



Okanagan Senate

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE OKANAGAN SENATE
FOR THE 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

3:30 P.M. | RHS 257 AND VIA ZOOM

1. **Call to Order** – Dr Benoit-Antoine Bacon
2. **Senate Membership** – Dr Rella Ng (information)
 - a. **Declaration of Vacancy**
 - Pursuant to Rule 10 of the *Rules and Procedures of Senate*, the seat of Julian Cheng, Representative of the Faculty of Applied Science, is declared vacant (resigned).
 - Pursuant to Rule 10 of the *Rules and Procedures of Senate*, the seat of Robert Lalonde, Representative of the Faculty of Science, is declared vacant (resigned).
 - Pursuant to Rule 10 of the *Rules and Procedures of Senate*, the seat of Manuela Reekie, Representative of the Faculty of Health and Social Development, is declared vacant (resigned).
 - b. **New Members**
 - Sheila Epp, Faculty of Health and Social Development, to replace Manuela Reekie, Faculty of Health and Social Development, until 31 August 2026 and thereafter until replaced;
 - Lael Parrott, Dean of the Faculty of Science, to replace Lael Parrott, Dean *Pro Tem* of the Faculty of Science, until replaced; and
 - Claire Yan, Representative of the Faculty of Applied Science, to replace Julian Cheng, Representative of the Faculty of Applied Science until 31 August 2026 and thereafter until replaced.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of 15 May 2025** – Dr Benoit-Antoine Bacon (approval)
(docket pages 5-37)
4. **Business Arising from the Minutes** – Dr Benoit-Antoine Bacon (information)
5. **Remarks from the Chair** – Dr Benoit-Antoine Bacon



6. **Remarks from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor** – Dr Lesley Cormack (information)
7. **Remarks from the Provost** – Dr Rehan Sadiq (information)
8. **From the Board of Governors** – Dr Benoit-Antoine Bacon (information) (docket pages 38-40)

Confirmation that material from the following meetings, as approved by Senate, were subsequently approved by the Board of Governors, as required under the *University Act*:

27 March 2025

Curriculum: Curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences and Creative and Critical Studies as well as Enrolment Services

Establishment of Chair: Establishment of the Forest Renewal BC Watershed Enhancement Research Chair

Renaming of Department: Renaming of the Department of Earth, Environmental, and Geographic Sciences as the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

24 April 2025

Awards: New award and revised award

Curriculum: Curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences and Creative and Critical Studies

Revised Programs: Revised Master of Arts in Psychology and Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

New Programs and Curriculum: New Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Nl̓eʔkepmx Language Fluency, Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Nsyilxcn Language Fluency, Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Secwépemc Language Fluency, and Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in St'át'imc Language Fluency, Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Commerce and Master of Management Dual Degree Program Option, and Co-operative Education Program, and related curriculum

15 May 2025

Curriculum: Curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences, Creative and Critical Studies, and Science



Revised Program: Revised Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

9. Candidates for Degrees – Dr Benoit-Antoine Bacon

The list, as recommended by the Faculties and the College of Graduate Studies, is available for advance inspection at the Senate Office, and will also be available at the meeting.

The Chair of the Senate calls for the following motion:

That the candidates for degrees, as recommended by the Faculties and the College of Graduate Studies, be granted the degrees for which they were recommended, effective September 2025, and that a committee comprised of the Registrar, the relevant dean(s), and the Chair of Senate be empowered to make any necessary adjustments. (approval) (2/3 majority required)

10. Academic Policy Committee – Dr Jannik Eikenaar

- a. New Senate Policy O-103: *Use of the Formal Examination Periods* (approval) (docket pages 41-44)
- b. New Senate Policy O-104: *Viewing Marked Work and Examinations* (approval) (docket pages 45-48)

11. Admissions and Awards Committee – Mr Rob Johnson

- a. Changes to Admission Requirements: Master of Management (approval) (docket pages 49-53)
- b. New Awards and Changes to Existing Awards (approval) (docket pages 54-57)
- c. New Awards: UBC Okanagan Global Elevation Awards (approval) (docket pages 58-59)

12. Agenda Committee – Dr Jan Cioe

Matters Approved Under Delegated Authority (information) (docket page 60)

13. Appeals of Standing and Discipline Committee – Ms Tamara Ebl

Annual Report (information) (docket pages 61-66)

14. Nominating Committee – Dr Jan Cioe

Committee Adjustments (approval) (docket page 67)



15. Report from the President – Dr Benoit-Antoine Bacon

UBC's Strategic Directions 2025-2030 – A Refresh of *Shaping UBC's Next Century*– with Vice-President, Research and Innovation Dr Gail Murphy (approval) (docket pages 68-76)

The Chair of Senate calls for the following motion:

That Senate endorse UBC's Strategic Directions - A Refresh of Shaping UBC's Next Century.

16. Report from the Vice-Principal, Research – Dr Suzie Currie

UBC Cleantech Research Centre (information) (docket pages 77-78)

17. Report from the Registrar – Dr Rella Ng

- a. 2025 Okanagan Senate By-Elections (information) (docket page 80)
- b. 2026-2027 Term Dates (information) (docket page 81)

18. Other Business

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