Okanagan Senate

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2006

Attendance
Present: President M. C. Piper (Chair), Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor R. Tees, Mr. R. Adl, Dean B. Bauer, Dean R. Belton, Dean J. Bottorff, Dr. W. Broughton, Acting Dean R. Campbell, Dr. J. Castricano, Dr. J. Cioe, Dr. R. Currie, Mr. R.A. Dionne, Dr. J. Gustar, Dean M. Isaacson, Dr. D. Keyes, Dr. R. Klukas, Dr. A. Labun, Dr. R. Lalonde, Dean B. Reich, Ms. C. Ricketts, Registrar Mr. Brian Silzer, Dr. M. Ungureanu, Mr. Z. Webster, Dr. M. Williams, Dr. P. Wylie, Dr. P. Wrzesniewski

By Invitation: Ms. L. Collins, Mr. C. Eaton (Enrolment Services)

Regrets: Chancellor A. McEachern, Mr. P. Arthur, Mr. G. August, Dr. J. Bassett-Smith, Mr. A. Benty, Dr. W. Broughton, Ms. Melody Burton, Ms. Trisha Cho, Ms. L. Driscoll, Dr. M. Duran-Cogan, Mr. J. Ferguson, Mr. M. Koovisk, Dean M. Krank, Ms. Tina Marten, Ms. R. McAuley, Dr. S. McCoubrey, Ms. K. Plancke, Ms. D. Polson, Dr. D. Salhani, Dr. C. Scarff, Dr. D. Senese, Ms. G. Zilm

Recording Secretary: Ms. K. Ross

Call to Order

Senate Membership
The President welcomed Mr. Ferguson, as a Representative of the Student of the Faculty of Management, and Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Tees.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved: Dr. Cioe
Seconded: Dean Bauer
That the minutes of the Okanagan Senate Meeting of January 27, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

Business Arising
For discussion, the Registrar had circulated a memo to address Dr. Cioe’s query raised at the January 27th meeting of the Okanagan Senate regarding the deadline for course withdrawal at UBC. President Piper recommended the question be referred to the Policies and Procedures Committee for further investigation.

Remarks from the Chair and Related Questions
ALUMNI EVENTS
The President recalled her recent trip to Seattle and San Francisco for alumni events. She reported that the alumni in those regions are eager to hear about UBC and to establish a connection with UBC Okanagan.

TRIP TO MEXICO
The President recounted her trip to Monterey, Mexico. The intent of her trip was to assure our partners of a smooth transition with respect to her successor. President Piper emphasized the importance of UBC’s partnership with the Tec de Monterrey.

TRIP TO OTTAWA
The President reported that she is scheduled to meet with deputy ministers from the Canadian Federal Government to discuss funding for university research. She stated that the present government has already committed half a million dollars to university research including 20 percent of the total research budget committed to the CFI. The President assured that she is working aggressively to connect with regional members of parliament to collate funding agendas.

Remarks from the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Related Questions
The Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor shared his reasons to act as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in Dr. McBride’s absence. He added that there are two exciting UBC Okanagan items to note including the faculty recruitment project this campus is engaged in. Over 1,200 applications were received for 29 faculty positions, which the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor signaled as extraordinary by stating that “this speaks to what has been done over the past eighteen months that is attracting applicants to want to be here”. Further, student applications have increased by 42% over last year, which shows that the Student Recruitment team has done an incredible job of attracting students to this campus.
Dean Bauer inquired about the succession plan for both the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and the Associate Vice President Academic and Research positions at UBC Okanagan. President Piper assured the Senators that the Presidential search is going well; she is encouraged by the level of interest by applicants for the Deputy Vice-Chancellor position. The Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor noted that suggestions related to the succession plan are welcomed.

**Admissions and Awards Committee: New Awards**

Dr. Russell Currie presented the Committee’s reports (in Dr. McCoubrey’s absence).

**NEW AWARDS**

*Please see ‘Appendix A: Report on New Awards’*

The Admissions and Awards Committee had circulated a recommendation to approve various new awards.

*Move: Dr. Currie  
Seconded: Dr. Cioe*

*That Senate accept the awards as listed in the Committee report and recommend them to the Board of Governors for approval and that letters of thanks be sent to award donors.*

**CARRIED.**

**ADMISSIONS AND AWARDS**

*Please note: The full text of this document is not included in the Minutes. Copies are available from the Manager, Senate Secretariat.*

The Admissions and Awards Committee had circulated a recommendation to approve admissions changes for the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and from the Undergraduate Admissions office.

*Move:  Dr. Currie  
Seconded:  Dr. Cioe*

*That Senate accept the admissions changes as listed in the Committee report and as proposed by the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and from the Undergraduate Admissions office.*

Ms. Collins affirmed Dr. William’s inquiry that the Faculty of Education admissions proposals will be approved individually for the Okanagan campus.
THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

Curriculum Committee
Dr. Jennifer Gustar presented the Committee’s report (in Dr. Salhani’s absence).
Please see ‘Appendix B: New Courses’

NEW COURSES
The Curriculum Committee had circulated a recommendation to approve new courses.

Moved: Dr. Gustar
Seconded: Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Tees

The Curriculum Committee recommends the new courses as listed in the Committee report and as proposed by the Faculty of Applied Science and the College of Graduate Studies for Senate’s approval.

President Piper assured Dr. Lalonde that editorial changes to the proposed IGS new course text will be organized prior to publication in the calendar.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

PROGRAM CHANGES

Motion: Dr. Gustar
Seconded: Dean Isaacson

The Curriculum Committee recommends the changes to the Bachelor of Applied Science program to implement Engineering Two, and the program change to the College of Graduate Studies, as listed in the Committee’s report.

CARRIED.

Joint Report Admissions and Awards Committee and Curriculum Committee
On behalf of the Admissions and Awards Committee and Curriculum Committee Dr. Jennifer Gustar presented the joint report.

Please note: The February 2006 joint report of the Admissions and Awards Curriculum Committees is not included in the Minutes. Copies are available from the Manager, Senate Secretariat.
Jointly, the Admissions and Awards and Curriculum Committee had circulated a recommendation to approve new programs.

Motion: Dr. Gustar
Seconded: Dean Bottorff

The Curriculum Committee and Admissions and Awards Committee jointly recommend the new Master of Social Work and Master of Science in Nursing programs for Senate’s approval as listed in the joint Committee report.

In response to a query from Dr. Lalonde, Mr. Eaton confirmed that the Nursing course labels should all be NRSG rather than NURS, consistent with other Nursing courses at UBCO and distinct from Nursing courses at UBCV.

**THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED.**

Nominating Committee
Dr. Robert Lalonde, as the Chair of the Committee, presented the Committee’s reports.

VICE CHAIR, SENATE
The Nominating Committee had circulated a recommendation to appoint a Vice Chair, Senate.

Moved: Dr. Lalonde
Seconded: Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Tees

That Dr. Jan Cioe be appointed as Vice Chair of the Okanagan Senate for the term from February 17, 2006 until January 31, 2007.

**CARRIED.**

ELECTON OF FOUR SENATORS TO THE COUNCIL OF SENATES
The Nominating Committee had circulated a recommendation to elect four Okanagan Senators to the Council of Senators.

Moved: Dr. Lalonde
Seconded: Dr. Cioe

That Senate elect Mr. August, Mr. Koovisk, Mr. Webster, and Dr. Williams to the Council of Senators, effective March 1, 2006.
CARRIED.

Policies and Procedures Committee
Dean Michael Isaacson, as the Chair of the Committee, presented the Committee’s reports.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

The Policies and Procedures Committee had circulated a recommendation to approve the School of Engineering within the Faculty of Applied Science at UBC Okanagan.

Moved: Dean Isaacson  
Seconded: Dr. Castricano

That Senate approve the establishment of the School of Engineering within the Faculty of Applied Science at UBC Okanagan, effective April 1, 2006.

CARRIED.

UBC DEGREES TO OUC GRADUATES

Please note: The full text of the report of the Policies and Procedures Committee is not included in the Minutes. Copies are available from the Manager, Senate Secretariat.

At the inaugural meeting on December 5, 2005 the matter of UBC Degrees for OUC Graduates was referred to the Policies and Procedures Committee for consideration in consultation with the Registrar. The Committee had circulated a report containing recommendations to approve UBC Degrees to OUC Graduates. Specifically the Committee report includes the following two recommendations:

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
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.

Moved: Dean Isaacson
Seconded: Dean Bottorff

That Senate approve the adoption of the Committee report as circulated.

It was proposed that the wording relating to the Bachelor of Business Administration in the report be amended, in part to reflect that arrangements for the continuing conferral of the BBA between UBC Okanagan and Okanagan College have not yet been resolved. It was agreed that the report would be amended to reflect this change.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

Adjournment
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The following regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.
Appendix A: New Awards

Ed and Rose HOFFMAN Family Entrance Scholarship from a College or University: Scholarships of $5,000 each are offered by the Ed and Rose Hoffman family to outstanding undergraduate students transferring into the second or third year in the Faculty of Management at The University of British Columbia Okanagan from a college or university, with preference for a student with long-term connections to the Okanagan region. Candidates for the scholarship must demonstrate academic excellence in combination with significant leadership in their school or wider community. Holders of the scholarship who maintain an 82% average or greater in a full program of study, or who stand in the top 10% of their class, are eligible to have the award renewed for a further two years of study or until the first undergraduate degree is obtained (whichever is the shorter period). Candidates must complete the Application for Scholarships for Students Entering from a College or University. (First award available for the 2006/07 Winter Session)

STANTEC Scholarship in Engineering at UBC Okanagan: A $3,000 scholarship is offered by Stantec to an outstanding student at The University of British Columbia Okanagan entering the final year of the undergraduate degree in Engineering. Preference is given to a student with an interest in sustainability who has demonstrated good communication and leadership skills. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Applied Science. (First award available for the 2007/08 Winter Session)

VALLEY First Credit Union Entrance Scholarship: A $5,000 scholarship is offered by Valley First Credit Union to an outstanding student entering The University of British Columbia Okanagan directly from an Okanagan region secondary school. Candidates must be nominated by their secondary schools. (First award available for the 2006/07 Winter Session)
Appendix B: New Courses

Faculty of Applied Science

APSC 201, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258

Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies

CULT 100, 101
CRWR 383, 480, 481

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

BIOL 341
GEOG 354
PSYC 271

College of Graduate Studies: Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies

IGS 503, 504, 505, 515, 524