

# THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA | OKANAGAN



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## OKANAGAN SENATE SECRETARIAT

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## Annual Report on Committee Activities Senate Learning and Research Committee May 2007

### Committee Terms of Reference:

Responsible for recommending the following to Senate:

- A) Matters relating to teaching and research policies and initiatives;
- B) Items relating to international initiatives;
- C) The administration of the Library; and
- D) Continuing education programs and policies.

### Meetings

The committee met eight times during the 2006-2007 academic year.

### Highlights

The Learning and Research Committee discussions and consultations have included the following topics during the preceding academic year:

1. Endorsed committee terms of reference;
2. Discussed the future of the UBC Okanagan Research Themes and subsequently liaised with the AVP Academic and Research;
3. Provided feedback to the English Program's Writing Centre Proposal;
4. Discussed and recommended level of admissions English requirement at UBC Okanagan;
5. Investigated new ways to promote and communicate learning and research activities at UBC Okanagan;
6. Consulted faculty, staff and students on the best way to support teaching and learning excellence and innovation at UBC Okanagan. Consultations will result in recommendations to senior administration;

7. Held preliminary discussions on a UBC Okanagan Teaching Assistant Award.

On behalf of the Committee

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter Arthur  
Chair

**2006/2007 Committee Members:**

Mr. Peter Arthur (Chair)  
Dr. Alaa Abd-El-Aziz  
Dr. Robert Belton  
Dr. Robert Campbell  
Dr. Jodey Castricano  
Ms. Lesley Driscoll  
Ms. Melissa Ficke  
Ms. Natasha Neumann

**Invited Guests:**

Dr. Daniel Keyes  
Dr. John LeBlanc  
Dr. Doug Owram  
Ms. Gwen Zilm