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Memo to: Okanagan Senate

From: Academic Policy Committee

RE: Interim Arrangement for the Granting of Graduate Degrees in November 2008 (approval)

Senators will recall that in April 2008, the Senate approved an additional interim arrangement proposed by the former Policies & Procedures Committee to grant graduate degrees. The Committee anticipated that further discussion in 2008 would clarify the respective responsibilities of the College of Graduate Studies and the disciplinary Faculties with respect to adjudicating candidates for graduation and making recommendations thereon to the Senate. The Academic Policy Committee recognizes that the current Review of the College of Graduate Studies has been completed, but Senate has yet to have the opportunity to consider its recommendations. To allow time for proper consideration of that review, the Committee proposes an additional interim arrangement to grant graduate degrees for 2008 until a permanent arrangement may be established.

In November 2008, groups of candidates are expected to graduate with the degrees of Master of Arts in Education, Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, Master of Arts in English, Master of Applied Science, Master of Education, Master of Science in Biology, Master of Science in Environmental Science, Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, and Master of Fine Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

The Committee therefore recommends that - as the faculties of Applied Science, Arts & Sciences, Creative & Critical Studies, Education and Health & Social Development have each delegated to the College of Graduate Studies the responsibility of recommending candidates to the Senate for the granting of their respective graduate degrees at its October 2008 meeting - the name of the College shall appear as the recommending body on corresponding degree parchments and the Dean of the College shall sign such parchments in addition to the Chancellor, President and Registrar.

In approving this recommendation the Senate affirms that the above arrangement is not to be construed to set a practice or precedent for future matters in this regard so as to allow the Review committee latitude in making recommendations in this regard to Senate.

The Academic Policy Committee would like to draw to Senate's attention that several deans have expressed concern about the continuation of an arrangement that was intended to be interim and short-term in nature. They have indicated that, although they are willing to support the motion below as it pertains to the granting of degrees in November 2008, their faculties would not likely support any further extension of this interim arrangement for the recommendation of graduate degrees to the Senate.

Motion: *That the Senate approve the interim arrangement for the granting of graduate degrees in November 2008, as recommended by the Academic Policy Committee.*

Respectfully submitted,
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Chair, Academic Policy Committee