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Okanagan Senate

MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2006

Attendance

Present: President M. C. Piper (Chair), Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor R. Tees, Mr. P. Arthur, Mr. G. August, Dean B. Bauer, Dean R. Belton, Dean J. Bottorff, Dr. W. Broughton, Ms. M. Burton, Dr. E. Butz, Acting Dean R. Campbell, Dr. J. Cioe, Acting Associate Vice-President & Registrar L. M. Collins, Dr. R. Currie, Ms. L. Driscoll, Dr. M. Duran-Cogan, Mr. P. Garrick, Dr. J. Gustar, Dr. R. Klukas, Dean M. Krank, Dr. A. Labun, Dr. R. Lalonde, Ms. R. McAuley, Dr. S. McCoubrey, Ms. N. Neumann, Ms. D. Polson, Dr. S. Reid, Dr. D. Salhnai, Dr. C. Scarff, Dr. D. Senese, Dr. M. Ungureanu, Dr. M. Williams, Dr. P. Wylie, Ms. G. Zilm.

By Invitation: Mr. C. Eaton (Enrolment Services).

Regrets: Dr. A. McEachern (Chancellor), Mr. R. Adl, Dr. J. Bassett-Smith, Mr. C. Carta, Dr. J. Castricano, Mr. J. Ferguson, Ms. K. Fiske, Ms. M. Fiske, Mr. B. Ford, Dean M. Isaacson, Ms. E. Johnston, Dr. D. Keyes, Mr. D. Sloan, Dr. P. Wrzesniewski.

Recording Secretary: Ms. K. Ross.

Call to Order

Senate Membership

President Piper welcomed the new and continuing student senators. Dr. Butz and Dr. Scott were also welcomed and introduced by the President as the two additional Representatives of the Joint Faculties to the Okanagan Senate.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Koovisk } *That the minutes of the meeting of March*
Dean Krank } *21, 2006 be adopted as circulated.*

Senators made editorial corrections to the minutes.

The motion was
put and carried.

Remarks from the Chair and Related Questions

NEW DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR

The President shared the Board of Governors announcement of the July 1, 2006 appointment of the UBC Okanagan's Deputy Vice-Chancellor. Dr. D. Owram was chosen from an exciting pool of candidates. President Piper thanked Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Tees for serving over the past few months.

RECENT TRIPS

The President reported that she travelled on her last official trip for the University to London, England and Geneva, Switzerland. Alumni gatherings in those cities were very successful. President Piper stated that it was evident from the alumni questions that UBC Alumni are interested to learn more about UBC Okanagan.

Remarks from the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Related Questions

The Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor shared his belief that the quality of candidates for the Deputy Vice-Chancellor position suggests that UBC Okanagan is the kind of place that people want to work. He added that this year, over 1,400 applications were received for 29 faculty positions. Of these applications, ten employment offers have been accepted to date while other offers are pending. Over 4,000 student applications with UBC Okanagan

Report from the Council of Senates, continued

as their first choice were received. Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Tees is looking forward to watching UBC Okanagan grow into an outstanding University.

Report from the Council of Senates

The Secretary had circulated a memorandum that indicated that the President had recently chosen to exercise the power accorded the President under the *University Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c 468, s. 38.2 (1) and personally refer the matter of the granting of UBC degrees to alumni of Okanagan University College to the Council of Senates for disposition. The next Council of Senates meeting was scheduled to take place on June 8, 2006.

DISCUSSION

President Piper confirmed that, although she expected that in future the two Senates would confer degrees without referral to the Council, the matter of degrees for OUC alumni constituted a special case.

From the Board of Governors

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Tees confirmed that the Board of Governors had accepted the recommendations of Senate in approving the following items.

IAGB MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2005

- Establishment of the College of Graduate Studies;
- Curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Arts and Sciences: B.Sc. (Honours in Computer Science); Applied Science: (M.A.Sc.; M.Eng.; Ph.D. in Applied Science), and Creative and Critical Studies: (new courses)

SENATE MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2005

- Addition of the Faculty of Management to the Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies program.
- Curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Arts and Sciences and Creative and Critical Studies;
- New Awards

Admissions and Awards Committee

Dr. McCoubrey presented the reports, as Chair of the Committee.

Note: The full text of the Admissions and Awards Committee Report is not included in the Minutes. Copies are available from the Manager, Okanagan Senate Secretariat.

NEW AWARDS

Please see Appendix A: Report on New Awards

The Admissions and Awards Committee had circulated a recommendation to approve various new awards.

<i>Dr. McCoubrey Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Tees</i>	<i>}</i>	<i>That Senate accept the awards as listed in the Committee report and recommend them to the Board of Governors for approval, and that letters of thanks be sent to award donors.</i>
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Carried.

ADMISSIONS

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As Chair of the Committee, Dr. McCoubrey had circulated proposals that Senate approve:

1. School of Nursing: calendar corrections;
2. School of Social Work: calendar corrections;
3. Change to admissions policy for American Secondary School, including the addition of the new Scholastic Aptitude Test or the American College test;
4. Change to admissions policy for currently enrolled UBC students;
5. Deletion of the list of countries in which English is the principal language from the calendar
6. Deletion of the information regarding evaluation fees for B.S.N. out-of-province transcripts; change to admissions policy for the French Baccaureate and the French Baccaureate International Option.

Admissions and Awards Committee, continued

Dr. McCoubrey } *That Senate accept the recommendations of*
Dr. Scarff } *the Admissions and Awards Committee.*

Carried.

Curriculum Committee

Dr. Salhani presented the Committee's report, as Chair of the Committee.

See also Appendix B: Curriculum Summary

Dr. Salhani } *That Senate adopt the curriculum changes*
Mr. Koovisk } *from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and*
 } *the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies,*
 } *as listed in the Curriculum Report.*

DISCUSSION

Dr. Salhani confirmed that the Art History Major proposal is approved by the Committee with minor editorial changes; Dean Belton agreed to provide editorial changes for the Art History Major proposal.

The motion was
put and carried.

Nominating Committee

Dr. Lalonde, as Chair of the Committee, presented the Committee's reports.

Policies and Procedures Committee, continued

MISCELLANEOUS STATUTES AMENDMENT ACT

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The Committee had circulated for information a report outlining minor changes to the *University Act* that had been effected by the *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act* 2006.

REQUESTED CHANGES TO THE UNIVERSITY ACT

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The Committee had circulated a report for consideration by both UBC Senates.

<i>Dr. Williams</i>	}	<i>That Senate accept the requested changes to the University Act.</i>
<i>Dr. Cioe</i>		

DISCUSSION

President Piper noted that the UBC Vancouver Senate divided recommendations 1 (Section 35.1) (2) (b), and 6 (Section 38.1) (1) from the other recommendations in their motion to accept the document. The rationale for this decision is that the new President should be consulted and be able to express his view on recommendation 1. The UBC Vancouver Senate asked that the Council of Senates be consulted on recommendation 6, which will better inform a decision by the Senate members to accept or modify this recommendation. President Piper further noted that should the Okanagan Senate approve the document as presented, this Senate will wait for the Vancouver Senate to accept recommendations 1 and 6, in order to submit the accepted recommendations to government together. The President echoed the current motion put forward to accept all recommendations as presented. Ms. Collins reminded the Senate members that they will review this document again this fall, once accepted by the Vancouver Senate. Acting Deputy Vice-

Policies and Procedures Committee, continued

Chancellor Tees suggested that, since these items will come back again, recommendations 1 and 6 should be divided out of the current motion in order to discuss them further. President Piper again reminded the members that the motion on the floor is to accept all recommendations as presented. Dr. Williams withdrew his original motion, with the approval of the seconder, Dr. Cioe.

Dr. Williams } *That Senate accept recommendations 2-5*
Dr. Cioe } *and 7.*

The motion was
put and carried.

EMERITUS STATUS

Dr. Williams withdrew the Emeritus Status document for further consideration by the Policies and Procedures Committee prior to presentation for approval. President Piper accepted the withdrawal.

Other Business

Dr. Lalonde asked that all volunteers to serve on the Ad Hoc Design Guidelines Steering Committee contact Ms. Ross. Dean Belton announced that all Senate members are invited to attend the year-end exhibition of Fine Arts, which is held currently in the Fine Arts Building.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting was scheduled to take place at 4:30 pm on Friday, May 12, 2006.

APPENDIX A: REPORT ON NEW AWARDS

B.C. HYDRO Scholarship in Engineering: A \$1,000 scholarship has been endowed by B.C. Hydro for a student currently enrolled in The University of British Columbia Okanagan School of Engineering. Preference may be given to students involved in studies related to energy conservation and sustainability. B.C. Hydro contributes to non-profit organizations which provide direct services, programs and opportunities that contribute to the vitality and well-being of B.C. communities. The award is made on the recommendation of the School. (First award available for the 2006/07 Winter Session)

Cindy James HACK Memorial Bursary: Two bursaries of \$1,500 each have been endowed by friends and family in memory of Cindy James Hack for students in the Nursing Program at The University of British Columbia Okanagan, with preference given to those in their final year. After graduation in 1966 from Vancouver General Hospital's nursing program, Cindy's career included work at the Children's Foundation, Burnaby Mental Health Centre, and Blenheim House, a treatment centre for emotionally disturbed children. Later, she was employed at Richmond General Hospital until her tragic death. Cindy was a caring professional who would want to continue helping others in need. (First awards available for the 2006/07 Winter Session)

Alex RECSKY Award: A \$200 award has been endowed by Alex Recsky for students in good academic standing who have contributed to the enhancement of student life through the athletics and recreation program at The University of British Columbia Okanagan. The award is made on the recommendation of the Department of Athletics and Recreation. (Note: This is an existing endowment which is being transferred to UBCO from the Okanagan University College Foundation. First award available for the 2006/07 Winter Session)

Wayne THESEN Memorial Bursary in Fine Arts: A \$1,000 bursary is offered by Susan and Tiffany Thesen in memory of Wayne Thesen, loving husband and father. Mr. Thesen was a popular staff member at The University of British Columbia Okanagan, an avid outdoorsman, and a skilled blacksmith. The bursary is offered to an undergraduate student entering any year of the Department of Creative Studies at The University of British Columbia Okanagan in the Visual Arts Program. (First award available for the 2006/07 Winter Session)

APPENDIX B: CURRICULUM SUMMARY

New Courses

ECON 221

GEOG 353

GEOG 454

GEOG 458

INDG 495

PSYC 329

SOCI 421

SOCI 446

Major in Art History

APPENDIX C: APPOINTMENTS TO SENATE COMMITTEES

Ms. Kimberly Ficke: Policies and Procedures Committee

Mr. Daniel Sloan: Policies and Procedures Committee

Mr. Chris Carta: Curriculum Committee

Ms. Deanna Polson, Curriculum Committee

Mr. Bennett Ford, Admissions and Awards Committee

Mr. Matthew Koovisk, Nominating Committee

Ms. Melissa Ficke, Learning and Research

Ms. Natasha Neumann, Learning and Research

Ms. Erin Johnston, Appeals of Standing and Discipline