. For OUC graduates accepting UBC degrees, Enrolment Services will provide contact information to UBC Advancement Services and the UBC Alumni Association, consistent with current practice for all other UBC graduates.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Council of Senates Secretariat
Enrolment Services
Senate and Curriculum Services
1874 – 2016 East Mall
Vancouver, BC
V6T 1Z1

June 5, 2006

To: Council of Senates

From: Executive Committee

Subject: UBC Degrees for OUC Alumni

The matter of the granting of UBC degrees to alumni of Okanagan University College has been referred to the Council by the President for final disposition. Her letter of referral is given as Attachment 1 to this report; and the Policies and Procedures Committee report that was approved by the Okanagan Senate and that summarizes the matter under consideration, is given as Attachment 2 to this report.

Since the Executive Committee of the Council of Senates has only very recently been formed and has not met, it has been unable to take a position on this matter. Therefore, this report summarizes the possible ways in which the Council may dispose of this matter, and proposes relevant motions for the consideration of Council.

Given the President's summary of the matter, including the OUC / UBC Vancouver relationship, it appears that there are three possible outcomes of this matter.

1. That the relevant degrees be conferred by UBC, as initially recommended to, and approved by, the Okanagan Senate.
2. That the matter is referred to the Vancouver Senate for it to consider the conferral of the degrees in question under the authority of the Vancouver Senate.
3. The degrees in question are not conferred.

In order to allow for the Council's discussion and disposition of this matter, it is suggested that the following motion initially be considered:

That the Council approve the granting of University of British Columbia degrees on Okanagan University College alumni in the manner indicated in the February 17, 2006 report of the Policy and Procedures Committee to the Okanagan Senate.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT**To:** Council of Senates

June 1, 2006

From: Ad hoc Committee to Consider Council Membership**Re:** Composition of the Council of Senates

Background and Context

In March 2005, the Interim Academic Governing Body for UBC Okanagan and the Vancouver Senate each established ad hoc committees to consider issues related to the establishment of the Council of Senates as a new governing body of the University operating under the *University Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 468. The two campus-based ad hoc committees met both separately and together and ultimately filed a joint report to the two Senates in November 2005, the Joint Senates Report (JSR). The report made recommendations on the role of the Council, its rules and procedures, its membership, and member terms of office.

The recommendations in the JSR were accepted by the Vancouver Senate, but rejected by the Okanagan Senate. The difference of opinion between the Senates was directly related to issue of equal vs. unequal representation for each campus on the Council. The JSR recommended that, of the “up to 10 chairs of the standing committees” of each senate permitted by Sections 38.1(1)(h) and (i) of the *University Act*, eight chairs be elected from among the chairs Vancouver Committees and six chairs be elected from among the chairs of Okanagan Committees. Members of the Okanagan Senate expressed the opinion that representation should be equal.

At its inaugural meeting on March 17, 2006, the Council of Senates created the present ad hoc committee to consider Council Membership (CCCM), and it was charged to make recommendations to Council on the allotment of Senate committee chair seats, and on general membership issues. The CCCM met once in Vancouver on May 10, 2006 and is pleased to provide its report to Council.

Recommendations**General Caveat on Recommendations**

The Committee is acutely aware that in most cases the power to effect the changes contained in the following recommendations does not rest solely with the Council of Senates. In some cases, the Council of Senates has no authority other than the ability to make a recommendation to a person or body. Decision maker(s) associated with each recommendation are noted.

Senate Committee Chairs

The CCCM recommends:

1. **That the chairs of four standing committees of each Senate be elected to serve on the Council of Senates** (Decision makers: Council to recommend to President, President to recommend to provincial government, provincial government to amend the *University Act*).
2. **That the chairs of standing committees serving on the Council of Senates be specified ex-officio as the chairs of those committees charged with considering matters of admissions, curriculum, and academic policy at each campus, plus one other committee of each Senate recommended by each Senate** (Decision makers: Council of Senates, Vancouver Senate, Okanagan Senate to amend their respective Rules and Procedures; at the Council of Senates, this would form a recommendation to the sub-set of Councillors that elect committee chairs to the Council.).

Discussion

These recommendations result in an overall reduction of the number of committee chairs from a possible total of 20 under the current iteration of the *University Act* to a specified total of eight. A reduction in number of chairs would not strictly require a legislative change to Sections 38.1(1)(g) and (h) because the current language is “up to 10 chairs,” but the Committee would prefer a legislative change over an amendment to Council rules and procedures.

The three specified Committees represent the fundamental concerns of the University that fall within the jurisdiction of Senates: the admission and instruction of students.

The decision to recommend equality of representation was the majority opinion among Committee members. Those in favour of equal representation on the Council expressed the opinion that, even though Councillors will undoubtedly endeavour to represent the UBC system as a whole, it remains important to avoid assigning a de facto veto to one campus or the other. The minority opinion was that the Vancouver campus should be afforded a larger number of seats on the Council to reflect, in some small measure, its larger size and longer history of operation as a research institution. The counter argument is that the Okanagan campus requires decision-making equality to fully realize its autonomy and distinctiveness within the UBC system. All members expressed a willingness to ultimately support equality as a recommendation of the Committee.

Members of the Senates Elected to Serve on the Council of Senates

The CCCM recommends:

3. **That the number of Senators elected by each Senate to serve on the Council of Senates be increased from four to nine** (Decision makers: Council to recommend to President, President to recommend to provincial government, provincial government to amend the *University Act*).
4. **That the above-mentioned nine elected seats from each Senate be allocated as follows** (Decision makers: *Council to recommend to each Senate, each Senate to amend its Rules and Procedures.*).
 - (a) **One dean, elected by each Senate with consideration given to the recommendation of that Senate's deans;**
 - (b) **Four faculty members holding elected positions on each Senate, elected by each Senate with consideration given to the recommendations of faculty members holding elected positions on that Senate;**
 - (c) **Three Student Senators, one of whom must be a graduate student, elected by each Senate, with consideration to recommendations made by the respective student members of each Senate.**
 - (d) **One Convocation Senator, elected by each Senate, with consideration to a recommendation made by the respective convocation members of each Senate.**

Discussion

This change would result in an increase of Senators serving on the Council of Senates from eight to 18. Together with the proposed reduction of 12 Councillors in Recommendation 1, the total impact on Council membership would be a net decrease of two Councillors. The two changes taken together would result in an increase in elected representation, with consideration given to the wishes of constituent groups of Senators, and a decrease in ex-officio representation. This recommendation would require a legislative change to Sections 38.1(1)(e) and (f) of the *University Act*.

Presidential Appointees to the Council

The Committee discussed in some detail Section 38.1(1)(g) of the *University Act*, which specifies that the President may appoint one or two representatives to the Council. The Committee is aware that this section could be used to appoint the Deputy Vice-Chancellor from UBC Okanagan, should that position be separated from that of Vice-President, Academic at some point in the future. Some members of the Committee felt that this section should be deleted altogether. Other options include specifying one appointed representative from each Senate, thereby eliminating the possibility of one appointee (which would make representation unequal). The Committee observes that

the current language in Section 38.1(1)(g), “designated for the Okanagan Senate” and “designated for the Vancouver Senate” appears to be unclear and expressed a preference for the word “from” to replace “for” in each case. **The Committee is not prepared to recommend a specific course of action on the matter of presidential appointees at this time, but would support additional discussion by the Council as a whole.**

Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council of Senates

Although the Committee recognizes that the issue of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council of Senates was not included in our charge, these matters arose in the course of our discussion. The CCCM did not feel that its report would be complete without the addition of a recommendation on this issue.

5. **That the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council of Senates be elected by the Council of Senates to serve terms of one year or until replaced** (Decision makers: Council to recommend to President, President to recommend to provincial government, provincial government to amend the *University Act*).

Discussion

This recommendation aligns with the recommendation of the recent review of the Vancouver Senate (March 2005) as well as with the general position of the Committee that elected representation on the Council, **including its Chair and Vice-Chair, is preferred over appointed or ex-officio service. The Committee wishes to be absolutely clear that this recommendation is in no way related to the performance or anticipated performance of our current or incoming Presidents, but is offered on the basis of principle.**

Implementation of Recommendations

The Committee is aware that changing the University Act is not a trivial matter, that other possible changes are under consideration by the Senates, and that it would be preferable to send all suggestions for legislative amendment to the provincial government at the same time. At the same time, should the Council accept the recommendations of the CCCM, a status report filed six months later would be of value to the Council of Senate’s record. It is suggested that the Council of Senates might wish to make a recommendation, as follows.

6. That the President report to Council of Senates by December 2006 with respect to the status of recommendations made in the report of the CCCM.

Respectfully submitted by Committee Members:

Principal John Gilbert (Vancouver) (Chair)

Dean Bernard Bauer (Okanagan)

Dr. Paul Harrison (Vancouver)

Mr. Matt Koovisk (Okanagan)

Dr. David McLean (Vancouver)

Mr. Philip Orchard (Vancouver)

Dr. Daniel Salhani (Okanagan)

Mr. Brian Silzer (Secretary)

Dr. Maurice Williams (Okanagan)

By invitation: Ms. Lisa Collins and Mr. Christopher Eaton

Appendix A: Recommended Changes to Rules and Procedures

Okanagan & Vancouver Senates

NB: These changes will require the consent of each Senate.

NEW: Part 6 – Council of Senates Members

37) Election of Representatives

- A) Senate shall elect nine (9) representatives to the Council of Senates, to serve terms of no more than three (3) years. Those representatives shall be apportioned as follows:
 - i) One (1) dean, elected by Senate with consideration given to the recommendation of the deans on Senate.
 - ii) Four (4) faculty members from those elected to Senate, elected by Senate with consideration given the recommendation of the elected faculty members on Senate
 - iii) Three (3) student from those elected to Senate – one of whom must be a graduate student – elected by Senate with consideration given to the recommendation of the student members on Senate
 - iv) One (1) convocation member from those elected to Senate, elected by Senate with consideration given to the recommendation of the convocation members on Senate.
- B)The recommendations required under Section 37 (A) (i-iv) shall be requested by the Secretary of Senate upon declaration of a vacancy on the Council of Senate.
- C) To be valid, a recommendation must be sent to the Secretary to Senate in writing and signed by a simple majority of the deans, or faculty, student, or convocation members on Senate eligible for the position in question.
- D) Notwithstanding Section 37, Senate reserves the right to appoint representatives to the Council of Senates without a recommendation to consider should a vacancy exist on the Council of Senates for more than six (6) months without a recommendation being made to fill the vacancy in question. In doing so, Senate shall respect the apportionment of seats set out in Section 37.

38) Standing Committee Chairs

(Vancouver Language)

- A) The chairs of the Curriculum, Admissions and Academic Policy Committee shall be recommended to the members of the Council of Senates who elect Committee chairs as those chairs to be elected. Additionally, the Nominating Committee shall recommend to Senate a fourth standing Committee, the chair of which shall also be recommend to said members for election.
- B)The Nominating Committee shall review the recommendation of the fourth chair specified above during its triennial review of committee terms of reference.

(Okanagan Language)

- A) The chairs of the Curriculum, Admission & Awards, & Policy and Procedures Committees shall be recommended to the members of the Council of Senates who elect Committee chairs as those chairs to be elected.. Additionally, the Nominating Committee shall recommend to Senate a fourth standing Committee, the chair of which shall also be recommend to said members for election.
- B)The Nominating Committee shall review the recommendation of the fourth chair specified above during its triennial review of committee terms of reference.

Appendix B: Proposed Changes to the *University Act*

For clarity, the Committee sets out the current state of the relevant sections of the *Act* on the left, and how the Committee proposes they be drafted on the right. The Committee is under no false impression that the Government will not exercise its right to draft legislation in whatever ways it find most effective – assuming it agrees to the proposals generally – but sets this out purely for the convenience of readers in determining the Committee’s exact intent. The Committee further notes that is unrelated text in these sections of the *Act* that the University is already in the process of requesting amendments to by the Legislature

Current *Act* Language:

Council of senates of the University of British Columbia

38.1 (1) A council of senates of the University of British Columbia is established for the University of British Columbia and is composed of the following:

- (a) the chancellor;
- (b) the president, who is the chair;
- (c) the academic vice president or equivalent, for the parts specified under section 3.1;
- (d) the academic vice president or equivalent, for the parts of the university not specified under section 3.1;
- (e) 4 persons, who are not referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d), elected by the Vancouver senate from among its members;
- (f) 4 persons, who are not referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d), elected by the Okanagan senate from among its members;
- (g) one or 2 persons designated by the president and, if 2 are designated, one must be designated for the Okanagan Senate and one must be designated for the Vancouver Senate;
- (h) up to 10 chairs of the standing committees of the Vancouver senate elected by the persons referred to in paragraphs (a) to (g);
- (i) up to 10 chairs of the standing committees of the Okanagan senate elected by the persons referred to in paragraph (a) to (g).

(2) The vice chair of the council is the member of the council specified by the president and serves as chair in the absence of the president.

(3) The term of office on the council of a person referred to in subsection (1) (e) or (f) is 3 years from the date of their election and they may continue in office after that date until another person is elected to the position.

(4) The fact that persons referred to in subsection (1) (e) or (f) cease to be members of the Vancouver senate or the Okanagan senate does not disqualify them from completing their term of office on the council of senates of the University of British Columbia.

Proposed *Act* Language:

Council of senates of the University of British Columbia

38.1 (1) A council of senates of the University of British Columbia is established for the University of British Columbia and is composed of the following:

- (a) the chancellor;
- (b) the president;
- (c) the academic vice president or equivalent, for the parts specified under section 3.1;
- (d) the academic vice president or equivalent, for the parts of the university not specified under section 3.1;
- (e) 9 persons, who are not referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d), elected by the Vancouver senate from among its members;
- (f) 9 persons, who are not referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d), elected by the Okanagan senate from among its members;
- (g) one or 2 persons designated by the president and, if 2 are designated, one must be designated for the Okanagan Senate and one must be designated for the Vancouver Senate;
- (h) up to 4 chairs of the standing committees of the Vancouver senate elected by the persons referred to in paragraphs (a) to (g);
- (i) up to 4 chairs of the standing committees of the Okanagan senate elected by the persons referred to in paragraph (a) to (g).

(2) The chair and vice chair of the council are to be elected at least annually by the Council,

(3) The term of office on the council of a person referred to in subsection (1) (e) or (f) is 3 years from the date of their election and they may continue in office after that date until another person is elected to the position.

(4) The fact that persons referred to in subsection (1) (e) or (f) cease to be members of the Vancouver senate or the Okanagan senate does not disqualify them from completing their term of office on the council of senates of the University of British Columbia.