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To: Vancouver Senate

From: Nominating Committee

Re: Proposal for the Establishment of a Joint Committee of the Board and Senates on University Coordination

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The Committee is pleased that in recent years communication between the Board of Governors and the Senate(s) have markedly improved. However, it is of the opinion that there are still some areas in which a more coordinated and structured means of communication and discussion between the academic and business governing bodies of the University would be of benefit.

One tool to do so has been suggested to the Committee by the secretariats of the Board of Governors and the Senates: the re-establishment of the previous Joint Committee of the Board and the Senate(s). The body originally existed from the formation of the University until amendments to the University Act were passed which added senatorial representation to the Board of Governors. When senate representation was withdrawn from the Board of Governors in 1973, the Committee was not re-formed.

The Nominating Committee agrees with the suggestion that the re-creation of such a body (modified to reflect the dual campus nature of UBC, and to include explicit student representation) would be of use to the University. Our counterpart committee of the Okanagan Senate and the Governance Committee of the Board of Governors are in support of the proposal. As such, we recommend that Senate resolve as follows:

> *"That Senate approve the striking of a "Joint Committee of the Board and Senates on University Coordination" under the terms and conditions set out in the attached proposal; and*
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> *That the Agenda Committee be directed to consider and bring forward to Senate any necessary amendments to the Rules & Procedures of Senate necessary to the facilitate the work of the Joint Committee."*

Joint Committee of the Board and Senates on University Coordination

Establishment:

This Committee is formed by joint resolution of the Board, Senates and Council and its terms of reference, composition and other aspects of its operation may be amended by subsequent joint resolutions. In matters not specified below it shall operate following the rules of order applicable to standing committees of the Council of Senates as appropriate.

Terms of Reference:

- To provide a forum for discussion and facilitation for matters that are of mutual concern to the Board of Governors and one or more academic governing bodies of the University and to make recommendations thereon to the administration, Board, Senates, Council, or any committees of the foregoing bodies as appropriate;

- To consider and make recommendations to the Board, Senate(s), or Council on matters requiring the approval of the Board and one or more of the academic governing bodies of the University if such matters – in the opinion of the President, an academic vice-president, the Board, a Senate, or the Council – cannot be addressed by the normal mechanisms provided for such business;

- To meet as required but not less than once annually; and

- To report on its work to the Board, Senates, and Council when requested and in the manner specified by each body.

Composition:

- The Chancellor, who shall serve as chair;
- The President, who shall serve as chair in the absence of the Chancellor;
- The Chair of the Board of Governors;
- The Chair of the Board of Governors Governance Committee;
- The Chair of the Council of Senates Executive Committee;
- The Chair of the Okanagan Senate Agenda Committee;
- The Chair of the Vancouver Senate Agenda Committee;
- One Faculty Member of the Board of Governors, selected by the Board;
- One Student Member of the Board of Governors, selected by the Board; and
- One Student Senator selected by either the Okanagan or Vancouver Senate on an annually rotating basis.

The Secretaries to the Senates and to the Board of Governors shall serve as secretary to the Committee but shall not be considered members as such.

Terms of Office:

- The Chancellor, President, Chair of the Board of Governors, and Committee chairs shall serve ex officio;
- The Faculty Member of the Board of Governors shall serve a term of three (3) years and thereafter until a successor is selected by the Board;

- The Student Member of the Board of Governors shall serve a term of one (1) year and thereafter until a successor is selected by the Board;
- The Student Senator shall serve a term of one (1) year and thereafter until a successor is selected by the appropriate Senate.

Quorum:

A quorum shall be 6 members.