1. **Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**

   Dr. Kin Lo called the meeting of the Vancouver Senate Academic Policy Committee (the “Committee”) to order.

   Dr. Moura Quayle delivered a Land Acknowledgement, inviting members of the Committee to consider how our actions and decisions relate to the reality of the traditional and unceded territory of the Musqueam Nation, UBC Vancouver’s host nation.

2. **Minutes**

   The Chair noted that the Minutes of prior meetings were not provided and would be circulated under a separate cover.

3. **Agenda**

   The Committee reviewed the meeting agenda and considered the motion:

   **THAT THE** Senate Academic Policy Committee adopt the 21 November 2022 agenda as presented.

   **APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT**

   The Chair welcomed Rella Ng, Registrar as a newly appointed Ex Officio member of the Committee.

4. **Naming Policy (GA6) Proposed Amendments**

   The Committee reviewed the proposed amendments to – Policy GA6: Naming Policy.

   Mr. Hubert Lai, University Counsel, Mr. Grant Miller, Director of Planning, Development Services, and Ms. Andrea East, Pushor Mitchell LLP and joined the meeting.

   The principal topics of discussion included:
The purpose of the proposed amendments addressed concerns around the procedure of naming academic units as outlined in the policy;

The history of the item is contained in the memo circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting, noting that the policy is intended to be a joint policy of the UBC Board of Governors, the Vancouver Senate and the Okanagan Senate;

The proposed amendments are based on the consensus of the respective policy committee chairs of the Board and both Senates;

The Office of University Counsel will circulate the policy for consultation to the UBC community;

Defining the term member of an academic unit in the context Section 5.5 of the procedures where the Provost names members to an ad hoc committee to consider the naming of an academic unit. The definition would be similar to the University Act that defines faculty as members of a faculty.

The provision including up to 25 members on an ad hoc naming committee by the Provost is intended to ensure that the ad hoc committee reflects the composition of the academic unit;

Consider an amendment clarifying that ad hoc committee selection will be made by the Provost in consultation with the unit head. Additionally include a range in the number of ad hoc members to ensure a minimum number of participants and recognition that smaller academic units that may not have the resources for the maximum representation;

The current version of the Naming Policy lists approval of a naming proposal by a simple majority and ought to be explicit in the amended Policy. The simple majority approach would recognize various viewpoints and provide guidance to the Provost on a proposal that requires additional consideration or amendments to achieve greater consensus. Sections 5.5 and 5.6 could be amended to address the issue of voting;

Consider revising 5.6 to read “...support of the Ad Hoc Committee...” rather than “...Academic Unit...” because an ad hoc committee will be making the recommendation on behalf of an academic unit;

The Naming Policy applies to large gifts received by UBC and there is some concern that donors may be hesitant to participate in an academic unit vetting process when the target gift may be delivered to a competing institution with greater ease;

Consider adding a clause to Section 8.2 that excludes the likeness of a living donor and including the amendment prior to circulating the same for broad consultation; and

The role of the Senate in the decision to change or remove the name of a building per Section 15.2. UBC enters gift agreements based on standard language and subject to the University’s policy on naming, therefore there is an opportunity to revisit naming under an agreement without breaching the agreement.

**Proposed Amendments**

1. Define the term “member” as listed in Section 5.5
2. Include a range for ad hoc committee membership with the maximum remaining at 25 members
3. Clarify voting as a simple majority of ad hoc committee members
4. Revise Section 5.6 to read “...support of the Ad Hoc Committee...” rather than “...Academic Unit...”
5. Revise Section 8.2 to exclude the use of the likeness of living donors
6. Affirm that Section 15.2 permits the University to revisit the naming clauses in a gift agreement for the purpose of changing or removing the name of a building without violating the terms of the agreement.

5. Faculty of Graduate & Post-Doctoral Studies: Master of Global Surgical Care & Graduate Certificate in Global Surgical Care – Grading Scheme

The Committee reviewed the proposed grading scheme for the Faculty of Graduate & Post-Doctoral Studies Master of Global Surgical Care & Graduate Certificate in Global Surgical Care.

Proposed Motion: **THAT THE** [Vancouver Senate Academic Policy Committee approve, and recommend to the Senate for approval, Master of Global Surgical Care and Graduate Certificate in Global Surgical Care revised grading scheme.**

The motion was moved and seconded.

Dr. Michael Hunt, Senior Associate Dean, Policy and Programs, Faculty of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies joined the meeting.

The principal topics of discussion included:

- The Global Surgical Care Program is delivered fully online and is tailored predominantly towards practicing clinicians including surgeons and other physicians. Many participants are outside Canada and are looking at ways to improve their education and the program contributes to the globalization of surgery;
- After extensive consultation the decision was made to move to a pass/fail assessment and increase the passing mark to 74% so that participants would have the opportunity to ladder into another graduate program. The 74% would also coincide with the transfer credit policy;
- The passing mark of 74% is in the B grade range and while it appears arbitrary, it is intended to coincide with the transfer credit policy to permit ladder ing into another graduate program. Despite the intention, using a pass/fail model suggests that a student has achieved 74% while it may be higher and that a student applying to a non-UBC program at a disadvantage if the raw score is actually higher;

**The motion was tabled until the next regular Committee meeting.**

The Committee recommended the following to the proponent:

1. Update the program web page to reflect the grading scheme
2. Add a section on Academic Progress Requirements to the Calendar program pages in the two 2-column forms for the GCGSC and MGSC rather than the G&PS grading scheme
3. Consider increasing the passing mark to 76% (or a B+)

6. Next Meeting

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on 12 December 2022.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.