



**SENATE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 from 10:01-11:22 am via Zoom

Attendees

Senators K. Feng, J. Fox, M. Ho, C. Jaeger (Chair), S. Nicolaou, S. Pelech, I. Price

Ex Officio J. Charbonneau, S. Jarvis-Selinger, C. Krebs, R. Ng, E. Salzberg, Z. Xu

Guests J. Anthony, L. Douesnard, A. Hardaker, N. Nobell, J. Vercammen

Regrets B. Gopaluni, L. McNeill, B. Morey, M. Pearson, S. Saini, S. Shirzad, A. Zhao

Senate Staff B. Menard

Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement The meeting of the Senate Admissions Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 10:01 am on 26 July 2023 by C. Jaeger, Chair.

Agenda *That the Senate Admissions Committee adopts the 26 July 2023 agenda.*

Moved: M. Ho
Seconded: C. Krebs
Carried by general consent.

Meeting Minutes *That the Senate Admissions Committee approves the 26 April 2023 meeting minutes.*

Moved: C. Krebs
Seconded: S. Jarvis-Selinger
Abstain: Z. Xu
Carried.

Business Arising B. Menard noted that meeting invitations for future meetings will be sent after the September Vancouver Senate meeting.

For Approval

Master of Physical Therapy As presented by J. Anthony and L. Douesnard:

That the Committee approves the revised location information and revised admission requirements for the Master of Physical Therapy, effective for the 2024 Winter Session and thereafter.

Moved: E. Salzberg

Seconded: M. Ho
Carried.

The Chair invited Dr. Anthony to present the proposal for revising the admission requirements and location information for the Master of Physical Therapy.

C. Krebs noted that the University of Victoria Library did not indicate whether they can financially support the program.

M. Ho asked whether a potential lack in library funding would impact the budget for the program?

In response, J. Anthony confirmed that it would not.

Action item:

J. Anthony to confirm funding with U.Vic. Library and provide that confirmation to the chair, the Senate Office and C. Krebs.

S. Jarvis-Selinger suggested revising the Academic Calendar statement to read “Applicants who would like to be considered for admission to the distributed Master of Physical Therapy- North cohort at the University of Northern British Columbia must also complete two supplementary application forms: 1) the rural suitability form and 2) the lived experiences form. These forms are available to download on the M.P.T. Program website (add URL).”

Action item:

Senate Office to revise calendar statement.

The chair asked whether the location information regarding the Victoria site should be adjusted to provide similar details to the other two sites. Discussion ensued among the Committee about possible options.

Action item:

L. Douesnard to work with Senate Office on final descriptive text regarding the Victoria site.

**Bachelor of
Science in Food
and Resource
Economics**

As presented by J. Vercammen:

That the Committee approves the revised admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Food and Resource Economics, effective for the 2024 Winter Session and thereafter.

Moved: Z. Xu
Seconded: I. Price
Carried.

The Chair invited Dr. Vercammen to present the proposal for the revised admission requirements for the revised Bachelor of Science in Food and Resource Economics. E. Eberhardt provided an overview of the revised proposed program and the reasons for the revisions. Z. Xu provided information about direct entry for students entering from high school. It was noted that feedback from students is that they want majors to be associated with the degree.

Discussion ensued about the remaining steps in the program’s approval process, namely approval from the Ministry.

E. Salzberg asked whether the 500-word letter of intent is the sole supplementary requirement.

In response, J. Vercammen confirmed that it will be.

E. Salzberg noted that students may use AI to write these letters of intent.

In response, J. Vercammen noted that the requirement will align the degree with other LFS admission requirements.

**Student Mobility
Agreements –
Shanghai Jiao
Tong University
(China), Beijing
Forestry
University
(China), China-
Europe
International
Business School
(China), Fudan
University
(China), Fujian
Agriculture and
Forestry
University
(China)**

As presented by N. Nobell:

That the Committee approves the Student Mobility Agreements (2023) between UBC and Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Beijing Forestry University, China-Europe International Business School, Fudan University, and Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University for 5-year renewals.

Moved: Z. Xu
Seconded: J. Charbonneau
Abstain: S. Pelech
Carried.

The Chair invited Dr. Nobell to present the proposal for the renewal of five Student Mobility Agreements with Shanghai Jiao Tong University (China), Beijing Forestry University (China), China-Europe International Business School (China), Fudan University (China), Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University (China). N. Nobell presented a slideshow, which included key statistics regarding UBC's SMA's and also contextual information about the strategies used when selecting institutions to affiliate. N. Nobell noted that the Vice Provost International *pro tem* will provide a fulsome presentation to the Vancouver Senate in the fall, regarding all affiliations with other institutions.

S. Pelech noted the disparity among the number of agreements with institutions in Asia versus other regions.

In response, N. Nobell clarified that the renewals seen by the SAC will vary month-by-month. Faculty-specific strategies vary for why they ask to affiliate with other institutions. If the Senate were to decide to pause affiliations with institutions, that process would be decided by Senate and University Counsel.

Next Meeting Wednesday, May 10, 2023 from 10 am-12 pm

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.

Student Appeals The Committee considered eight student appeals.