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## OKANAGAN SENATE

**MINUTES OF 15 MAY 2008**

### **Attendance**

**Present:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor Dr. D. Oram (Vice-Chair), Dr. A. S. Abd-El-Aziz (Provost), Mr. R. Adl, Mr. P. Arthur, Ms. S. Bertrand, Dr. W. Broughton, Dean R. Campbell, Dr. J. Castricano, Mr. R. Chavarie, Ms. L. Driscoll, Mr. C. Devenish, Dr. J. Gustar, Dr. D. Keyes, Ms. C. Kuhn, Dr. A. Labun, Dr. C. Labun, Dr. R. Lalonde, Acting Dean C. Mathieson, Dr. S. McCoubrey, Dr. C. McFadyen, Dr. S. Reid, Acting Dean K. Rush, Dr. C. Scarff, Dr. M. Ungureanu, Mr. F. Vogt (Associate Registrar & Acting Secretary), Mr. R. Whitehouse, Dr. S. Yannacopoulos

**Guests:** Ms. L. M. Collins (Associate Secretary), Mr. C. Eaton, Mr. R. Yaworsky (UBC Vancouver Convocation Senator)

**Regrets:** President S. J. Toope, Mr. G. August, Dr. J. Bassett-Smith, Dean B. Bauer, Dean R. Belton, Dr. G. Binsted, Ms. M. Burton, Dr. E. Butz, Dr. J. Cioe, Dr. M. Duran-Cogan, Mr. B. Silzer (AVP and Registrar), Dean M. Isaacson, Mr. M. Koovisk, Ms. R. L'Orsa, Mr. B. Steinberg, Mr. G. Lepp, Ms. V. Lymberopoulos, Dr. M. Williams, Dr. P. Wrzesniewski, Ms. G. Zilm

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

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### **Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Dr. Doug Oram called the Senate to order in the absence of the President.

## **Agenda**

The Agenda was accepted by consent.

## **Senate Membership**

Mr. Vogt reminded Student Senators that the call for nominations on the Senate Nominating Committee would remain open until 31 May 2008.

## **Minutes of the Previous Meeting, 09 April 2008**

*Moved: Dr. McCoubrey*

*Seconded: Dr. Gustar*

*That the minutes of the Okanagan Senate Meeting of 09 April 2008 be adopted as presented.*

*The minutes were adopted as amended.*

## **Vice-Chair's Remarks and Related Questions**

Dr. Kathy Rush, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Health and Social Development was welcomed by Senators with applause. Dr. Owram invited Dr. Ron Yaworsky, Chair of the Council of Senates Elections Committee to present a report from the Council of Senates.

## **CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR SENATORS**

Dr. Owram presented certificates of appreciation for faculty Senators completing their terms on Senate. It was noted that, because some elections remained underway, some of the Senators receiving certificates could be re-elected to serve another term.

## **Granting of Degrees**

*Moved: Dr. Reid*

*Seconded: Acting Dean Dr. Mathieson*

*That the candidates for degrees, as recommended by the Faculties and Schools, be granted the degrees for which they were recommended, effective May 2008, and that a committee composed of the Registrar, in consultation with the Deans and Chair of the Okanagan Senate, be empowered to make any necessary adjustments (2/3 majority required).*

*The motion was put and carried unanimously.*

## From the Council of Senates

### ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Dr. Yaworsky, Chair of the Council of Senates Elections Committee presented a report from the committee related to the BC provincial governments proposed changes to the Chancellor Selection Process as written in the *University Act*. The provision that affects UBC relates to the selection of the Chancellor. Bill 34 proposes to amend the University Act such that the Chancellor will no longer be elected by and from the Convocation, but rather he/she "is to be appointed by the Board of Governors on nomination by the alumni association and after consultation with the council [of senates]". Dr. Yaworsky emphasized that the Elections Committee believes that this provision and its implementation are inappropriate for a number of important reasons, and accordingly, we feel it appropriate that this issue be brought to the attention of both Vancouver and Okanagan Senates. He noted that the UBC Vancouver Senate had recently approved a matching proposal that had been submitted on 14 May.

*Moved: Dr. Castricano*  
*Seconded: Dr. Yannacopoulos*

*Whereas the office of Chancellor and its election is an institution dating back to the founding of UBC and our predecessor universities; and*

*Whereas the election of the Chancellor is an important symbol to many parts of the UBC community - including alumni, faculty, librarians, senators, and most recently those honoured with emeritus status - together forming our Convocation and coming together to select the ceremonial head of our University; and*

*Whereas the Chancellor is a member of university senates and serves in an academic role as conferrer of degrees and chair of the Convocation in addition to its ceremonial position; and*

*Whereas the autonomy of the University to govern its affairs should be respected and its internal governance should not be adjusted externally without thorough study, consultation, and consideration:*

*That this Senate resolve to express its concern for the lack of consultation with the University of British Columbia on the changes to the manner in which the Chancellor is selected;*

*And that this Senate further resolve to express its concern for the changing of an office elected by and from the Convocation to an office appointed by the Board of Governors;*

*And that this Senate further resolve to direct the Secretary of Senate to inform the Board of Governors, and the other senates currently under the University Act of the position of the Senate on this matter;*

*And that this Senate further resolve to direct the Chair of Senate to inform the Honourable Murray Coell, Minister of Advanced Education and Minister Responsible for Research and Technology, of the position of the Senate on this matter with the request that he communicate these concerns to others in the Government of British Columbia.*

### Discussion

In response to a question from Dr. Labun, Dr. Yaworsky noted that a message received from the Assistant Deputy Minister indicated that low voter turn out (less than one percent) motivated the proviso proposed by the provincial government. Dr. Yaworsky indicated that the provincial government can amend the *University Act* without consultation from the Universities covered by the *University Act*. Dr. Castricano urged fellow Senators to support the motion proposed by the Council of Senates Elections Committee. Dr. Owsram asked Dr. Yaworsky to read the verbal amendment to the motion that would allow UBC to continue the practices of electing the Chancellor in the traditional manner. By friendly amendment, the original motion was amended to include the verbal amendment. In response to a question from the Senate, Mr. Eaton confirmed that approximate triennial cost to elect the Chancellor is \$6,000.

*The amended motion was put and carried.*

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

Dr. Keyes presented the proposed change to the Council of Senates Budget Committee membership. The Budget Committee had recently reviewed its operations and Vancouver Sub-Committees over the past few years; it had become apparent that the original membership of the Budget Sub-Committees should be expanded to 21 members so as to better advise the President and Academic Vice-Presidents on academic matters relating to the University Budget.

*Moved: Dr. Keyes*

*Seconded: Dr. Arthur*

*That Senate endorse the changes in the Budget Committee membership specified for above. (NB: This item will be considered by the Council this June)*

At present, the composition of the Committee is as follows:

44. The Budget Committee shall be composed of:
  - a. Three (3) Councillors, elected by and from the Council of Senates;
  - b. Four (4) members of the Okanagan Senate appointed by and from the Okanagan Senate, who must include at least two (2) faculty members and one (1) student; and

- c. Four (4) members of the Vancouver Senate appointed by and from the Vancouver Senate, who must include at least two (2) faculty members and one (1) student.

The Committee proposes amending its composition as follows (new text in **bold**, removed text ~~struck through~~):

- 44. The Budget Committee shall be composed of:
  - a. Three (3) Councillors, elected by and from the Council of Senates;
  - b. ~~Four (4)~~ **Nine (9)** members of the Okanagan Senate appointed by and from the Okanagan Senate, who must include at least ~~two (2)~~ **six (6)** faculty members and ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** students; and
  - c. ~~Four (4)~~ **Nine (9)** members of the Vancouver Senate appointed by and from the Vancouver Senate, who must include at least ~~two (2)~~ **six (6)** faculty members and ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** students.

*CARRIED.*

## **Nominating Committee**

### ***Student Senator Committee Assignments***

The Committee Chair Dr. Robert Lalonde recommended the following motions to Senate. He noted that, in all cases Student Senators were given their first or second Senate Standing Committee preferences.

*Moved:* Dr. Lalonde  
*Seconded:* Dr. Reid

*That the following standing committee appointments be made, effective until 31 March 2009 and thereafter until successors are appointed:*

*Admissions & Awards:* Mr. Matthew Koovisk  
 Mr. Ben Steinberg

*Appeals of Standing & Discipline:* Ms. Stephanie Bertrand  
 Mr. Grayson Lepp

*Curriculum:* Mr. Mike Dobson  
 Ms. Rachael L'Orsa

*Learning & Research:* Ms. Christina Kuhn  
 Ms. Vanna Lymberopoulos

*Policies & Procedures:* Mr. Chris Devenish  
 Ms. Tori Palynchuk

*Mr. Ryan Whitehouse*

*Agenda Committee (effective 1 September 2008):*

*Mr. Bobby Chavarie*

*Ms. Rachael L'Orsa*

**CARRIED.**

### **Policies and Procedures Committee**

The Committee Chair Dr. Daniel Keyes presented the reports.

#### ***Candidate for Emeritus Status***

The Policies and Procedures Committee recommended that the Senate grant emeritus status to Dr. Eggers at the rank of Associate Professor Dr. Eggers of the Chemistry and Environmental Sciences Unit within the Faculty of Arts.

*Moved: Dr. Keyes*

*Seconded: Dean Campbell*

*That the Senate accept the recommendation of the Policies & Procedures Committee with respect to emeritus status for Dr. Nigel Eggers and that his name be added to the Roll of Convocation.*

**CARRIED, unanimously.**

#### ***Faculty Gowns and Regalia for Convocation***

The Policies and Procedures Committee is pleased to recommend the following to Senate

*Moved: Dr. Keyes*

*Seconded: Dr. Reid*

*That Senate endorse the inclusion of the purchase or rental of academic regalia as an acceptable expense under the Professional Development Fund and strongly encourage the Provost and other interested parties to consider the necessary related policy/regulatory changes.*

#### **Discussion**

Dr. Owram responded to several questions and comments by stating that, the UBC Faculty Association would be consulted to discuss issues raised by the Senate including the reimbursement of previously purchased faculty gown and the tax implications of using the funds. He confirmed that, accessing the Professional Development Fund has no implications on student funding.

*The motion was put and carried.*

### **Curriculum Committee**

The Committee Chair Dr. Jennifer Gustar presented the report from the Faculties of Applied Science, Arts and Sciences, and Creative and Critical Studies.

*Moved: Dr. Gustar*

*Seconded: Dr. Broughton*

*That Senate approve the new program and new courses brought forward by the Faculties of Applied Science, Arts and Sciences, and Creative and Critical Studies as set out in the attached package.*

### **Discussion**

Dr. Gustar confirmed that POLI 378 is being proposed as a Political Science course, rather than as a History course. Dr. Ungureanu questioned whether *International Law* should be added to the proposed course title for *POLI 432 Contemporary Issues in Law*. Dr. Reid noted that the Curriculum Committee had asked that consultation with the UBC Law School be considered; Mr. Eaton confirmed the consultation and that the Faculty of Law had supported the course title as proposed. Dr. Gustar invited Dr. Ungureanu to refer additional queries to the Political Science program in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

In response to various questions regarding the proposed new program BA., B.Sc. – Major or Honours Designation on a Baccalaureate Degree Previously Conferred, Dr. Gustar noted that the University of Toronto offers a program similar to this. Acting Dean Dr. Mathieson noted that Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax, Nova Scotia had offered this program. Dr. Reid confirmed that, the Curriculum Committee did not approve a time limit, for when the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science program degrees were conferred to when their degree is upgraded with a Major or Honours distinction. Dr. Owram confirmed that until the Vancouver Senate considered this item, the proposed program would only apply at the UBC Okanagan campus. Mr. Eaton noted that the residency requirements would apply to this program. He added that any additional honours or major related credits would be considered as such.

*The motion was put and carried, two opposed.*

### **Admissions and Awards Committee**

The Committee Chair Dr. McCoubrey recommended the following reports and noted that the Vancouver Senate had recently approved that, Provincial Examinations would no longer be required for admission to UBC Vancouver for students being admitted to the Vancouver campus for September 2009.

*New Awards*

**DEEPAK Binning Foundation Community Builder Scholarship:** A \$3,500 scholarship has been endowed by the Deepak Binning Foundation for students entering The University of British Columbia Okanagan from high schools in the Okanagan Region. Candidates for the scholarship must demonstrate academic excellence in combination with significant leadership in their school or wider community. This is a one-year non-renewable scholarship. Candidates must be nominated by their secondary schools. (First award available for the 2008/09 Winter Session)

**EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd. Graduate Scholarship in Hydrogeology:** A \$7,500 scholarship, payable over two years at \$3,750 per year, is offered by EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd. to a graduate student, with preference for a Masters student studying hydrogeology with a focus on geoexchange and/or geothermal energy, water quality and/or quantity, environmental remediation or mining in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at The University of British Columbia Okanagan. Renewal of the scholarship in the second year is subject to continued registration in the School and achievement of satisfactory academic standing. The award is made on the recommendation of the School in consultation with the College of Graduate Studies. (First award available for the 2008/09 Winter Session)

**UBC OKANAGAN Graduate Scholarship:** Scholarships totalling \$1,500 have been endowed for graduate students at The University of British Columbia Okanagan. The awards are made in consultation with the College of Graduate Studies. (First awards available for the 2008/09 Winter Session)

**UBC OKANAGAN Athletics Breakfast Men's Varsity Award:** One or more awards, which may range in value from \$500 each to the maximum allowable under athletic association regulations, are offered to outstanding members of the Men's Varsity Teams in any year of study. Awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics & Recreation Department at The University of British Columbia Okanagan to outstanding students who have demonstrated excellent leadership skills and maintained good academic standing. (First awards available for the 2008/09 Winter Session)

**UBC OKANAGAN Athletics Breakfast Women's Varsity Award:** One or more awards, which may range in value from \$500 each to the maximum allowable under athletic association regulations, are offered to outstanding members of the Women's Varsity Teams in any year of study. Awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics & Recreation Department at The University of British Columbia Okanagan to outstanding students who have demonstrated excellent leadership skills and maintained good academic standing. (First awards available for the 2008/09 Winter Session)

*Moved:* Dr. McCoubrey  
*Seconded:* Dr. Scarff



*That the Senate accept the new awards as listed and forward it to the Board of Governors for approval, and that a letter of thanks be sent to the donors.*

### Discussion

Dr. McCoubrey confirmed that donors of the EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd. had requested that, graduate students' registered in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences be eligible only, as opposed to graduate students in the School of Engineering, for the scholarship.

*The motion was put and carried.*

### ***Oral Update on Enrolment Targets***

Committee Chair Dr. Sharon McCoubrey presented an information item on enrolment targets stating that, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor had presented a brief report on enrolment numbers to the Admissions and Awards Committee in May 2008.

### ***Annual Report on Committee Activities: Student Appeals on Applications for Admission and Readmission to Program***

The Committee Chair briefly outlined that five student admissions appeals had been considered by the Committee between May 1, 2007 and April 30, 2008. Of the admission appeals three (3) had been related to admission to the University while two (2) appeals had been for permission to continue in a degree or program. Of the appeals heard one (1) appeal had been allowed while four (4) were dismissed.

### **Appeals of Standing and Discipline Committee**

Dr. Scarff outlined that the Senate has delegated authority to this committee over the following items: appeals of student discipline decisions; appeals of academic standing decisions; and appeals of promotion/advancement. Since May 2007, the Committee had not heard an appeal of standing or discipline.

### **Report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor**

#### ***Policy #18: Appointment of Designated Senior Academic Administrators***

Vice-Chair Dr. Owram stated that the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor is proposing that the Senate reconsider *Policy #18 Appointment of Designated Senior Academic Administrators*. Senators may recall that Policy #18 had been previously approved by the Okanagan Senate in January 2008. At that time UBC Vancouver Vice-President Dr. D. Farrar had withdrawn the Policy from consideration by the Vancouver Senate, explaining that students had raised some issues the he wished to take some time to consider; the Vancouver Senate had recently approved the policy on 14 May 2008.

*Moved:* Ms. Palynchuk  
*Seconded:* Dr. Lalonde

*That the Okanagan Senate approve Policy #18 Appointment of Designated Senior Academic Administrators (Joint Senate and Board Policy).*

#### Discussion

In response to a query from Dr. Gustar, Mr. Eaton stated that the shift in members is actually four (4) and four (4), which includes the presence of a dean. He also noted that the membership is defined by campus reporting responsibilities. He noted that the proposed membership ratio is balanced in favour of those appointed, by one.

*The motion was put and carried.*

#### ***Budget Update***

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor reported that the March 12 provincial government budget cut of 2.62 percent to operating grants for all British Columbia public-secondary institutions had been announced, which resulted in a 4.7 million budget cut to the UBC Okanagan budget. Although The Deputy Vice-Chancellor noted that a broader budget discussion would be planned for the fall, he revealed that the original reaction to the budget cuts had been to freeze the faculty hiring process for a time. He stated that despite his initial reaction, he had chosen a more uncertain planning approach by continuing with original hiring plans and to increase the prediction of students enrolled at UBC Okanagan. This decision transpired from factors including: recruitment needs, community morale and external community speculation, which were reason enough to advance with the hiring process despite this sudden budgetary uncertainty. Approximately one million dollars of annual contingency funds were allocated to recruitment of the original number of 31 additional new faculty members, which would accommodate all available faculty retirement positions. In fact, the School of Engineering and the Faculty of Management had already made faculty offers for 2008/2009. Although the Deputy Vice-Chancellor was optimistic about the hiring process, he added that various planned staff positions would be considered for next year.

#### Discussion

In light of the current provincial government budget reductions, Dr. Gustar asked whether UBC had been consulted on the government's intention to transform Fraser Valley, Kwantlen, and Malaspina university colleges into full-fledged universities. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor considered whether the government's intentions had been included in the drafting of their *Campus 2020* plan (see: <http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/campus2020/>). He added that perhaps some of the aforementioned colleges would perhaps offer degrees, although their mandates may not change.

#### ***Strategic Planning Initiative Timeline***

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor stated that, when the budget cuts were announced by the provincial government progress on the Strategic Planning Initiative (SPI) had been

paused; regardless, the Policies and Procedures Committee requested that an update on this item be presented to Senators. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor remained hopeful that the Provost's attention would return to this matter since *Trek 2010* is nearing the end of its life span, which will make way for a new high level, UBC system-wide plan. The SPI is regionally focused and therefore could operate in parallel with the UBC initiative.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor noted that the Provost would present the draft SPI at the Deans Retreat in September to consider size of faculties, program changes at the faculty level in late fall to the Provost and AVPs and move into the approval and execution phase through the Senate and Student Services through the second term of 2008/2009. It should inform the budget process for the next cycle, which would be helpful.

### **Other Business**

In response to Dr. Keyes query on student space, the Vice-Chair agreed to report back to whether the study space in the Library would be restored to its original function.

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### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

*The following regular meeting was scheduled to be held on Wednesday 10 September at 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm in Library 317.*

## **APPENDIX A: CURRICULUM SUMMARY**

### **Faculty of Applied Science**

#### **PROGRAMS**

School of Engineering Program Overview

#### **COURSES**

APSC 177 (3): Engineering Computation and Instrumentation

APSC 178 (3): Introduction to Electrical Engineering

APSC 180 (3): Statics

APSC 181 (3): Dynamics

APSC 259 (3): Material Science for Engineers

APSC 260 (3): Mechanics of Materials

ENGR 327 (3): Reinforced Concrete Design I

2. The following new graduate courses:

APSC 560 (3): Constitutive Modelling of Materials

APSC 561 (3): Digital Control

APSC 562 (3): Finite Elements

APSC 563 (3): Mechatronics

APSC 564 (3): Robot Modelling and Control

APSC 565 (3): Modern Control

APSC 566 (3): Multicriteria Optimization and Design of Experiments

APSC 567(3): Advanced Topics in Digital VLSI Design

APSC 568 (3): Probability and Random Processes for Engineers

APSC 569 (3): Signal Estimation Theory

APSC 570 (3): Signal Detection Theory

APSC 571 (3): Data Communications

### **Faculty of Arts and Sciences**

#### **PROGRAMS**

BA., B.Sc. – Major or Honours Designation on a Baccalaureate Degree Previously Conferred

GWST Name Change

#### **COURSES**

ANTH 327 (3): Materials Analysis

COSC 132 (3): Surviving Security Threats in Our Information Society

HIST 314 (3): Women in Canada and the U.S. to 1867

HIST 324 (3): Women in Canada and the U.S. from 1867 to the Present

HIST 351 (3): History of Gender and Sexuality in Latin America

HIST 353 (3): Foundations of Modernity in 19th-Century Latin American History  
HIST 354 (3): Social Movements in 20th-Century Latin America  
HIST 452 (3): History of Mexico Since 1810  
HIST 454 (3): The City in Latin America  
MATH 435 (3): Mathematical Biology  
POLI 378 (3): The Age of Imperialism, 1800-1914  
POLI 383 (3): Crimes Against Humanity  
POLI 432 (3): Contemporary Issues in Law  
POLI 472 (3): War and the Modern State  
PSYO 443 (3): Psychometrics and Test Evaluation;  
PSYO 444 (3): Psychological Tests and Administration

### **Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies**

#### **PROGRAMS**

BFA Major in Interdisciplinary Performance

#### **COURSES**

ENGL 330 (3/9) d: Regionalism in Canadian Literature;  
ENGL 471 (3/6) d: Major Canadian Authors  
VISA 102 (3): Drawing and Two-Dimensional Art Practices I;  
VISA 103 (3): Drawing and Two-Dimensional Art Practices II  
VISA 104 (3): Three-Dimensional and New Media Art Practices I;  
VISA 105 (3): Three-Dimensional and New Media Art Practices II  
VISA 200 (3): Studio Theory I;  
VISA 201 (3): Studio Theory II