



OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 15 DECEMBER 2022

Attendance

Present: L. Cormack, D. Buszard, R. Ng (Secretary), R. Sadiq, S. Barker, P. Simpson, S. Tomášková, G. DiLabio, P. Arthur, R. Campbell, J. Cioe, T. Ebl, J. Eikenaar, S. Hutchinson, P. Lasserre, Y. Lucet, J. Picault, B. Marcolin, S. Hilton, S. Stewart, T. Forneris, S. McNeil, , Y. Zhu, J. Holzman, R. Frost, S. Cherkowski, R. Johnson, K. Hodges, M. Reeves, M. Arthur, P. Aulakh, A. Shatzko, J. Low, M. Martin Panah, G. Jarry-Bolduc, J. Milliken, S. Hafeez, K. Christianson, A. Nair, M. Evans, G. Garrard, R. Lalonde, M. Legault

Regrets: S. Point, H. Berringer, S. Bates, J. Hare, I. Parkins, L. Markley, M. Libben, A. Alnaar, H. Chopra, S. Chopra, B. He, J. Olson, M. Tarrant, R. Sugden, J. Jakobi, S. O’Leary, P. Uribe.

Clerk: A. Breen

Call to Order

The Chair of Senate, Dr Deborah Buszard, called the fourth regular meeting of the Senate for the 2022-2023 academic year to order at 3:36 pm.

Minutes of the Meeting of 24 November 2022

A number of typographical errors were sent to the Clerk in advance. Attendance was corrected to confirm that Senators Evans, Garrard, Lalonde, and Legault were attendance at the October meeting. Senator Ebl asked that the statement on page 9 be revised as follows:

“She noted that the most recently approved set of enrolment targets were the subject of considerable debate at the Admissions and Awards Committee and Senate. She stated that enrolment targets should be kept in mind when addressing the scheduling issue as they can contribute to skewed planning.”

Senator Hafeez asked that the minutes reflect that the Provost’s comments related to his travel to UAE were not part of his original remarks, and that they were made in response to a question from Senator Hafeez.



Senator Frost asked that her comments on docket page 12 be revised as follows:

“Senator Frost stated that the heads have been told that they do not have the ability to change schedules. Six out of 18 colleagues in her department are teaching four days per week in Term 2. She noted that there is another scheduling issue, separate from research faculty teaching 4 days per week. That is that the Deans’ Council has, without wider consultation, changed the 9 to 5 teaching workday, extending it to 8:00 am to 6:30 pm. Because the rules state “HR-approved accommodations only”, a faculty member’s childcare responsibilities (for example) may not currently be considered when scheduling courses. If heads have the option to adjust individual teaching schedules it would be very helpful.”

Peter Arthur
Jan Cioe

*That the Minutes of 24 November 2022 be adopted
as corrected.*

Approved as
Amended

Remarks from the Acting President

The President offered her congratulations to Dr Gage Averill for his appointment as the new Provost and Vice-President, Academic, UBC Vancouver, noting that he had served in the role *pro tem* since April 2022. She recognized Dr Averill’s contributions to the University to date and commented that she looked forward to continuing to work with him. Dr Buszard also extended her congratulations to Dr Susan Parker on her re-appointment as University Librarian for a second five-year term, until August 2027.

The Board of Governors recently approved the 2023-2024 tuition and non-instructional fees, which include a 2% increase in tuition for new and continuing domestic undergraduate and graduate students and increases between 2 and 5% for international students. The President noted that by maintaining the 2% increase for domestic tuition, and a modest increase for international tuition, the base tuition rate upon which future increases will apply will enable the University to cover some inflationary pressures and allow continued investment in the core academic mission of the University. This includes the student learning experience, as well as implementation of recommendations from the Student Affordability Task Force and recommendations outlined in President’s Task Force on Anti-Racism and Inclusive Excellence Report.

The President noted that Premier Eby has appointed Selina Robinson as the Minister for Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills and that she is looking forward to collaborating with Minister Robinson to strengthen and enhance higher education in British Columbia.

Dr Buszard shared that UBC Properties Trust has purchased a small parcel of land in downtown Kelowna, immediately adjacent to the UBCO Downtown project. The new property, known as The McWilliams Centre, was purchased from School District 23 and has been an administrative office space for the district since the 1960s.



As this was the last meeting of 2022, the President offered her best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a restful break. She thanked senators their efforts and contributions over the year, and extended her gratitude and good wishes.

Ms Ebl noted that at the November Senate meeting, Senator Cormack had stated that there are budgetary restrictions anticipated due to payments coming due for two building projects, thereby limiting what other priorities can be funded. She asked if the recent real estate purchase will result in further budgetary restrictions.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor responded that such an impact is not anticipated as the property is being purchased by UBC Properties Trust; the space is currently rented by District 23 for 1-2 year, which should mitigate a budgetary impact until the properties are developed.

Senator Cioe asked if there had been an opportunity to discuss the disparity in provincial funding for graduate and undergraduate students when the President met with Minister Robinson. The Chair noted that the meeting was introductory and that a more in-depth meeting is anticipated for the new year. She stated that the University is well aware of the issue and that the next meeting with the Minister will deal in more detail on number of issues, including support for student housing and funding formulas.

The Chair noted that she would concede the chair to the Deputy-Vice Chancellor once Dr Cormack shared her remarks.

Remarks from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Dr Cormack noted the Development and Alumni Engagement [DAE] office has had several conversations with potential donors and several sizeable donations are anticipated in the near future. She expressed her gratitude to the DAE team for their hard work.

Dr Cormack shared that she had recently met with the newly elected Westbank First Nation Chief, Robert Louie. Chief Louie has indicated that he is very keen to work with the University, particular in the education stream.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor commented on the first-ever faculty and staff holiday party, noting that it was a great opportunity for community building and an event enjoyed by all. There was also smaller event for community members to showcase the work of the top winners and runners-up of the UBC Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition. The next competition will be held live on 5 April 2023.

Dr Cormack echoed the President's good wishes for the holiday season and also thanked senators for their efforts and contributions over the last year.



Remarks from the Provost

The Vice-President Academic and Provost, Dr Rehan Sadiq offered his congratulations to Dr Marie Tarrant on her appointment as the Dean of the Faculty of Health and Social Development, who will be commencing the role on 1 January 2023.

He also shared that the consultation process for the external review of the Faculty of Management is proceeding, and that the external review report is due in mid-January 2023.

Dr Sadiq highlighted the collaboration between the Irving K Barber Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Management towards the establishment of the Egg Farmers of Canada Chair in Sustainability.

This is the second \$1 million contribution by the Egg Farmers of Canada to UBC Okanagan and over the next few years, this funding is making significant contributions towards the growth of research activity in sustainability measurement and management, life-cycle thinking and resource efficiency in the Canadian egg industry, and within the larger context of Canadian agri-food systems.

Dr Sadiq noted that greenhouse gas emissions from agri-food, combined with agriculture's detrimental impact on biodiversity crisis due to land cover change, highlight the environmental and societal imperative of transforming food systems as a key facet of sustainability research and innovation.

The work of the incumbent will contribute towards establishing a research program focused on pathways to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions for the egg industry, while balancing environmental, socio-economic, and animal welfare considerations. Dr. Sadiq extended his gratitude to Egg Farmers of Canada for enabling this generous collaboration.

Senator Ebl asked how effectively UBC was engaging with community members, including alumni, for consultation on such things as external reviews of Faculties. She noted that alumni contact information such email may change over time so the University's records may not be accurate. Senator Ebl questioned how effectively the University is connecting with community, particularly alumni.

The Provost responded that the University has a robust data base regarding alumni, noting events such as Homecoming as an indication of connection with alumni. He stated that he is confident that our records are comprehensive, which has been confirmed by the Development and Alumni Engagement office. He added that the University's outreach and connection with alumni can always be strengthened.

Senator DiLabio reiterated the Provost's comments regarding the role of the newly established chair will extend beyond the egg industry and highlights the strong



partnership between the Faculties of Management and Science and their shared commitment to sustainability and interdisciplinarity. Senator DiLabio thanked Dean Sugden and Dr Sadiq in moving this initiative forward.

Report from the Presidential Search Committee

As the elected Senate representative to the Presidential Search Committee, Dr Legault was invited to provide an update to Senate on the search for the next UBC president. Dr Legault noted that she is to update to Senate on behalf of the search committee chair, Chancellor S. Point, on the progress of the presidential search. These reports will be a standing item for the duration of the search.

Dr Legault noted that the committee held its first meeting on December 1st for members to familiarize themselves with processes and procedures. The search committee has discussed opportunities for stakeholder engagement in the search process and more information will be forthcoming as the committee maps out key milestones in the search process.

Dr Legault stated that, in compliance with guiding principles and procedures for presidential searches as approved by the Senate and the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee of the Board has recommended Boyden as the executive search firm to support the committee and that the search committee accepted the recommendation.

Senator Cioe queried whether Senator Hilton will now be replacing Senator Legault on the search committee.

Dr Legault clarified that Dr Hilton is the newly elected faculty representative to the Board of Governors, while she is a member of the search committee as a representative of the Okanagan Senate.

Admissions and Awards Committee

The Chair of the Senate Admissions and Awards Committee, Ms Tamara Ebl, presented.

REVISED AWARD

See Appendix A: Awards Report

Tamara Ebl
Barbara Marcolin

That the Senate accept the revised award as listed, that they be forwarded to the Board of Governors for approval, and that letters of thanks be sent to the donors.

Approved



Senator Ebl thanked Development and Alumni Engagement staff for their hard work towards securing funding to support students.

Curriculum Committee

The Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee, Dr Yves Lucet, presented.

DISCONTINUATION OF THE MINOR IN MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE STUDIES

CURRICULUM PROPOSALS FROM FACULTIES OF CREATIVE AND CRITICAL STUDIES AND SCIENCE

See Appendix B: Curriculum Report

Yves Lucet
Marianne Legault

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for approval the discontinuation of program, revised calendar entries and new and revised courses brought forward by the Faculties of Creative and Critical Studies and Science, as amended

In response to a question from Senator Lasserre, it was clarified that there are no students currently registered in the discontinued program.

Senator Cioe commented that it is unclear from the two bullet points on page 27 of the docket whether students who need to provide alternatives SPAN 101 and SPAN 102 (6 credits) may take courses from only the listed Spanish courses or from only the specified courses in History, or whether it can be any combination of the two. Dr Lucey confirmed that students can complete 6 credits from either or a combination of options of SPAN and HIST.

The Chair noted that a minor revision to the language would suffice to clarify the intent.

Approved

Learning & Research Committee

The Chair of the Senate Learning & Research Committee, Dr Sally Stewart, presented.

CANDIDATES FOR EMERITUS STATUS

Sally Stewart
Jan Cioe

That the attached list of individuals for emeritus status be approved and that, pursuant to section



9(2) of the University Act, they be added to the roll of convocation.

Senator Lalonde stated there is an individual who should be on the list but appears to be missing.

Dr Stewart responded that the list has been carefully vetted and that the individual's retirement date may be such that their name will be forwarded to Senate at a subsequent meeting.

Senator Hafeez asked whether the omission means that the missing individual would not be recognized at the next convocation ceremony. Dr Cioe clarified that once added to the role of convocation, emeriti may attend graduation ceremonies and may be eligible to serve on Senate as a convocation senator.

Approved

Nominating Committee

The Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee, Dr. Jannik Eikenaar, presented

APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS TO THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SELECTION OF THE VICE-PROVOST AND ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT, TEACHING AND LEARNING

Jannik Eikenaar
Jan Cioe

That Sally Stewart and Stephen O'Leary be appointed to the President's Advisory Committee for the selection of the Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President Teaching and Learning

Approved

In response to a question from Senator Ebl, it was clarified that the role of Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President Teaching and Learning is system-wide and not limited to the Vancouver campus.

Report from the Principal and Deputy Vice-Chancellor

In the absence of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Chair presented

WALL LEGACY AGREEMENT



Dr Buszard stated that as senators were informed at the last meeting, UBC has been working with Peter Wall to agree on a new vision and purpose for the Peter Wall Endowment. The Endowment dates back to 1991 and has historically provided funding for the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies at UBC Vancouver.

At its November meeting the Senate was briefed that negotiations with Mr. Wall have led to a new agreement which will replace the Deed of Trust underlying the Peter Wall Endowment. The new agreement provides for the establishment the Wall Research Awards and Wall Fellowships.

The Chair noted that Senate voted at its November meeting to concur with the Vancouver Senate in approving in principle the conceptual outline of the Wall Research Awards and Wall Fellowships on the understanding that more information about the specific implementation would be submitted to Senate when available.

As the text of the new agreement with Mr. Wall can now be shared publicly, it is being submitted to Senate for information. As indicated in the covering memo, comments and questions may be addressed to viceprovost.avpaa@ubc.ca [email address at bottom of memo].

Dr Buszard noted that two Presidential advisory committees will be struck in the near future, one for the adjudication of awards and fellowship, and one for the development of an institute of advanced study. Both advisory committees will include representation from the Okanagan and Vancouver Senates.

Senator Evans stated that past events that have led to the current situation were due to conflicts arising from the governance structure and asked how those fundamental issues around governance will play out in the new arrangement.

The Chair responded that the advisory committees are still under development and that she is looking forward to creating a different model. She added that in the past, governance issues made it difficult for the institute to function, thereby leading to significant accumulation of unspent income from the endowment.

Report from the Registrar

2023-2026 TRIENNIAL ELECTION RESULTS

The Registrar shared the results of the first set of election results for the 2023-2026 triennium, including faculty and staff representation to the Board of Governors.

Further to the call for nominations for faculty members of the Okanagan Campus to fill the sixteen (16) positions for representatives of the Joint Faculties on the Okanagan Senate issued on 27 October 2022, sixteen (16) valid nominations were received. Therefore, pursuant to Section 15 of the *University Act*, the following faculty members are acclaimed as elected as representatives of the Joint Faculties on the Okanagan Senate for terms beginning on 1 September 2023 and ending 31 August 2026 and thereafter until successors are elected:

- Peter Arthur, Professor of Teaching, Faculty of Education



- Jan Cioe, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- Tamara Ebl, Lecturer, Faculty of Management
- Jannik Eikenaar, Associate Professor of Teaching, Faculty of Applied Science
- Mike Evans, Professor, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- Sandy Hilton, Associate Professor of Teaching, Faculty of Management
- Will Hughes, Professor, Faculty of Applied Science
- Daniel Keyes, Associate Professor, Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies
- Patricia Lasserre, Associate Professor, Faculty of Science
- Yves Lucet, Professor, Faculty of Science
- Stephen O'Leary, Professor, Faculty of Applied Science
- Julien Picault, Professor of Teaching, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- Mark Rheault, Associate Professor, Faculty of Science
- Christine Schreyer, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- Sally Stewart, Associate Professor of Teaching, Faculty of Health and Social Development
- Ray Taheri, Professor of Teaching, Faculty of Applied Science

The Chair congratulated the incoming senators.

On a separate matter, Senator Cioe noted that the Agenda Committee is currently in the process of reviewing conflict of interest guidelines developed and shared by the Vancouver Senate Agenda Committee. He commented that a current Senator has also been elected as a member of the Board of Governors and asked whether there can be potential issues of hierarchy or prioritization to service between the Senate and the Board. Senator Cioe added that Senate may wish to consider this type of dual relationship, particularly during its review of the proposed conflict of interest guidelines.

The Chair noted that she is a member of both Senates and the Board of Governors. As with the Okanagan faculty representative to the Board being a member of the Senate, the incoming Vancouver faculty representative to the Board is also a senator. She stated that such appointments are not uncommon, and that it may be helpful to have crossover between the two governing bodies. Dr Buszard cautioned that there should be an awareness of potential conflict of interest and the respective responsibilities of serving on both bodies.

In response to a question from Senator Eikenaar, Senator Cioe confirmed that he would support the Nominating Committee also reviewing the conflict of interest guidelines as part of the triennial review process. He noted that both actual and perceived conflict of interest need to be considered.

Senator Legault commented she is a senator and a member of the Board of Governors. She noted that these are two very separate roles and that there are benefits in the dual membership. Nonetheless, she fully supports the Nominating Committee's review of the guidelines.



The Chair echoed Senator Legault's comments, adding that it is beneficial to have well-informed academic voices at the Board table, and this is critical role for the President on both governing bodies.

Senator Ebl asked that her well wishes, along with those of the Senate, be shared with Chris Eaton, Clerk to Senate.

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Appendix A

New Awards:

Proposed Title: **Santa J. Ono Bursary**

Bursaries totaling \$2,000 have been made through an endowment established to honour the work of Santa J. Ono, 15th President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of British Columbia and in recognition of his dedication to the students of UBC. Bursaries are available for students at the UBC Vancouver campus and UBC Okanagan campus. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2023/2024 winter session).

Revised Award (previously approved award with changes in terms or funding source):

Amended Award Title: **Audain Travel Award – UBC Okanagan**

Amended description:

A \$7,500 travel award has been made available annually through a gift from the Audain Foundation for Bachelor of Fine Arts or Master of Fine Arts students on the Okanagan campus specializing in Visual Art who are undertaking travel to broaden their knowledge of historical and contemporary art. The Audain Foundation was established in 1997 to champion the visual arts in British Columbia through support for exhibitions, galleries, awards, and capital projects at arts galleries and universities. The award is made on the recommendation of the Department of Creative Studies.

Rationale: To align the Okanagan award description with the Vancouver award description so

Appendix B

Curriculum Proposals

- a. From the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies
 - i. Discontinuation of Program: Minor in Medieval and Renaissance Studies
 - ii. Revised Calendar Entries: Minor in Spanish, Major in Languages
 - iii. New Course: CULT 301
 - iv. New Course: CULT 390
 - v. New Course: ENGL 291
 - vi. New Course: ENGL 391
 - vii. New Course: FREN 390
 - viii. New Course: FREN 470
 - ix. New Course: CORH 506
 - x. New Course: SPAN 427
 - xi. New Course: VISA 285
 - xii. New Course: WRLD 390
 - xiii. New Course: WRLD 440

- b. From the Faculty of Science
 - i. New Course: BIOC 211
 - ii. Revised Course: CHEM 211
 - iii. Revised Calendar Entry: Master of Science in Earth and Environmental Sciences
 - iv. New Course: EESC 560
 - v. Revised Course: EESC 550