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To: Vancouver Senate

From: Brian J. Silzer
Secretary

**RE: Nominating Committee Membership: Non-Faculty/Non-Student
(approval)**

The Senate Secretariat sent out a call for nominations for election to the Nominating Committee from 12 August 2008 to 20 August 2008.

The *Rules and Procedures of Senate*, section 24(c), states that:

The (Nominating) Committee shall be composed of ten (10) members of Senate, two (2) of whom shall be student members and two (2) non-faculty, non-student members of Senate.

In response to the above-mentioned call for non-faculty, non-student members of Senate, we received the following nominations:

Mr. Christopher Gorman
Mr. Dean Leung
Mr. Gerald Podersky-Cannon

As the committee composition allows for two (2) non-faculty, non-students seats, the Senate Secretariat will run an election by paper ballot at the 17 September 2008 meeting of the Vancouver Senate.

Please see Candidate Statements on page 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Silzer
Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Services and Registrar



Mr. Christopher Gorman

In the last session of Senate, I sat on the Senate Nominating Committee representing Convocation. I am seeking re-election to this Committee. There are two characteristics that I think are required to be an effective member of the Senate Nominating Committee.

First, it is important to understand the dynamics of Senate and the personalities that comprise Senate's membership. This comes with experience and I believe that I have this given my six years of Senate service as a Student Senator from 1996-1999 and as a Convocation Senator from 2005-2008.

Second, an effective member should have a schedule that allows him or her to be available to attend meetings. I have such a schedule. During my tenure on the Senate Nominating Committee in the last session, I had an exceptional attendance record, even though I spent a significant amount of my time outside the Vancouver area.

Mr. Dean Leung

I have been an active member of the UBC community since I was a student when my participation included student senator, club executive, president of the graduating class, and what is now the VP Finance of the AMS. I am currently serving my fifth term on the Senate and I have participated in numerous standing and ad-hoc committees. This experience will be beneficial to the Nominating Committee in determining appropriate committee membership.

I received my Bachelor of Applied Science in Electrical Engineering from UBC. I hold several key IT designations and have IT experience in education, consulting and manufacturing.

In industry, I am the National Director of Information Technology at Davis LLP; a law firm with eight offices in Canada and Tokyo. My work in advancing technology at Davis has led to the authorship of whitepapers and speaking engagements on Voice and Data Communications, and Virtualization.

Mr. Gerald Podersky-Cannon

I am a businessman who has interests in: Health Care, Mining, Solar Technology, and Food Processing.

In 1985 I was a founding Board member of the Planning Alumni Association. In 1986 I became active on the Alumni Association Board. I served the Alumni Association until 2002.

In 1997 I joined the UBC Senate and served until 2002. I rejoined the Senate this year 2008.

Other volunteer activities that I am engaged in include the Board of Kinesis, a dance company, and the Western Canada Vice-Chair of the Canadian Council on Africa.

I am convinced that service on the Senate from the business community is extremely important to the healthy functioning of the University. Experience in business gives one a perspective that can't be gained in an academic environment. Such a perspective adds greatly to developing balanced decisions that have a wider base of understanding.