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To: Vancouver Senate and Okanagan Senate

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Subject: Council of Senates Meeting June 8, 2006

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Senators will recall that, as a way of ensuring timely communication between governing bodies, past President Martha Piper agreed to report regularly to both campus-based Senates regarding the activities of the Council of Senates. Considering that President Toope has not yet had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Council of Senates, I have taken the liberty of preparing this first report.

The Council of Senates met on June 8, 2006 at the UBC Okanagan campus. Meeting materials for that meeting are available for download from the Council of Senates website at: <http://www.students.ubc.ca/council/schedule.cfm>. The minutes of the meeting will be made available following their adoption at the next Council meeting. The current report is intended for your information only and does not substitute for the approved meeting minutes.

At the June 8 meeting, the Council took the following actions:

1. The Council considered a matter referred to it by President Martha C. Piper, namely the granting of UBC degrees to a group of alumni of Okanagan University College (OUC). The Council approved the arrangement for granting the degrees, provided that the parchments issued bear both the date that the degrees were first conferred by OUC and the date the degrees were converted to UBC degrees. The Okanagan Senate is expected to consider for approval a list of candidates for these degrees at its September 27, 2006 meeting.
2. The Council accepted with minor amendments recommendations of its ad hoc Committee to Consider Council Membership. The Council Executive Committee, the Vancouver Senate Agenda Committee and the Okanagan Senate Policies & Procedures Committee are expected to report jointly to all three governing bodies on this matter.

In August 2006, the Council Executive Committee accepted my recommendation to cancel the September 2006 Council of Senates meeting due to lack of business. The next regular Council of Senates meeting will be scheduled to take place in December 2006.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Secretary, Council of Senates