Okanagan Senate

Minutes of 17 May 2012

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Attendance

Present: Dr D. Owram (Vice-Chair), Mr F. Vogt (Acting Registrar), Mr R Adl, Mr J. Al Ramahi, Dr P. Arthur, Ms S. Baez, Dr P. Balcaen, Mr J. Baxter, Dean L. Bosetti, Mr S. Bullock, Ms M. Burton, Ms M. Campos, Dr J. Cioe, Dr F. de Scally, Dr R. Dods, Mr C. Gorman, Dean M Grant, Dr K Hewage, Dr S. Hilton, Dr C Labun, Ms J. Lawson, Mr C. Li, Dean C. Mathieson, Dr A Milani, Dr B. Nilson, Dr G. Pandher, Ms L. Patterson, Dr A. Phillion, Dr W. Pue, Dr D. Roberts, Mr R. Sharma, Mr. T Smith, Dr D. Tannant, Dean W. Tettey, Mr C. Tse, Dr G. Wetterstrand, Dean S. Yannacopoulos

Regrets: Dr L. Allan, Mr K. Aziz, Dean G. Binsted, Dr K. Carlaw, Mr. I Cull, Dean E. Hall, Ms F. Helfand, Dr J. Johnson, Ms S. Morgan-Silvester (Chancellor), Dr D Murray, Mr K. Nolan, Mr M Redekopp, Mr J. Ridge (Secretary), Dr C. Robinson, Dr C. Scarff, Dr P. van Donkelaar.

Guests: Ms N. Hager, Ms M. DeMarinis

Via Videoconference: Prof. S. Toope (President)

Recording Secretary: Mr C. Eaton.

Call to Order

The Vice-Chair called the ninth regular meeting of the Senate for the 2011/2012 Academic Year to order.

Senate & Committee Membership

The Acting Registrar declared nominations closed for Vice-Chair of Senate. Dr Jan Cioe was acclaimed elected as Vice-Chair of Senate for a term of no more than one (1) year commencing 18 May 2012.

The Acting Registrar informed Senate that Mr Simon Bullock and Mr Curtis Tse have been acclaimed as elected to the Senate Nominating Committee until 31 March 2013 and thereafter until replaced.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Jan Cioe
Peter Arthur

} That the Minutes of the Meeting of 25 April 2012 be adopted as corrected.
Correction: Spelling of Kasun Hewage

Business Arising from the Minutes

SPACE AUDIT

The Provost advised that although he had hoped the next iteration of this document would be ready for today’s meeting, more time was required by the Space Audit team. He assured Senate that it would be publicly available once completed.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor’s Remarks

Dr Owram informed Senate that a draft International Plan was currently open for consultation. In other international news, the exchange agreements have been developed with York University (England) where there is interest in further joint programming and research. As a result of recent travels to Australia, partnerships are being formed with the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and discussions have been opened with the University of Melbourne. We have also looked at Wine research programs being offered in Adelaide with an interest in developing similar programs at the Okanagan campus.

With regard to campus development, the new athletics facility (The “Hanger”) is under construction; we hope it will be completed by 2013.

As this marked his last Senate Meeting, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor expressed his appreciation to the Senate for the past six years and thanked Senators for their time and commitment to the University.

In response to a question from Senator Cioe, the Provost agreed to supply him with a rendering of the “Hanger” building.

In response to a question from Senator Gorman, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor replied that the agreement with York would be for the Okanagan campus; Vancouver does not have a formal relationship with them.

President’s Remarks

The President announced the appointment of Mr Bud Mortenson as Director of University Relations for the Okanagan campus, and reminded senators that Dr Pascal Spothelfer’s term as Vice-President Communications & Community Partnerships was about to commence.

With respect to copyright discussions, Professor Toope referred to recent communications on UBC’s decision to not enter into the Association of Universities & Colleges of Canada (AUCC) negotiated tariff with the Access Copyright consortium. The President expressed his thanks to
the Provosts’ offices, the Library, and others around the campuses for their work on this issue. He noted that UBC would be the largest institution in Canada to not join, and that he expected Access Copyright to put us under some degree of pressure as a result. The expected savings to UBC are over $1 million per year by arranging for our own copyright clearances and this is with UBC investing appropriate resources to ensure we have effective copyright clearance mechanisms and assistance.

Finally, the President expressed his thanks to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for his service to the University, describing working with him as an unmitigated pleasure.

**Candidates for degrees**

Christopher L Gorman
Peter Arhur

That the candidates for degrees, as recommended by the faculties and the College of Graduate Studies, be granted the degrees for which there were recommended, effective June 2012, and that a committee composed of the registrar, the appropriate Dean(s) or their appointed designates, and the Chair of the Okanagan Senate, be empowered to make any necessary adjustments. (2/3 majority required)

**Academic Policy Committee**

The Committee Chair, Dr Jan Cioe, presented.

**FACULTY OF HEALTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Jan Cioe
Cynthia Mathieson

That Senate approve the Faculty Council Terms of Reference for the Faculty of Health and Social Development as set out in the attached proposal.

Dr Cioe described this Health and Social Developments versions of the standard Terms of Reference documents required to be submitted to Senate under Policy O-2.

It was noted for Senate that only Education’s terms of reference were now outstanding; a proposal was expected in the fall.

**Admissions Committee**

Approved.
See Appendix A: Admissions Summary

The Committee Chair, Dr Spiro Yannacopoulos, presented.

That Senate approve the admissions proposal for:

Classification of Students – Visitor, effective for admission to the 2012 Summer Session and thereafter;

Faculty of Education, Academic Regulations – Regulations Governing School Experience, Learning Communities, Practica and Attendance, effective for admission to the 2012 Winter Session and thereafter;

Faculty of Education, Admission Requirements for ETEP and STEP – Criminal Record Check effective for admission to the 2012 Winter Session and thereafter;

Specific Program Requirements for Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum – Pre-Pharmacy Studies, effective for admission to the 2013 Winter Session and thereafter; and

BFA Major in Interdisciplinary Performance – Deadline for Submission of Audition Request Forms effective for admission to the 2013 Winter Session and thereafter.

Approved.

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR SCHOLARSHIPS
See Appendix B: Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarships

Spiro Yannacopoulos  
Gurupdesh Pandher  

That Senate accept the revised awards as listed and forward them to the Board of Governors for approval.

Senator Yannacopoulos explained the rationale for changing the awards being funding capacity as well as ensuring fairness between students with differing credit loads.

NEW AND REVISED AWARDS

See Appendix C: New and Revised Awards

Spiro Yannacopoulos  
Dwayne Tannant  

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.

ANNUAL REPORT – APPEALS ON APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION, RE-ADMISSION AND TRANSFER TO PROGRAMS

Dr Yannacopolous presented the Committee’s annual report on appeals, noting that of the 14 heard, eight were accepted and six were dismissed. In response to a question from the floor, he advised that the number of appeals this year was comparable to last year.

Committee on Appeals of Academic Standing & Discipline

The Committee Chair, Senator Laura Patterson presented. She noted for Senate that no appeals were lodged over the past 12 months for matters of discipline; two appeals were considered for academic standing. In terms of trends, she asked that faculties be clearer in the course syllabi for course requirements and rules.

Senator Cioe noted that he appreciated the Committee’s report expressing the issues relevant to appeals, but expressed his hope that more information – respecting privacy limitations – could be made available to help guide faculties and faculty members in knowing what situations to avoid.
Senator Patterson replied that the Committee would strive to present as much information as possible but as Senator Cioe noted, privacy considerations must be kept at the forefront.

**Curriculum Committee**

*See Appendix D: Curriculum Summary*

The Committee Chair, Dr Dwayne Tannant, presented.

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That the new courses and programs brought forward by the Faculties of Applied Science, Arts & Sciences, and Creative & Critical Studies as set out in the attached proposals. 

Approved.

**Nominating Committee**

The Committee Chair, Dr Gurupdes Pandher, presented.

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That Senate appoint student Senators to the Committees of Senate as follows, for term ending March 31, 2013 and thereafter until replaced:

**Academic Building Needs and Resources:**
- Karim Aziz
- Susana Baez

**Academic Policy:**
- Melia Campos
- Kyle Nolan
- Matt Redekopp

**Admissions and Awards:**
- Simon Bullock
- Janet Lawson
Agenda:
Robbie Sharma
Curtis Tse

Appeals of Standing and Discipline
Jesse Baxter
Matt Redekopp
Curtis Tse

Curriculum:
Chun Li
Tim Smith

Learning and Research:
Jameel Al Ramahi
Kyle Nolan

Reports from the Provost

SPACE AUDIT

The Provost apologised for the Space Audit Report not being ready in time for today’s meeting. Once available, he assured Senate that the report would be placed on his website. In the past few weeks, this team has been reviewing classroom usage and optimization of administrative space.

DEAN SEARCHES

Senator Pue informed Senate that the Applied Science, Health & Social Development, and Management deanal searches were progressing: Applied Science will likely take until the autumn, Health & Social Development is now at the recommendation stage to the President and Board, and Management has three outstanding candidates identified and who are coming to campus in the upcoming weeks. In response to questions from the floor, the Provost advised that for Management there will be public forums next week and CVs will be available from the Provost’s office; the names are not online for confidentiality reasons.

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR RESEARCH INSTITUTES

The Provost advised Senate that included in the Senate meeting materials are the research institute reports for this year.

Approved.
Other Business

Senator Tse asked how Access Copyright would affect students.

The President replied that it was good news for students. He did not expect any particular pressures to be placed on students and there would be no additional costs to be passed on to students directly.

Ms Burton added that the Library is working with Student Services and the Centre for Teaching & Learning to develop workshops to help students with their own compliance.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor expressed his hope that this situation would be invisible to students.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.
Appendix A: Admissions Summary

Classification of Students – Visitor
*Revise Academic Calendar entry to clarify that visiting students are eligible to attend the Okanagan if they are able to obtain a Letter of Permission from their recognized home institution. This change will allow students at a college or in a university transfer program to attend the UBC Okanagan campus to complete courses as visiting students.*

Faculty of Education, Academic Regulations – Regulations Governing School Experience, Learning Communities, Practica and Attendance
*Clarify Academic Calendar language regarding the two types of withdrawals from practicum.*

Faculty of Education, Admission Requirements for ETEP and STEP – Criminal Record Check
*Update Academic Calendar entry to include additional information regarding subsequent criminal offences.*

Specific Program Requirements for Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum – Pre-Pharmacy Studies
*Revise Academic Calendar entry to include Biology 11 under ‘Courses Required But Not Included in the Calculation of the Average’ for the Pre-Pharmacy Studies program. Based on the current admission criteria, students could be admitted to Pre-Pharmacy Studies, but not be able to enrol in the Biology courses that make up the program.*

BFA Major in Interdisciplinary Performance – Deadline for Submission of Audition Request Forms
*In response to UBC’s January 31 application deadline, advance deadline for submission of audition request forms from the current March 15 to February 15.*
Appendix B: Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship

Deputy Vice Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students
Scholarships ranging in value from $500 to $1500 are offered by The University of British Columbia Okanagan to continuing domestic students entering second, third or fourth year at The University of British Columbia Okanagan. These scholarships recognize the value of continuing students and their academic achievement. (First awards available for the 2009/2010 Winter Session)

New eligibility and award adjudication criteria:
The award is based upon a fixed level of achievement:
Students must have attained a sessional average of at least 80% in the previous Winter session; and
Students must have been registered in a minimum 80% of a full-time course load in each term.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for International Students
Scholarships ranging in value from $500 to $1,500 are offered to continuing international students entering second, third or fourth year at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus. These scholarships recognize the value of continuing international undergraduate students and their academic achievement. (First awards available for the 2011/2012 Winter Session)

New eligibility and award adjudication criteria:
The award is based upon a fixed level of achievement:
Students must have attained a sessional average of at least 80% in the previous Winter session; and
Students must have been registered in a minimum 80% of a full-time course load in each term.
Appendix C: New & Revised Awards

**Vicki GREEN Graduate Award**
A $1,700 award has been endowed by Dr. Vicki Green, a member of the Faculty of Education at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The award is offered to a graduate student in the Faculty of Education, Okanagan campus, studying issues in social, economic, ecological, environmental and/or political sustainability. Candidates for the award are selected based on how their research will implement contemplative, transformational, imaginative, or creative interdisciplinary understandings in sustainability for children, youth, or teachers. The award is made on the recommendation of a selection committee comprised of members of the Faculty of Education. (First award available for the Winter 2012/13 session)

**International Student Faculty Award (Okanagan)**
Awards of $5,000 each are offered to continuing international undergraduate students at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Students selected for these awards must have completed 60 credits towards their bachelor degree or be entering the third year of their program. Students must demonstrate strong academic achievement and engagement in their faculty, as well as the potential to make a scholarly contribution within their chosen field of study. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the faculty in which the student is registered. (First awards available for the 2012/13 Winter Session)

**KELOWNA BAR ASSOCIATION Award for Legal Studies**
A $1,000 award is offered by the Kelowna Bar Association to a student who has completed their final year in any undergraduate program offered by the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The award is made on the recommendation of the School to a student who demonstrates academic excellence, leadership, and community involvement, and has been accepted into an accredited Canadian law school. Disbursement of the award is contingent upon documented proof of acceptance. (First award available for the 2011/12 Winter Session)

**SECURIGUARD Scholarship in Arts and Sciences**
A $2,000 scholarship is offered by Securiguard to a second, third or fourth year student in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. (First award available for the 2012/13 Winter Session)

**SECURIGUARD Scholarship in Health and Social Development**
A $2,000 scholarship is offered by Securiguard to a second, third or fourth year student in the Faculty of Health and Social Development at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. (First award available for the 2012/13 Winter Session)

**SECURIGUARD Scholarship in Management**
A $2,000 scholarship is offered by Securiguard to a second, third or fourth year student in the Faculty of Management at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. (First award available for the 2012/13 Winter Session)
Sharron SIMPSON Family Bursary
A $1,000 bursary is offered by Sharron Simpson and family to a fourth or fifth year student enrolled in any undergraduate degree program at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference is given to a student with dependents and demonstrated financial need who graduated from a high school in the Okanagan region. (First award available for the 2012/13 Winter Session)

Jordan YOUNG Memorial Athletics Award
A $1,400 award is offered by the family and friends of Jordan Young to a member of the Men’s Volleyball Team in any year of study. Jordan was a valuable member of the Men’s Volleyball Team and a skilled rookie with a bright future in sports ahead of him. His enthusiasm, character, and positive outlook were respected by Heat coaches and players alike. The award is made on the recommendation of the Athletics and Recreation Department at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus, to an outstanding student who has demonstrated excellent leadership skills and maintained good academic standing. (First award available for the 2012/13 Winter Session)

Previously-Approved Awards with Changes in Terms or Funding Source:

Gordon William HAUG Memorial Bursary
Bursaries up to $2,000 are offered by Margot Haug in memory of her father, Gordon William Haug, to graduate students in the Biology Program or Environmental Sciences Program in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at The University of British Columbia Okanagan. Preference is given to students whose studies reflect an interest in environmental sustainability. (First awards available for the 2008/09 Winter Session)
Appendix D: Curriculum Summary

Faculty of Applied Science
New Course:
ENGR 535 (3) Railway Systems Engineering

Faculty of Arts and Science
New Courses:
BIOL 104 (3) Concepts of Biology: An Aboriginal Perspective
BIOL 350 (3) Clinical Neuroscience
BIOL 370 (3) African Savannah Biology
EESC 434 (3) Sediment Transport Mechanics
PSYO 349 (3) Positive Psychology
PSYO 457 (3) Applied Social Psychology in the Workplace
PSYO 474 (3) Program Evaluation

Creative and Critical Studies
New courses:
ARTH 420 (3) The Cinema of Alfred Hitchcock
SPAN 298 (3) Intensive Intermediate Spanish I (Heritage)
SPAN 299 (3) Intensive Intermediate Spanish II (Heritage)
SPAN 320 (3) Spanish-American Short Story
SPAN 323 (3) Contemporary Hispanic Poetry of Spain and Spanish America

New Programs:
BFA Major In Visual Arts, Arts and Science Minor Programs
BFA Major in Interdisciplinary Performance, Arts and Science Minor Programs