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## Okanagan Senate

### MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2006

#### Attendance

**Present:** President M. C. Piper (Chair), Dr. A. McEachern (Chancellor), Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor R. Tees, Mr. R. Adl, Mr. G. August, Dr. J. Bassett-Smith, Dean R. Belton, Dean J. Bottorff, Ms. M. Burton, Acting Dean R. Campbell, Dr. J. Castricano, Ms. T. Cho, Dr. J. Cioe, Dr. R. Currie, Mr. R. A. Dionne, Ms. L. Driscoll, Dr. M. Duran-Cogan, Mr. J. Ferguson, Dr. J. Gustar, Dean M. Isaacson, Dr. D. Keyes, Dr. R. Klukas, Mr. M. Koovisk, Dr. M. Krank, Dr. A. Labun, Dr. R. Lalonde, Ms. T. Marten, Ms. K. Plancke, Ms. D. Polson, Ms. C. Ricketts, Dr. D. Salhani, Dr. C. Scarff, Mr. B. Silzer, Dr. M. Ungureanu, Mr. Z. Webster, Dr. M. Williams, Ms. G. Zilm.

**By Invitation:** Ms. L. Collins, Mr. C. Eaton (Enrolment Services).

**Regrets:** Mr. P. Arther, Dean B. Bauer, Mr. A. Benty, Dr. W. Broughton, Ms. R. McAuley, Dr. S. McCoubrey, Dr. D. Senese, Dr. P. Wrzesniewski, Dr. P. Wylie.

**Recording Secretary:** Ms. K. Ross.

#### Call to Order

#### Minutes of the Previous Meeting

*Mr. Koovisk*                    }    *That the minutes of the meeting of February*  
*Dr. Lalonde*                    }    *17, 2006 be adopted as circulated.*

Carried.

## **Remarks from the Chair and Related Questions**

### **COUNCIL OF SENATES**

The President reported that the inaugural meeting of the Council of Senates was held on March 17, 2006. The Council was charged with creating and reporting their rules and procedures within one year. The Council, under advisement from the Joint Committee, was tasked with the item of establishing Council membership, to be reported back to the Council in May 2006. The Council members questioned how affiliation agreements, i.e., Enowkin Affiliation Agreement, will be considered and communicated between the UBC Senates. The President expressed the importance of the Council meeting as a historical event.

### **RECENT TRIPS**

The President reported that she travelled to Ottawa and Toronto. Alumni gatherings in those cities were very successful. Presentations to alumni were given by renowned UBC Alumni: Jeffrey Simpson (Globe and Mail), Michael Byers (Liu Institute), and Richard Johnson (UBC Vancouver). The President stated that it was evident from the alumni questions that UBC Alumni are interested to learn more about UBC Okanagan.

The President shared her optimism with the new government's commitment to funding university research in Ottawa; their current \$500 million investment for research and universities is evidence of this commitment.

### **PROFESSOR CARL E. WIEMAN**

The President acknowledged the January 2007 appointment of Nobel Laureate, Professor Wieman, to The University of British Columbia. The President expressed her enthusiasm for Professor Wieman's work in physics, and her pleasure of the fact that he will call UBC

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*Remarks from the Chair and Related Questions, continued*

home. Professor Wieman will be supported to advance the teaching of science and to prepare students to understand science at both UBC campuses.

## **NEW UBC PRESIDENT**

The President shared the Board of Governors announcement of the July 1, 2006 appointment of UBC's 12th University President. The President invited Okanagan Senate members to meet with the new President at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22nd.

## **Remarks from the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Related Questions**

The Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor shared his belief that Professor Wieman will influence both UBC campuses through his innovations.

Acting Deputy-Vice Chancellor Tees discussed his presentation of the UBC Okanagan Master Plan to the Board of Governors on March 20, 2006. The Board of Governors approved a one-year accelerated, August 2006 occupancy date. The Board of Governors agreed that the Master Plan is doable and that UBC Okanagan has a good handle on its development. However, to address the need for temporary space, the Board approved an additional 2,000 square meters to be added to a current building. The total investment into the master plan is \$240 million; the Province will invest \$105 million of the total cost.

## **Admissions and Awards Committee**

Dr. Bassett-Smith presented the Committee's report.

## **ADMISSIONS AND AWARDS**

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*Admissions and Awards Committee, continued*

The Admissions and Awards Committee had circulated a recommendation to approve admissions changes for the Faculty of Health and Social Development, and from the Undergraduate Admissions office.

*Dr. Bassett-Smith* }  
*Dr. Cioe* } *That Senate approve the admissions proposals as listed in the Committee report and as proposed by the Faculty of Health and Social Work and the Undergraduate Admissions office.*

## **DISCUSSION**

Dean Belton inquired as to whether the *Admission from Post-Secondary Institutions offering different B.S.N. Curriculum* proposal paragraph enclosed in bold should be placed at the front of the calendar to represent other UBC Okanagan programs. So as to unduly delay the Nursing proposal, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Tees offered that a general statement be considered for application to other faculties and schools:

“It is important to note that the curriculum of the Nursing program at UBC Okanagan is different from the curriculum of the Nursing program at UBC Vancouver. Direct transfer between the two programs is not possible.”

Dr. Cioe questioned the rationale in dropping the math competency test in the *L.P.N. to B.S.N. Admissions Requirements* proposal. Dr. Bassett-Smith verified that the School of Nursing at UBC Okanagan is aligning the program requirement with UBC Vancouver’s Nursing program, which does not require a math competency test.

The motion was put and carried.

## **Curriculum Committee**

Dr. Salhani, as Chair, of the Committee, presented the Committee’s report.

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*Curriculum Committee, continued*

*See Appendix A: Curriculum Summary*

The Curriculum Committee had circulated a recommendation to approve new courses and proposed curriculum changes by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies for Senate's approval.

<i>Dr. Salhani</i>	}	<i>That Senate adopt the changes the curriculum changes from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies, as listed in the Curriculum Report.</i>
<i>Dr. Gustar</i>		

Carried.

### **Policies and Procedures Committee**

Dean Isaacson, as Chair of the Committee, presented the Committee's reports.

#### **SYSTEM-WIDE ACADEMIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

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The Committee had circulated a joint report of the Okanagan Policies and Procedures Committee and the Vancouver Agenda Committee for consideration by both Senates.

<i>Dean Isaacson</i>	}	<i>That Senate adopt the System-Wide Academic Policy Development document as submitted by the Policies and Procedures Committee.</i>
<i>Dr. Salhani</i>		

Carried.

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*Policies and Procedures Committee, continued*

## ADDITIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF SENATE

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The Committee had circulated a report to amend the Membership of Senate.

<i>Dean Isaacson</i>	}	<i>That Senate accept the Membership of Senate report as recommended by the Policies and Procedures Committee.</i>
<i>Dr. Cioe</i>		

## DISCUSSION

The Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor confirmed that the additional student senator could be either a graduate or undergraduate student. Mr. Eaton advised Dr. Labun that a motion to accept the Dean of Graduate Studies is unnecessary; since the Dean is considered an Administrator, the addition of the recommended faculty and student members will counterbalance this consideration. Ms. Collins noted that the *University Act* allows the Senate to add seats to the membership.

The motion was put and carried.

## REFERRAL TO THE COUNCIL OF SENATE

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The Committee had circulated a report to change the Council of Senates' Rules and Procedures. Dean Isaacson informed the Okanagan Senate members that this motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass.

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*Policies and Procedures Committee, continued*

*Dean Isaacson*            }    *That Senate accept recommended changes to*  
*Dr. Scarffe*                }    *the Council of Senates' Rules and*  
                                      }    *Procedures as submitted by the Policies and*  
                                      }    *Procedures Committee.*

**DISCUSSION**

Mr. Eaton confirmed that the use of the word ‘the’ in the section O sentence “... unless a notice of motion has been made at the previous meeting of Senate.” was intentionally used, as opposed to the word ‘a’; items referred to the Council of Senates should be timely, i.e., notice could not be given a year earlier. Mr. Eaton verified that the motion to approve the Referral to the Council of Senates document would not take effect unless the UBC Vancouver Senate established and maintained a rule to the same effect.

The motion was put and carried.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting was scheduled to take place at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2006.

## **APPENDIX A: CURRICULUM SUMMARY**

### **New Courses**

JAPN 365

FREN 420

ARTH 460

ECON 339, 391, 491

HIST 420, 424

SOCI 230, 231

CHEM 412

### **Changed Courses**

BIOC 402

