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To: **Okanagan Senate**

From: **Admissions and Awards Committee**

Subject: ***Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students*** **(approval)**

In the spring of 2004, UBC Vancouver replaced the existing Undergraduate Scholars Program (USP) with a new scholarship program comprising of two awards: 1) the *President's Entrance Scholarship (PES)*; and 2) the *Trek Excellence Scholarship (TES)*. These two awards automatically extended to the Okanagan campus when it came online in 2005 and UBC Okanagan students began receiving both awards beginning in the 2005-2006 academic year.

Since 2005, a need has been identified to develop a scholarship specifically designed to recognize and reinvest in UBC Okanagan's continuing students and encourage retention. The *Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Student*s is proposed to replace the *TREK Excellence Scholarship* as a cost-similar award available to domestic continuing students. Its criteria are based upon a fixed level of achievement (at or above 80% on a minimum 24 credits) allowing students to set their academic goals at the beginning of the year with certainty of the reward (this is in contrast to the existing TREK Excellence Scholarship, where the students do not have all the information necessary to determine their eligibility and only realize their qualification when the award is granted). The award values are:

- $1,500 for 90% or higher
- $1,000 for 85% to 89.99%
- $500 for 80% to 84.99%

New proposed:

Deputy Vice Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students

Scholarships ranging in value from $500 to $1500 are offered by The University of British Columbia Okanagan to continuing domestic students entering second, third or fourth year at The University of British Columbia Okanagan. These scholarships recognize the value of continuing students and their academic achievement. (First awards available for the 2009/2010 Winter Session)

Current existing:

Trek Excellence Scholarships (TES)

The Trek Excellence Scholarships for domestic students are $1,500 awards given to the top 5% of students in each undergraduate year of each faculty and school.

The Admission and Awards Committee recommends the following to Senate:

Motion: *That Senate accept the* Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students *award as listed and forward it to the Board of Governors for approval;*

and

That Senate discontinue the Trek Excellence Scholarships (TES) *award and forward notice of this discontinuance to the Board of Governors for approval, with such discontinuance to be effective upon the date of approval of the* Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students *award.*

Note: The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students *award will be offered from the 2009/2010 Winter Session and thereafter and the Trek Excellence Scholarship will be discontinued at that time.*