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# THE OKANAGAN SENATE

# MINUTES – Draft

**Wednesday, March 24, 2010**

**3:30 pm to 5:30 pm**

**SCI 333 | UBC OKANAGAN CAMPUS**

**Attendance**

**Present:** Dr. D. Owram (Vice-Chair), Mr. Fred Vogt (Acting Registrar), Dr. A. Abd-El-Aziz (Provost and Vice-Principal), Ms. L. Amantea, Dr. P. Arthur, Dean R. Belton, Ms. S. Bertrand, Ms. M. Burton, Dr. J. Castricano, Dr. J. Cheng, Dr. J. Cioe, Ms. L. Driscoll, Dr. M. Duran-Cogan, Dr. J. Holzman, Mr. A. Hu, Dr. J. Johnson, Dr. G. Jones, Mr. S. Joseph, Dr. D. Keyes, Dean M. Krank, Dr. R. Lalonde, Dr. G. Lovegrove, Dr. R. Mack, Acting Dean C. Mathieson, Dr. S. McCoubrey, Dr. B. Nilson, Dr. B. O'Connor, Dr. G. Pandher, Ms. L. Patterson, Dr. M. Rheault, Dr. C. Robinson, Dr. B. Schulz-Cruz, Mr. D. Vineberg, Ms. J. Walker, Dr. S. Yannacopoulos

**By video-conference:** Prof. S. Toope (President)

**Guests:** Ms. L. Collins, Mr. C. Eaton, Ms. M. Kruiswyk

**Regrets:** Dean T. Aboulnasr, Dr. P. Balcaen, Mr. N. Cadger, Dean R. Campbell, Ms. C. Cody, Dr. F. de Scally, Dr. C. Hodge, Ms. C. Hopkins, Dr. A. Joy, Mr. J. Kent, Ms. C. Kuhn, Ms. S. Morgan-Silvester (Chancellor), Ms. R. L'Orsa, Acting Dean D. Muzyka, Dr. H. Najjaran, Mr. J. Ridge (Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Services and Registrar), Ms. W. Rotzien, Acting Dean E. Taylor, Ms. G. Zilm

**Recording Secretary:** Ms. N. Hager

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## Call to Order

Vice-Chair Dr. Owram called to order the seventh regular meeting of the Senate for the 2009/2010 academic year.

## Senate Membership

### *Results of 2010 Student Board of Governors and Senate Elections*

The Acting Registrar reported the results of the 2010 Student Board of Governors and Senate elections for a one-year term beginning April 1, 2010 and ending March 31, 2011 and thereafter until successors are elected.

An excerpt from the memorandum:

**Board of Governors Representative from the Okanagan campus, Student Representative**

- Mr. Ben Glassco

**Representatives of the Students At-large**

- Mr. Alex Hu
- Ms. Samantha Larose
- Mr. Cecil Norman
- Mr. Brendan Paton
- Mr. Calvin Wain
- Ms. Ana Weiss

**Representative of the Graduate Students**

- Ms. Laura Super

**Representative of the Students of the Faculty of Applied Science**

- Ms. Emily Landry

**Representative of the Students of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences**

- Mr. Steven Joseph

**Representative of the Students of the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies**

- Mr. Daniel Vineberg

**Representative of the Students of the Faculty of Education**

- Vacant

**Representative of the Students of the Faculty of Health and Social Development**

- Ms. Michelle Laviolette

**Representative of the Students of the Faculty of Management**

- Mr. Dan Berry

### *Notice of Replacement*

The Acting Secretary issued notice of the following replacement:

Dr. Philip Balcaen replaced Dr. Carol Scarff as faculty representative for the Faculty Education until August 31, 2011 and thereafter until replaced.

### *Call for Nominations*

The Acting Secretary issued a call for nominations for one (1) faculty representative to serve on the Nominating Committee to replace Dr. Carol Scarff until August 31, 2011 and thereafter until replaced.

## Minutes of the Previous Meeting, February 24, 2010

*Moved:* *Dr. Cioe*
*Seconded:* *Dr. Yannacopoulos*

*That the minutes of the Okanagan Senate Meeting of February 24, 2010 be adopted as presented.*

*The motion was put and carried.*

## President's Remarks and Related Questions

### *Provincial and Federal Budgets*

President Toope observed that the March 2010 provincial budget announcement contained no cuts for universities but maintained a modest increase from the previous year. President Toope reported that the addition of student spaces for UBC Okanagan was confirmed.

With respect to the 2010 federal budget, President Toope reported good news in the form of a $45 million dollar commitment to post-doctoral fellowships. Signaling the importance of research in universities and an improvement over the previous year's cut, a two-percent increase for federal granting councils was also approved.

## Deputy Vice-Chancellor's Remarks

### *Dr. Carl Wieman*

Dr. Owram noted for the assembly the recent invitation of UBC Vancouver Professor Dr. Carl Wieman by US President Barack Obama to serve as the Associate Director for Science for the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

### *Enrolment Trends for 2010-2011 Academic Year*

Dr. Owram reported that out-of-province applications had increased over the previous year, with a significant 34% of applications coming from Ontario. In-province applications had remained steady with no increases, most likely a reflection of decreases in the student population in 2009.

With regard to graduate students, Dr. Owram reported that approximately 500 applications had been received by the College of Graduate Studies by January 31, not including applications to professional programs. He described this trend as positive, and a reflection of current demographics in British Columbia.

### *Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference (MURC)*

Dr. Owram offered his congratulations to the three UBC Okanagan students among the March 2010 *Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference* winners and honourable mentions: Mr. Erik Christiansen, International Relations (winner, oral presentation); Mr. Andrew Hughes, Psychology (winner, oral presentation); and Ms. Natashia Bose Roberts, Microbiology (honourable mention, oral presentation).

Acting Dean Mathieson remarked that all three students' research began under the Undergraduate Research Awards (URA) program in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences which encourages undergraduate students to pursue innovative and original research as part of their learning experience while at UBC Okanagan.

### *Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Student Senators*

The Vice-Chair presented certificates of appreciation to the following 2009-2010 Student Senators whose term was ending March 31, 2010:

- Ms. Lindsay Amantea, At-large Representative
- Ms. Stephanie Bertrand, Faculty of Health and Social Development Representative
- Ms. Carolyn Cody, At-large Representative
- Ms. Carolyn Hopkins, Faculty of Management Representative
- Mr. Alex Hu, At-large Representative
- Mr. Stephen Joseph, At-large Representative

- Mr. Jon Kent, At-large Representative
- Ms. Christina Kuhn, At-large Representative
- Ms. Rachael L'Orsa, Faculty of Applied Science Representative
- Ms. Whitney Rotzien, Faculty of Arts and Sciences Representative
- Mr. Daniel Vineberg, Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies Representative
- Ms. Jennifer Walker, Graduate Students Representative

Dr. Owram thanked all Student Senators for their service over the past year.

**Academic Policy Committee**

***Update on Graduate Studies***

Dr. Cioe reported that at its March 2010 meeting the Committee had considered a series of draft policy documents presented by Dean Krank relating to the administration of the College of Graduate Studies. Dr. Cioe noted that the Committee was to meet on March 31, 2010 to continue the discussion and estimated that a draft policy for the governance of the College of Graduate Studies might be ready for the April 2010 Senate meeting.

**Admissions and Awards Committee**

***Revised Awards***

*See also, 'Appendix A: Revised Awards.'*

*Moved:* *Dr. McCoubrey*
*Seconded:* *Ms. Patterson*

*That Senate accept the revised awards as listed and forward them to the Board of Governors for approval.*

*The motion was put and carried.*

***Admissions Proposals***

***Admission to UBC Okanagan – Application and Document Deadlines***

A proposal had been received to move the Summer Session application deadline for undergraduate applicants from February 28 to January 15.

*Moved:* *Dr. McCoubrey*
*Seconded:* *Acting Dean Mathieson*

*That Senate approve the proposed changes to Admission to UBC Okanagan – Application and Document Deadlines.*

*The motion was put and carried.*

***Specific Program Requirements for Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum – Faculty of Management***

A proposal was received to modify the Bachelor of Management admission criteria based on new BC high school mathematics curriculum.

*Moved:* *Dr. McCoubrey*
*Seconded:* *Dr. Robinson*

*That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Specific Program Requirements for Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum to the Bachelor of Management in the Faculty of Management.*

*The motion was put and carried.*

***English Language Admission Standard (ELAS): English Language Competence***

A proposal had been received to add a new mechanism for undergraduate applicants to Okanagan programs to meet the English Language Admission Standard (ELAS).

*Moved:* *Dr. McCoubrey*
*Seconded:* *Dr. Cioe*

*That Senate approve the proposed changes to the UBC Okanagan English Language Admission Standard (ELAS).*

*The motion was put and carried.*

**Curriculum Committee**

Committee Member Dean Krank presented the report.

*See also, 'Appendix B: Curriculum Summary.'*

*Moved:* *Dean Krank*
*Seconded:* *Dean Belton*

*That Senate approve the new programs and courses brought forward by the Faculties of Arts and Sciences and Creative and Critical Studies as set out in the attached proposals.*

Discussion

Dr. Johnson suggested a friendly amendment to the BIOC 420 proposal. By consent the assembly agreed.

*The motion was put and carried.*

**Nominating Committee**

***Okanagan Senate Committee Membership Adjustments***

Committee Chair Dr. Duran-Cogan presented the report.

*Moved:* *Dr. Duran-Cogan*
*Seconded:* *Ms. Bertrand*

*That Dr. Jonathan Holzman be elected as Faculty Representative to serve on the Academic Policy Committee until 31 August 2011 and thereafter until replaced;*

*and*

*That Dr. Robert Mack be elected as Convocation Representative to serve on the Admissions and Awards Committee until 31 August 2011 and thereafter until replaced.*

*The motion was put and carried.*

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The following regular meeting of the Senate was scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 3:30pm to 5:30pm in Science 333.

## Appendix A: Revised Awards

### Previously-Approved Awards With Changes in Terms or Funding Source:

### CTQ Engineering Scholarship

Current Title & Description
A $5,000 scholarship is offered by CTQ Engineering to a student entering third or fourth year in the Civil Engineering Program in the School of Engineering at The University of British Columbia Okanagan. The award is made on the recommendation of the School.

Proposed Revision
CTQ Consultants Scholarship in Engineering - A $5,000 scholarship is offered by CTQ Consultants Ltd. to a third or fourth year student in the Civil Engineering Program in the School of Engineering at The University of British Columbia Okanagan. The award is made on the recommendation of the School with consideration given to students who demonstrate a combination of academic achievement and extracurricular involvement.

How amended: the revised description opens the criteria up to include extracurricular involvement, and a slight name change from "CTQ Engineering" to "CTQ Consultants Ltd".

### CTQ Engineering Entrance Scholarship

Current Title & Description
A $5,000 scholarship is offered by CTQ Engineering to a student entering the School of Engineering at The University of British Columbia Okanagan.

Proposed Revision
CTQ Consultants Entrance Scholarship in Engineering - A $5,000 scholarship is offered by CTQ Consultants Ltd. to a student entering the School of Engineering at The University of British Columbia Okanagan. Consideration is given to students who demonstrate a combination of academic achievement and extracurricular involvement.

How amended: the revised description opens the criteria up to include extracurricular involvement, and a slight name change from "CTQ Engineering" to "CTQ Consultants Ltd".

## Appendix B: Curriculum Summary

### Faculty of Arts and Sciences

1. The following new courses:
    a. BIOC 420 (3-9) d Special Topics in Biochemistry
    b. PHYS 321 (3) Stellar Astrophysics
    c. PHYS 474 (3) Solid State Physics

### From the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies

2. The following new course:
    a. ARTH 470 (3/9) c Directed Studies