Attendance


Regrets: S. Bates, R. Johnson, J. Holzman, Hodges R. Herzberg, V. Tamandong, J. Naqvi, G. Singh, D. Jarrouj,

Guest: R. Sadiq

Clerk: C. Eaton

Call to Order

The Chair of Senate, Dr Santa Ono called the fourth regular meeting of the Okanagan Senate to order at 3:39 pm. He thanked Dr Cormack for chairing the previous meeting as Vice-Chair in his absence.

Membership

The Registrar, Dr Kathleen Ross, welcomed the following new members to Senate:

Dr Silvia Tomáškova, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (to replace Dean Pro Tem. Bryce Traister)
Ms Mistaya Arthur, Convocation Member, until 31 August 2023 (to fill a vacancy);
Dr Ruth Frost, Faculty Member, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, until 31 August 2023 (to fill a vacancy);
Dr Sandy Hilton, Faculty Member, Faculty of Management, until 31 August 2023 (to fill vacancy);
Dr Karen Hodges, Faculty Member, Faculty of Science, until 31 August 2023 (to fill a vacancy);
Ms Melanie Lunde, Student Member, Faculty of Education, until 30 September 2021 (to replace Ms Kelsey Desroches).

Minutes of Previous Meetings
Remarks from the Chair

Dr Ono advised senate that Dr Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, who is director of the Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre and a professor with the Peter A. Allard School of Law released her report, In Plain Sight: Addressing Indigenous-specific Racism and Discrimination in B.C. Health Care. He thanked Dr Turpel-Lafond and everyone who participated in the creation of this report, and noted that some of the report’s recommendations were specific to health education at UBC. Dr Ono said that both he and Dean Kelleher were fully committed to supporting both those recommendations and the report, and that UBC would actively collaborate in the work needed to transform our health care system to make it accessible, safe, and a positive contributor to the health and wellness of Indigenous Peoples.

The President said that he recently spoke to a virtual meeting of the presidents of the universities who are members of the Universities Climate Change Coalition (UC3), a group he had recently assumed the presidency of. Dr Ono said that many interesting ideas came forward during the discussion that we will be building on as a coalition. Key strategic initiatives include establishing a UC3 webinar series on key climate issues, decarbonization tactics/strategies, and technologies. These will further encourage opportunities for UC3 member universities to exchange ideas, lessons learned and encourage robust dialogues to help advance climate action. Another proposal from the meeting was a UC3 Fellows/Scholars Pilot Program: Dr Ono said that this was an ideal platform for universities in the coalition to engage graduate students and postdocs and could potentially become a vehicle for fellows/scholars to mentor undergraduate students. Further on climate change, the President noted that here at UBC, we are continuing to work on the Climate Emergency Task Force Recommendations. We will be presenting on the task force at a future Senate meeting.

Dr Ono closed his remarks with an update on UBC and the COVID-19 Pandemic. He noted that two days ago, BC began to administer the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. Dr Ono said he was pleased to note that UBC has played a role in the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine; it relies on innovations developed by Acuitas Therapeutics, a spin-off from UBC’s Life Sciences Institute. Another UBC spin-off, AbCellera, in partnership with Eli Lilly and Company, has successfully developed a treatment for mild to moderate COVID-19 cases. The president reminded Senators that it would be many months before the vaccines are widely available and daily case numbers are still very high and deaths and hospitalization also rising. He said that it was of course too early to say how wide-scale vaccination will affect UBC’s plans and so foreseeable future we will continue with the precautions and restrictions we currently have in place.
With respect to COVID-19 research, Dr Ono advised that the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) launched the Exceptional Opportunities Fund-COVID-19 competition with the goal of investing up to $25 million to support urgent needs for equipment for ongoing research related to COVID-19. The competition was open for proposals worth between $200,000 and $1.5 million from all disciplines that can demonstrate a direct and immediate impact on current and pressing research issues related to COVID-19. UBC submitted seven applications, of which five were funded – a success rate of 71%, compared to a national success rate of 50 percent.

**Remarks from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor**

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the Okanagan campus, Dr Lesley Cormack expressed her appreciation to the campus for making it through an unprecedented Term 1. She asked everyone to take care of themselves and truly have a break before Term 2. Dr Cormack said that we were planning next year’s budget and that we are trying to balance hiring demands in faculties with other projects. We are also looking at service needs, especially for students. She said that a system-wide plan was under development to ensure that students were well taken care of, and that the rapid growth of the Okanagan campus has meant that services – just like facilities – hasn’t always grown at the rate of our student numbers, and this was an opportunity to address that.

**Additional Remarks from the Chair**

With respect to the UBC budget, the President said that UBC has fared much better than we had worried earlier in the pandemic, and we are in a very fortunate state compared to many institutions. Our early signs are for robust enrolment on both campuses, and an increase in applications to resume living in student residences. Overall, the budget impact of the pandemic has been small on UBC.

Secondly, Dr Ono said that earlier in the day UBC announced that it was revising its Public Affairs guidelines to deviate from the Canadian Press Style Guide and allow the title of Doctor/Dr to be used to refer to research doctorate holders and not just medical doctors.

**PROVOST’S REMARKS**

The Vice-President Academic & Provost, Dr Ananya Mukherjee-Reed advised that with the date change to the start of Term 2, there were some administrative issues identified and these have now been resolved.

A survey on teaching & learning during COVID-19 has been prepared and customized by faculties, and will shortly be sent out to faculty members collect information of the impact of this pandemic on teaching and learning and what gaps need to be addressed for the next term. A similar town hall format has been used to collect student feedback.
Dr Mukherjee-Reed noted the continuing concerns regarding the new Scheduling system in place. Earlier in the new year, a communique will be sent to faculty members to advise on what we have learned and what we will be addressing for next year. Early in the new year she said she could update the Senate.

With respect to anti-racism initiatives, the Provost said that yesterday an announcement that was made that that we are partnering with you, UBC Health and on January 14 we are hosting BC Human Rights Commissioner, who has just published a report on this disaggregated data collection and using this disaggregated data as a way to address systemic racism. Later in January we will be having three indigenous scholars talking about indigenous ways of knowing, particularly perspectives and science; we will have our very own Jeanette Armstrong speaking about indigenous perspectives on climate science and climate change, a Mi'kmaq elder – Albert Marshall, who is known as the pioneering thinker on to Two-eyed seeing and who is known for formulating the methodology which has been adopted by CIHR, and then a young Mi'kmaq scholar who will be joining him to speak on Indigenous health research.

In closing, Dr Mukherjee-Reed noted that we were continuing to work on enrolment planning for next year. At the next meeting, the annual Enrolment Report will come forward for information, and in February, the Enrolment Targets for approval.

Senator Cioe asked about plans for instruction in the Summer session, noting that it may be premature to know what the University may do. He asked when decisions may be made so that students can plan their year.

The Provost said that we hoped early in the new year. She said that we have some indication from the faculties on what they may do in the summer if in-person instruction is possible under the evolving health guidelines. We have received strong feedback from International students saying that we should make more required courses available online so that they can progress through their programs.

**Academic Policy Committee**

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

**UPCOMING BUSINESS**

Senator Cioe advised Senate that his Committee was working on some major proposals over the next few months.

1) An ongoing policy on use of digital assessment tools;
2) Revisions to the Academic Year to extend the length of the fall break to make it a full week, this will require consequential changes to shorten the length of the Examination Term by 2 days;
3) A modification to the Examination policy to bring closer to the new policy used at the Vancouver campus; and
4) Creation of a course syllabus policy.

Admission & Awards Committee

The Chair of the Senate Admissions & Awards Committee, Ms Tamara Ebl, presented.

NEW AND REVISED AWARDS

See Appendix A: Awards Report

Tamara Ebl
Patricia Lasserre

That Senate accept the new awards as listed, that they be forwarded to the Board of Governors for approval, and that letters of thanks be sent to the donors.

Agenda Committee

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

SUSPENSION OF RULES 20/21 OF THE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF SENATE

Jan Cioe
Barb Marcolin

That Rules 20 and 21 of the Rules and Procedures of Senate be suspended until 31 December 2021 and be replaced by the following amended rule during that time:

20. Senators may only attend and participate in debate at Meetings of Senate in person or via such remote attendance means deemed acceptable to the Secretary.

21. Section 20 notwithstanding, the chancellor or President may participate in debate via videoconference upon recognition of the chair, but shall not be considered in attendance while doing so; their participation in such a manner shall be minuted appropriately.

Approved
SUSPENSION OF RULE 25 21 OF THE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF SENATE

Jan Cioe
Peter Arthur

That Rules 25(d) of the Rules and Procedures of Senate be suspended until 31 December 2021 and be replaced by the following amended rule during that time:

Agenda Committee (to - by a resolution approved by an absolute majority of the Committee’s membership when a quorum is established as being present either in person or by such remote attendance means deemed acceptable to the Secretary - approve any matter - except for amendments to the Rules and Procedures of Senate - on behalf of the Senate during the months of June to August (inclusive). Matters approved under this power must be reported to Senate at its next regular meeting for information).

Senator Eikenaar noted that with the Agenda Committee quorum being five, four would need at a minimum to be in favour, he suggested that a simple majority of the entire committee should be sufficient.

Senator Cioe said that the idea of 3/4 was to protect the rights of Senate.

Senator Ebl asked if Senator Eikenaar meant a simple majority of those present or of the entire voting membership of the Committee.

The Clerk clarified that Senator Eikenaar’s proposal would be for a simple majority of the Committee’s entire voting membership to be required.

By general consent, the proposal was amended for the approval threshold to be an absolute majority of the Agenda Committee.

Jan Cioe
Peter Arthur

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Approved as Amended

NB: Senator Metcalfe abstained

Curriculum Committee

The Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee, Dr Yves Lucet, presented.

See Appendix B: Curriculum Report

Yves Lucet
Barb Marcolin

That the new courses, new programs, and revised programs brought forward by the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences and Creative and Critical Studies be approved.

Senator Cioe praised the Faculty of Creative and Critical studies for their innovative program design.

Learning & Research Committee

The Chair of the Senate Learning & Research Committee, Dr Karen Ragoonaden presented.

EMERITUS APPOINTMENTS

See Appendix C: Emeritus Report

Karen Ragoonaden
Seconder

That the attached list of individuals for emeritus status be approved and that, pursuant to section 9(2) of the University Act, all persons with the ranks of Professor Emeritus and Associate Professor Emeritus, be added to the Roll of Convocation.
Senator Cioe noted that Drs Wetterstrand and Rasmussen were listed as both professors and associate professors emeritus and asked what their correct ranks will be.

Dr Ragoonaden clarified that they were associate professors and would be associate professors emeritus.

Report from the Registrar

The Registrar, Dr Kate Ross, presented.

TRIENNIAL ELECTION RESULTS

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FACULTIES TO SENATE

Dr Ross noted that Further to the call for nominations for faculty members from the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences, Management, and Science to fill the one (1) position for representatives of each Faculty on the Okanagan Senate issued on 23 November 2020, three (3) valid nominations have been received (one per Faculty). Therefore, pursuant to Section 15 of the University Act, the following faculty members were acclaimed as elected as representatives of the Faculties on the Okanagan Senate for terms beginning on 1 September 2020 and ending 31 August 2023 and thereafter until successors are elected:

- Dr Ruth Frost, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- Dr Sandy Hilton, Associate Professor of Teaching, Faculty of Management
- Dr Karen Hodges, Professor, Faculty of Science

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONVOCATION TO SENATE

Dr Ross advised that further to the call for nominations for convocation members to fill the one (1) position for a representative of the Convocation on the Okanagan Senate issued on 23 November 2020, one (1) valid nomination has been received. Therefore, pursuant to Section 15 of the University Act, the following convocation member was acclaimed as elected as representative of the Convocation on the Okanagan Senate for a term beginning on 1 September 2020 and ending 31 August 2023 and thereafter until a successor is elected:

- Mistaya Arthur

Student Representatives of the Faculties to Senate

Dr Ross advised that further to the call for nominations for students registered in the Faculty of Education to fill the one (1) position for a representative of the Faculty on the Okanagan Senate issued on 23 November 2020, one (1) valid nomination has been received. Therefore, pursuant to
Section 15 of the *University Act*, the following student was acclaimed as elected as representative of the Faculty on the Okanagan Senate for a term beginning on 1 October 2020 and ending 30 September 2021 and thereafter until a successor is elected:

- Melanie Lunde

Senator Ebl thanked those who put their names forward.

Senator Cioe expressed his concern at the difficult in filling these seats, and noted that Vancouver had similar challenges. He noted that Senates were not functional places at some institutions and he expressed his thanks that this wasn’t the case at UBC, but said that ensuring Senate’s functions was critical and we needed to ensure that people were willing to serve. He asked that Senators shared any thought that they may have why it is difficult to fill seats with senate committee chairs who could bring them forward to the administration.

Dr Ono said that he would like to interview Dr Cioe for his podcast on the importance of governance and bicameralism at the University as a way of getting that message out.

Senator Mukerjee-Reed said that she was encouraged to see the involvement of students on Senate. For Faculty she said that workload was a component, but another idea could be to make Senate meetings livelier by having more fundamental strategic discussions and inviting general faculty members to attend.

Dr Ono agreed and said we should organize these discussions for the upcoming year.

The Clerk said that this had been a worrisome trend over recent decades. The Council Elections Committee will be working on encouraging candidates and turnout over the next year as it reviewed the University’s elections regulations. He said that it was worrisome when seats are filled by acclamation, and noted that faculty members had many opportunities and demands on their time for service.

Dr Lucet said that the collective agreement disincentivized service from junior faculty who were focused on achieving tenure and promotion through research and teaching.

Senator Ebl noted that as a lecturer, she hoped that recognition could be considered for those in the non-tenure-track ranks as well.

Senator Cormack said that people wanted to do things that mattered and made a difference to the institution. She said that having more strategic discussions could re-invigorate Senate.

Senator Le Normand said that as a new member, she was surprised by how little deliberation happened at Senate meetings themselves with the agenda being mostly committee reports and resolutions. She asked for more general deliberative discussions at Senate itself.
Senator Morgan expressed the thanks for the students for the work of Senate over the past year.

**Other Business**

In response to a question from Senator Cioe, the President advised that they would work on having Senator Frank present on cross-campus collaboration at a future meeting.

**Adjournment**

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.
Appendix A: Awards Report

NEW AWARDS

**Dawn Stinson Memorial Award in Nursing**
A $2,000 award has been made available through an endowment established by Mitch Stinson, along with family and friends, in memory of Dawn Stinson (1962-2020), for undergraduate nursing students in the School of Nursing in the Faculty of Health and Social Development at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference will be given to a mature student in good academic standing. Dawn was born in Liverpool, England. She received her nursing degree while raising her young family in Kelowna, British Columbia, undertook training in England and completed her practicum in Belize. Dawn practiced outpost and transition nursing, touching the lives of many patients in British Columbia and Washington. This award was established in recognition of Dawn’s accomplishments as a nurse and her belief in the importance of lifelong learning. The award is made on the recommendation of the School of Nursing. (First award available for the 2020/21 Winter Session)

**Walker Wood Foundation Centennial Scholars Entrance Award**
Four $20,000 entrance awards (payable at $5,000 per year) have been made available annually through a gift from the Walker Wood Foundation, along with matching funds from the University of British Columbia, to first-year domestic undergraduate students at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated significant financial need, academic strength and have given back to their community. These awards are renewable for a second-, third- and fourth-year subject to the students maintaining academic standing. These awards are made on the recommendation of the adjudication committee. (First awards available for the 2021/22 Winter Session)

**Dr. Roger Gale Graduate Entrance Award for Leaders of Tomorrow**
A $12,000 entrance award has been made available through an endowment established by Roger Gale, along with matching funds from The University of British Columbia, for students in the Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (IGS) Program of the College of Graduate Studies. This award has been specifically designed to assist IGS master’s students pursuing research involving philosophy, political Science and economics (PPE) at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. This award will both recognize and encourage leadership skills while reducing financial barriers for graduate students. Preference given to international students. The award is made on the recommendation of the College of Graduate Studies in consultation with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. (First award available for the 2022/23 Winter Session)
Appendix B: Curriculum Report

**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**
POLI 441 – New course

**FACULTY OF CREATIVE AND CRITICAL STUDIES**
Bachelor of Arts, French, Major in Languages
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish, Major in Languages
Bachelor of Arts, World Literatures and Intercultural Communication
WRLD 150 – New course
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## Appendix C: Emeritus Report

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