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To: Okanagan Senate

From: Learning and Research Committee

Subject: The 2010 Olympic Games: Extended Term 2 Midterm Break (approval)

Please find attached the *2010 Olympics Games: Extended Midterm Break Policy* approved by the Vancouver Senate on 16 May 2007. The Vancouver Senate approved Option B in the proposal, which entails taking a two-week break from classes in February 2010 to accommodate the Winter Olympics.

The Learning and Research Committee at several committee meetings had discussed whether the UBC Okanagan Term 2 midterm break schedule should be similarly modified. The Committee decided to recommend extending the Term 2 Midterm break by one week from February 15 to 26, 2010. However the Committee asks that a proviso be added to their recommendation that will have exams end on April 30, 2010 rather than on May 1, 2010 as approved by the Vancouver Senate. The proviso to end exams on April 30 rather than on May 1, 2010 is to eliminate the incurrence of extra costs to students who must relocate after the term ends.

The extended break will allow the university community, including students, staff, and faculty, the opportunity to attend and perhaps volunteer at the games. As well the Committee feels that UBC should be unified in its decision to extend midterm break so that both campuses have fair opportunity to participate equally in this potentially once-in-a-lifetime event held so close to home. It is understood by the Committee that UBC will be establishing a *2010 Secretariat*. It is expected there will be direct discussions between VANOC and the student governments at each campus regarding information sessions for students.

The Learning and Research Committee therefore recommends the following motion:

That the 2009/2010 UBC Okanagan Academic Year be modified to extend the Term 2 midterm break by one week to span the period from February 15 through February 26, 2010, and

That the last day of the April 2010 examination period be set as April 30, 2010.

Sincerely,

Mr. Peter Arthur
Chair, Learning and Research Committee