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## Vancouver Senate

### MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2006

#### Attendance

**Present:** President M. C. Piper (Chair), Dr. A. McEachern (Chancellor), Vice-President L. A. Whitehead, Mr. B. Ahmadian, Mr. T. Ahmed, Dr. B. Arneil, Dr. N. Banthia, Dr. G. Bluman, Dean M. A. Bobinski, Prof. C. Boyle, Mr. P. T. Brady, Dr. J. Brander, Dr. H. Burt, Dr. L. Chui, Mr. B. Danin, Dr. E. Dean, Dr. J. Dennison, Dr. W. Dunford, Ms. G. Eom, Mr. F. Fan, Dr. D. Fielding, Dr. I. Franks, Ms. M. Friesen, Mr. C. Funnell, Dean N. Gallini, Dean F. Granot, Dr. S. Grayston, Dr. L. Gunderson, Dr. P. G. Harrison, Dr. R. Helsley, Associate Vice-President J. Hutton, Dean M. Isaacson, Dean *pro tem.* M. Isman, Dr. J. Johnson, Ms. J. Khangura, Ms. W. King, Dr. B. S. Lalli, Acting Associate Vice-President & Registrar A. Lindsay, Mr. K. Liu, Dr. M. MacEntee, Dr. P. L. Marshall, Dr. A. McAfee, Ms. K. McAllister, Dr. W. McKee, Dr. D. McLean, Dr. W. McNulty, Dean D. Muzyka, Mr. P. Orchard, Dr. D. Paterson, Dean J. Saddler, Ms. E. Segal, Mr. B. Simpson, Dean R. Sindelar, Dr. D. Steyn, Dr. S. Thorne, Dean R. Tierney, Dr. M. Upadhyaya, Dr. D. Weary, Dr. R. Windsor-Liscombe, Dr. J. Young.

**By Invitation:** Dr. J. Gosline.

**Regrets:** Dr. P. Adebar, Dr. J. Berger, Dr. W. Fletcher, Dr. C. Friedrichs, Principal J. H. V. Gilbert, Mr. C. Gorman, Dr. D. Griffin, Dr. R. Harrison, Dean *pro tem.* G. Ingram, Dr. R. Irwin, Dr. S. B. Knight, Dr. R. Lowe, Mr. J. Mergens, Dr. P. Potter, Ms. C. Quinlan, Dr. J. Sarra, Dr. B. Stelck, Dean G. Stuart, Ms. A. Thamboo, Mr. B. Toosi, Dr. R. Wilson, Dr. R. A. Yaworsky, Dean E. H. K. Yen.

**Recording Secretary:** Ms. L. M. Collins.

*Note: The full text of reports to Senate is not included in the Minutes. Copies of most reports are available for download at <http://www.students.ubc.ca/senate>, under "Meetings and Agendas."*

## **Call to Order**

### **Senate Membership**

#### **REPLACEMENT**

Dr. Dale Griffin had replaced resigning Senator Dr. Daniel Granot as faculty representative of the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration.

#### **STUDENT SENATORS**

A one-year term for the following new and continuing Student Senators had begun on April 1.

Applied Science: Mr. Bijan Ahmadian (continuing);  
Arts: Mr. Brian Danin;  
Commerce & Business Administration: Mr. Kerry Liu;  
Dentistry: TBA;  
Education: Mr. Joseph Mergens (continuing through August 2006);  
Forestry: Mr. Behnam Toosi;  
Graduate Studies: Mr. Philip Orchard (continuing);  
Land & Food Systems: Ms. Sanya Brkanovic;  
Law: Ms. Elizabeth Segal (continuing);  
Medicine: TBA;  
Pharmaceutical Sciences: Ms. Andrea Thamboo;  
Science: Mr. Cameron Funnell (continuing);  
**Members at-large:**  
Mr. Tariq Ahmed (Law);  
Ms. Gina Eom (continuing) (Science);  
Mr. Fan Fan (Commerce & Business Administration);  
Ms. Jaspreet Khangura (Science);  
Ms. Kathryn McAllister (Science).

President Piper welcomed the new and continuing Senators.

## **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

*Dean Muzyka                    }   That the Minutes of March 22, 2006 be*  
*Dean Isaacson                 }   adopted as circulated.*

Carried.

## **Remarks from the Chair and Related Question**

### **DR. DAVID DOLPHIN AWARDED HERZBERG MEDAL**

The President was proud to report that Professor Emeritus David Dolphin had been awarded the prestigious 2005 Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering. The President described the award as a wonderful tribute to Dr. Dolphin as an outstanding scholar, teacher, mentor, student, and administrator. On behalf of Senate, the President congratulated Dr. Dolphin.

### **PRESIDENTIAL TRAVEL**

The President reported that she was scheduled to travel to Europe in late April to meet with alumni and supporters of UBC in several countries, including England and Switzerland. The President also planned visits to Toronto and Ottawa in May.

## **Council of Senates**

### **UBC DEGREES FOR OUC ALUMNI: PRESIDENTIAL REFERRAL TO THE COUNCIL**

The Secretary notified the Senate that the President had recently referred the matter of granting UBC degrees to alumni of Okanagan University College to the Council of Senates for decision. Mr. Silzer had circulated a letter from the President that outlined the reasons for referral and indicated that both the Vancouver and Okanagan Senates would be notified of the Council's disposition of the matter.

## **From the Board of Governors**

The Vice-President Academic & Provost reported for information that the Board of Governors had approved the following items, subject, where applicable, to the proviso that none of the programs be implemented without formal reference to the President, and that Deans and Heads concerned with new programs be asked to indicate the space requirements, if any, of such new programs.

### **Senate Meeting of January 25, 2006**

1. Curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Law and Science;
2. Establishment of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC and Yukon Chair in Stroke Research

### **Senate Meeting of February 22, 2006**

1. Change in name from Bachelor of Science (Forestry) to the Bachelor of Science (Forest Sciences);
2. Curriculum proposals: Master of Applied Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering; two-year version of the Master of Social Work;
3. Curriculum proposals from the Faculty of Graduate Studies;
4. New Awards;
5. Establishment of the Centre for Global Transportation Studies;
6. Establishment of the BC Leadership Chair in Depression.

## **Academic Policy Committee**

Dr. Paul Harrison presented the reports, as Chair of the Committee.

## **FIRST NATIONS NAMES FOR LANGUAGES IN THE CALENDAR**

The Committee circulated a proposal to use both anglicized and Aboriginal language

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characters to represent Aboriginal languages in the *UBC Calendar*.

<i>Dr. P. G. Harrison</i>	}	<i>That UBC use both anglicized and Aboriginal language characters to represent Aboriginal languages wherever they appear in the Calendar; and</i>
<i>Dr. Burt</i>		

*That appropriate print and electronic  
systems be installed as soon as possible to  
enable the policy to be implemented fully;  
and*

*That the Registrar be instructed to report to  
Senate in one year on the state of  
implementation of this policy.*

## **DISCUSSION**

In response to a query from Mr. Brady, Dr. Harrison stated that the intent was to apply the new policy to the admissions and course description sections of the *Calendar*, which listed the names of some First Nations languages. The Admissions Chapter, for example, listed languages that a student might present to fulfill the Language 11 requirement for admission.

Dr. Harrison reported that Enrolment Services had provided the Committee with information about significant technical challenges related to implementing the policy. As a first step, the characters could be included in an electronic version of the *Calendar* in PDF format. Because full implementation would not be immediately possible, the Committee proposed that the Registrar report back in one year.

In response to a question from Mr. Brady about why the Committee proposed the new policy only for First Nations languages, Dr. Harrison stated that it was important for the University to reach out to First Nations students and applicants. In response to a question from Mr. Ahmadian, Dr. Harrison stated that the intent was to approve the policy on a

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permanent basis, with the understanding that it would be implemented as technical support from Enrolment Services became available.

There was discussion about the costs associated with partial and full implementation. Ms. Collins stated that, although Enrolment Services had provided a range of implementation options to the Academic Policy Committee, cost estimates for each option had not yet been calculated. Senators expressed interest in considering costs before determining whether to proceed. Dean Muzyka requested more information about the scale of each phase of the project, the associated technical difficulties, and costs.

<i>Dean Muzyka</i>	}	<i>That the proposal to include Aboriginal language characters in the Calendar be referred to the Academic Policy Committee for consideration of potential implementation costs; and</i>
<i>Mr. Ahmadian</i>		

*That the Academic Policy Committee consider whether the financial implications of this policy ought to also be reviewed by the Budget Committee.*

**DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION TO REFER**

Dr. Arneil expressed support for the main motion and described the use of Aboriginal characters as enormously symbolic. She was hopeful that technical challenges would not prevent implementation. There was some discussion about possibly deleting the word “fully” from the second clause of the main motion to allow for partial implementation.

Dr. Steyn urged caution with respect to partial implementation, which might be construed as insulting because the characters would only appear in “marginal” versions of the Uni-

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versity's publications. He requested financial information about a minimal and phased implementation plans.

The motion to refer was put and carried.

#### SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND FAMILY STUDIES POLICY ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Dr. Harrison reminded members of the Senate that the Committee had presented an earlier version of the policy at the February 2006 meeting of Senate, but had later withdrawn the proposal in the interest of further refinement prior to approval.

<i>Dr. P. G. Harrison</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the School of Social Work and Family Studies Policy on Professional Conduct.</i>
<i>Dr. Dennison</i>		

Carried.

#### SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE CHAIR IN PUNJABI LANGUAGE & LITERATURE AND SIKH STUDIES

Dr. Harrison gave an oral report about a search that was underway in the Faculty of Arts to fill the Chair in Punjabi Language & Literature and Sikh Studies. In response to some correspondence with several members of the Sikh community, the Vice-President, Academic & Provost had requested that the Committee consider the selection process from an arm's-length perspective. Dr. Harrison explained that the Chair had been established in 1985 with funds from the Federation of Sikh Societies and the Government of Canada. Following the resignation of one incumbent, the Chair had been vacant for some time. The Department of Asian Studies had recently begun a search to fill the vacancy.

The Committee had received copies of correspondence between members of the public and the University regarding the Chair. Dr. Peter Nosco attended a meeting of the Com-

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mittee to provide information about selection committee composition, search procedures, and arrangements for public presentations by short-listed candidates. After discussion, the Committee had determined that the process followed by the Department to fill the Chair complied in all respects with standard UBC practices for filling such vacancies. The Committee had expressed support for the process and was optimistic that the Chair would be filled in the near future.

Dr. Lalli stated that he represented the entire Sikh community in expressing concern about the Chair. He recalled correspondence between himself and Vice-President Pavlich, Vice-President Whitehead, and Dean Gallini over the past several years. Dr. Lalli expressed the opinion that the University should hire a qualified person representing a different school of thought from that of the previous incumbent. Dr. Lalli asked whether UBC policy on advertising faculty positions had been fully complied with. Dr. Harrison responded that, although he did not have detailed information about advertising of the vacancy, the Committee had been assured that proper procedures had been followed.

Dr. Lalli expressed the opinion that members of the selection committee were in a position of conflict of interest and made reference to hostility between members of the selection committee and the Sikh community.

Noting the long meeting agenda, President Piper closed the discussion and suggested that Dr. Lalli direct any further comments to the Academic Policy Committee.



## **Agenda Committee**

Dean Isaacson presented the reports, as Chair of the Committee.

### **REVISIONS TO THE RULES & PROCEDURES OF SENATE**

The Committee circulated a revised version of the Rules and Procedures of Senate, along with annotations for each proposed change. The Committee's covering memo explained the draft contained the following revisions:

1. Changes necessitated by amendments to the University Act;
2. Changes requested by the Review of Senate Committee;
3. Removal of redundancies with material already in our parliamentary authority;
4. Clarification of the parliamentary authority and amendment scheme to reflect current practice;
5. Typographical corrections, removal of anachronisms, gender-biased language, and changes reflecting intent and current practice for clarity; and
6. A general reformatting to be in line with the newer Council of Senates and Okanagan Senate rule styles.

<i>Dean Isaacson</i>	}	<i>That the Senate adopt the revised Rules &amp; Procedures of Senate.</i>
<i>Dr. Marshall</i>		

Senate adopted without challenge an amendment proposed by Mr. Brady to delete Section 22(c). Dr. Harrison suggested an editorial change to correct a reference to a nonexistent section number.

The motion, as amended, was put and carried.

### **MISCELLANEOUS STATUTES AMENDMENT ACT 2006**

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

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*Agenda Committee, continued*

## REQUESTED CHANGES TO THE *UNIVERSITY ACT*

Dean Isaacson reminded members of the Senate that the Committee to Review Senate and the ad hoc Committee to Consider the Establishment of the Council of Senates had suggested that the University propose to government several changes to the *University Act*. In response to those suggestions, Dean Isaacson and Ms. Collins had sought the advice of University Counsel Mr. Hubert Lai. The Committee circulated the following list of proposed changes and associated recommendations:

### **Recommendation 1:**

Section 35.1 (2) (b): That Senate be allowed to elect its own Chair.

**Recommended Senate Response:** That no action be taken on this item until the views of the President-designate can be considered. Consultation is currently in progress.

### **Recommendation 2:**

Section 38.2 (1): That the Council of Senates not have the power to self-refer matters under the jurisdiction of a Senate.

**Recommended Senate Response:** That Senate request that the President and the administration propose this change to the Ministry of Advanced Education.

### **Recommendation 3:**

Section 38.2 (2) (c): That the Council of Senates no longer have the power to substitute its disposition for one made by a Senate.

**Recommended Senate Response:** In consultation with the University Counsel, we do not recommend any action on this item. We further note that it is this section that allows the Council to make a decision on any legitimate item referred to it, and without such a power, the role of “final arbiter” of system-wide disputes cannot be fulfilled by the Council.

### **Recommendation 4:**

Section 38.2 (4): That the powers set out in Section 37 (1) (o) [recommendations to the Board], and (u) [affiliation agreements] be returned to campus-based Senates, and that the powers set out in Section 37 (1) (l) [management of the library] be given to the Council of Senates.

**Recommended Senate Response:** We recommend that Senate request that the President and the administration propose to the Ministry of Advanced Education

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*Agenda Committee, continued*

that Section 37 (1) (o) be left within the powers of the Council of Senates, but that corresponding powers also be granted to each Senate, and that paragraph (l) be given to the Council of Senates in recognition of the system-wide nature of the UBC Library. We do not recommend any changes to the provisions for affiliation agreements, as we also note that these are system-wide decisions as affiliation is not established with any UBC campus, but rather with UBC as a whole.

**Recommendation 5:**

**Section 38.1 (4):** That a member of the Council of Senates representing a Senate be removed from the Council if they cease to be a member of their Senate.

**Recommended Senate Response:** That Senate request that the President and the administration propose this change to the Ministry of Advanced Education.

**Recommendation 6:**

**Section 38.1 (1):** That explicit representation be provided on the Council of Senates for Convocation and Student Senators.

**Recommended Senate Response:** At this time, we do not recommend any action as we note that the Council of Senates has struck a committee to consider its membership generally.

**Recommendation 7:**

**Section 38.1 (3):** That students on the Council of Senates be limited to terms of 1 year instead of the usual 3 (a parallel to the Senate term lengths).

**Recommended Senate Response:** That Senate request that the President and the administration propose this change to the Ministry of Advanced Education.

In regards to those matters where the Senates have requested changes to the Act, we further request that the University Counsel report to the Senates by September 2006 on any actions the University has taken in regards to Senates' proposals.

<i>Dean Isaacson</i>	}	<i>That the Senate accept the recommendations of the Agenda Committee with respect to Recommendations 2-5 and 7.</i>
<i>Dr. McLean</i>		

**DISCUSSION**

There was discussion about whether it would be advisable to submit proposed changes to the legislation in several batches. The consensus was that, although the Senate would not determine the timing of submission of changes to government, it would be wise to submit

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all proposed changes at one time. Some Senators expressed concern about unduly delay if the University were to wait for resolution on all recommendations.

In response to questions from Mr. Brady about time lines related to Recommendations 1 and 6, Dean Isaacson confirmed that it would be possible to consult in the near future with President-designate Toope about the Chair of Senate. Dean Isaacson also stated that the Council of Senates planned to consider issues related to its composition at its June 2006 meeting. Dean Isaacson confirmed that the Agenda Committee would provide a status report about Recommendations 1 and 6 at the May 2006 meeting of Senate.

The motion was  
put and carried.

## **STATUS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee had circulated for information a status report on the implementation of the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee to Review Senate. Dean Isaacson commented that, while some of the recommendations had been implemented, others were taking more time. He expressed the opinion that overall implementation was proceeding reasonably well.

Mr. Brady expressed appreciation for the status report. He also noted amendments to the *Rules and Procedures of Senate* would be necessary if the Senate elected to dissolve the Continuing Studies Committee and reassign its responsibilities to the Curriculum Committee.

## **Curriculum Committee**

*See also 'Appendix A: Curriculum Summary.'*

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

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*Curriculum Committee, continued*

The Committee circulated curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Applied Science, Arts, Commerce & Business Administration, Education, Forestry, Graduate Studies, Law, and the School of Human Kinetics.

<i>Dr. Marshall</i>	}	<i>That the Senate approve the curriculum proposals as circulated.</i>
<i>Dean Muzyka</i>		

## DISCUSSION

There was discussion about the correct title of an honours minor program in mathematics. Dr. Marshall suggested that Senate accept the program as proposed by the Curriculum Committee, and that the Committee would undertake further discussion about the name and return to the Senate with any proposed changes.

Dr. Bluman suggested an editorial change relating to a mathematics course for the Minor in Commerce in the proposal from the Faculty of Forestry.

The motion was  
put and carried.

## Student Awards Committee

### NEW AWARDS

*See also 'Appendix B: New Awards.'*

Dr. Bluman presented the report, as Chair of the Committee.

<i>Dr. Bluman</i>	}	<i>That the awards listed be accepted and forwarded to the Board of Governors for approval, and that letters of thanks be sent to the donors.</i>
<i>Dean Granot</i>		

Carried.

## **Ad hoc Committee to Review U21 Global**

### **STATUS REPORT**

As Chair of the ad hoc Committee to Review U21 Global, Dr. Helsley delivered an oral status report on Committee activities. He noted that the final report of the ad hoc Committee was due at the May 2006 meeting, but that the Committee would appreciate additional time to conduct research.

<i>Dr. Helsley</i>	}	<i>That Senate extend the reporting deadline for the ad hoc Committee to Review U21 Global to the September 2006 regular meeting of the Senate.</i>
<i>Dr. Dean</i>		

Carried.

## **Report from the Vice-President, Academic & Provost**

### **OPTIMIZING INTERDISCIPLINARITY AT UBC**

Vice-President Whitehead had circulated for information a series of reports, collectively entitled “Optimizing Interdisciplinarity at UBC.” The reports also contained recommendations about the future organization and leadership of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FoGS). The Chair recognized Dr. John Gosline to co-present the report. Vice-President Whitehead stated that, although he was presenting the report for information, discussion by the Senate would influence future decisions.

### **OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND**

Vice-President Whitehead noted that the Faculty of Graduate Studies had two different primary functions: (1) supporting graduate students and graduate education, and (2) administering centres and institutes that were interdisciplinary in nature. He noted that Dean Frieda Granot, who was to step down effective June 30, 2006, had done a tremendous job of building the Faculty.

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*Report from the Vice-President, Academic & Provost, continued*

Vice-President Whitehead explained that, when he took office in July 2004, he conducted wide consultation in the academic community. Issues related to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and interdisciplinarity were frequently referenced in both positive and negative lights.

The Vice-President stated that Graduate Studies had been accorded status as a Faculty in 1949 to allow its Dean to serve as a member of Senate and to participate in deans' activities. Over time, however, the Faculty became the administrative home for units that were not easily placed elsewhere. Consultation conducted by the Committee of Deans and others indicated controversy about whether it remained optimal to have the Faculty of Graduate Studies continue to play its dual role, given the current size and scale of the institution.

In response to a June 2005 call for input from the academic community, the Vice-President had received over 100 thoughtful submissions. Respondents suggested some options, but no consensus emerged. The Vice-President proceeded to strike a committee, which was chaired by Dr. Herbert Rosengarten, to consider a suitable process for considering all points of view while moving forward in a fair, effective, and transparent manner. Upon advice of the Rosengarten committee, the Vice-President had held a public forum and asked Dr. John Gosline to chair a committee of interested research faculty members (rather than administrators) to consider whether a consensus could be reached.

Dr. Gosline gave an overview of the Interdisciplinarity Advisory Committee's activities. Following the public forum, the Advisory Committee met approximately twelve times and eventually unanimously approved the recommendations that appeared in the committee's final report. Dr. Gosline presented and commented on each of the Committee's recommendations.

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*Report from the Vice-President, Academic & Provost, continued*

**Recommendation 1: The Faculty of Graduate Studies should be dedicated to the development and support of high quality graduate programs at UBC.**

Dr. Gosline stated that the separation of the 16 interdisciplinary (ID) units from FoGS would allow the Faculty to focus exclusively on graduate programs and graduate students. Locating the ID units in an administrative home outside FoGS could also enhance interdisciplinarity at the undergraduate level, which was not currently within the mandate of these units. The Advisory Committee had rejected the idea of creating a Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies, as this would imply that interdisciplinarity did not exist in other Faculties.

**Recommendation 2: An administrative unit, called the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies (OIS), should be formed under the direction of a new Vice-President, Interdisciplinarity (VP-I).**

Dr. Gosline stated that his committee recognized that the creation of a new vice-presidency might not be possible and explained that nevertheless the committee had proceeded with this recommendation as an indication of their view of the need to raise the profile of interdisciplinarity within the University's administrative hierarchy. The Committee had struggled at first to determine whether their recommendation for the leader would be a Vice-President or at a lower level, such as Associate Vice-President. A recommendation for a Vice-President was ultimately recommended because the Committee wished to place ID as high as possible in the reporting structure, in order to have more influence on resource allocation decisions.

**Recommendation 3: With regard to fostering interdisciplinarity across campus, the committee recommends that all existing Faculties appoint an Associate Dean of Interdisciplinary Studies (AD-I), who would coordinate interdisciplinary activities within their Faculty and would also meet regularly with other AD-I's at an Interdisciplinary Council chaired by the VP-I.**

Dr. Gosline stated that this recommendation aimed to address a perceived tension between FoGS ID units and disciplinary Faculties and to foster connections between Faculties.

**Recommendation 4: The committee recommends that a new committee be struck to study and evaluate policies and procedures for the promotion and tenure of faculty who hold appointments in interdisciplinary units or whose research and teaching have a strong interdisciplinary component.**

This would ensure that there is no penalty for or bias against interdisciplinary faculty in promotion and tenure decisions. The report stated that this work was essential, no matter where ID units were ultimately located.

**Recommendation 5: The report should be circulated widely across campus before the Provost acts on these recommendations.**

The report had been circulated to all faculty. Feedback was welcome either directly to the Advisory Committee or through Deans of Faculty.



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*Report from the Vice-President, Academic & Provost, continued*

Vice-President Whitehead thanked Dr. Gosline and members of the Advisory Committee, as well as a large number of other volunteers. He also thanked Dean Frieda Granot for creating a foundation for a tremendous future. Senators applauded to express their appreciation for Dean Granot's longstanding contributions.

Vice-President Whitehead indicated that, overall, his reaction to the report had been very positive. With respect to separating the ID units from FoGS, the Vice-President noted that it would be important to maintain excellence in both of FoGS current roles. He indicated that this separation would result in little or no day-to-day change for faculty members or graduate students. The name of the proposed new structure and the title and reporting relationship for its leader were not yet clear. Vice-President Whitehead stated that the decision-making process was still very much underway and that his own views were flexible. In the spirit of openness, however, he felt it was appropriate to indicate his current preference, which would be not to create a new vice presidency but rather to have the leader of an office of interdisciplinarity reporting to the Vice President, Academic. He envisioned this leader as influential and respected, and helpful in supporting and coordinating interdisciplinarity across all Faculties.

The Vice-President cited some urgency to begin a search for a new dean for graduate programs and graduate students, considering that Dean Granot was to step down on June 30. The Vice-President stated that he had been reluctant to begin such a search before receiving and discussing the Advisory Committee's report.

The Vice-President stated that it would take more time to determine the appropriate title and reporting relationship for a leadership position in the area of interdisciplinarity and the appropriate home for the ID units. Vice-President Whitehead indicated that the way

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*Report from the Vice-President, Academic & Provost, continued*

forward would become clear over the next two to six months, and that, depending on the decision taken, he would bring the matter to Senate for either discussion or approval.

#### **COMMENTS FROM SENATORS**

Academic Policy Committee Chair Dr. Harrison reported that the Committee had discussed the recommendations, and that the Committee had expressed general support for separating the Faculty as described in the report. There remained questions about the optimal academic governance structure and support for faculty members in ID units leaving FoGS, as well as concern about the costs involved in creating a new structure, if it were to include a vice-president, an office, and a council.

Interim Budget Committee Chair Dr. Brander stated that the Committee had met to consider the budgetary implications of the proposal. The Interim Budget Committee had also expressed strong support for the separation of the Faculty. The Committee agreed with the Vice-President that most of the desired changes could be effected on a cost-neutral basis. The Committee had discussed a possible decrease in certain economies of scale, but noted as well that certain coordination costs might be reduced through division of the two FoGS roles. One of the recommendations in the Gosline report, the creation of a vice-presidency, would likely add significant cost and was therefore not recommended. Committee members noted that such extra costs would probably reduce funds available for worthy initiatives elsewhere, and noted that the Committee and the Senate should carefully consider costs and associated trade-offs before proceeding. Dr. Brander expressed support for beginning the search for a new dean as soon as possible. He suggested that, once a plan for the ID units had been identified, Senate be offered the opportunity for further discussion and possible decision.

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*Report from the Vice-President, Academic & Provost, continued*

Dr. Brander expressed personal reservations about the creation of a new vice-president. He cited possible confusion about the role of the Vice-President, Academic and the loss of the role of “referee” between deans that was currently performed by that position. Dr. Brander suggested that the new position be located within the portfolio of the Vice-President, Academic.

Dr. Windsor-Liscombe commended the Advisory Committee for its report. He stated that he had begun his own interdisciplinary work thanks to Dean Granot in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and noted his appreciation. He asked whether some of the issues identified in the report might be addressed through the Individual Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies Program, which had operated to date under a relative “lean” administrative structure. Having just completed a three-year term as chair of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Interdisciplinary Studies Committee, Dr. Windsor-Liscombe noted that there remained challenges in correctly defining ID work; many ID activities remained bounded within the humanities or within the sciences. He suggested that the University avoid an administratively “top-heavy” ID structure.

Dr. McAfee recalled that she had completed an interdisciplinary Ph.D. thirty years earlier, when ID programs remained unofficial and “below the radar.” She requested additional information about the budgetary impact of next steps, as well as how future plans would affect students.

Vice-President Whitehead stated that one theme from student feedback collected to date was concern that the special character of ID units housed within FoGS and the support provided by FoGS would be lost in the transition. He expressed the hope that the opposite would occur, i.e., that a new leader for ID would serve as a champion for interdisciplinarity across campus.

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*Report from the Vice-President, Academic & Provost, continued*

In response to a question from Mr. Brady, Vice-President Whitehead confirmed that he was aware of models in place at other universities, including McGill University and Duke University. He stated that many other institutions looked to UBC as a leader in the administration of graduate studies.

Dr. Bluman expressed concern about possible problems that could arise related to joint appointment of faculty members.

Dean Isaacson stated that the creation of a vice-president, an office, and the associate dean positions would be very expensive, and urged Senate and the University to consider the budgetary impact of these proposals. He was also uncertain as to whether relocating ID units in another area reporting to the Vice-President Academic would solve current problems or show advantages over the current structure. Dean Isaacson also noted that there was wide variety among the centres and institutes within FoGS and that the same arrangement may not be best for all of them. He added that approval of the Senate would be required to alter the governance structure of these units, and that degree-granting authority would need to be considered. Although he understood the urgency to appoint a new dean, Dean Isaacson expressed concern that moving ahead in this area would imply approval to proceed with the reorganization of the ID units. He asked whether Senate might consider a motion related to governance changes at its May 2006 meeting.

Dr. Arneil agreed that a “one size fits all” model for relocating ID units would not be optimal. She also spoke against the creation of a vice-presidency that would compete with the Vice-President, Academic.

Mr. Jeff Friedrich, Vice-President Academic of the Alma Mater Society, requested and received recognition by the Chair to address the Senate. He had served as a member of the Advisory Committee, and stated that his goal had been to help create recommendations

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*Report from the Vice-President, Academic & Provost, continued*

that embedded interdisciplinarity as a core value. He suggested that the ID leadership position be ranked at least the level of associate vice-president to ensure that students in ID units did not lose their champion and advocate. Mr. Friedrich suggested that degrees could be granted through the Faculty of Graduate Studies, as they had been in the past.

Dean Muzyka spoke in support of separating FoGS while retaining a dean for graduate students. He expressed concern about conceptually locating interdisciplinarity in one administrative unit, and urged the University to consider a more integrated model for change and development. He spoke against the creation of a new vice-president. He recommended that the Vice-President proceed to fill the position of dean as soon as possible, but exercise caution in reorganizing ID units to avoid the proliferation of administrative structures.

Dean Gallini spoke in favour of the separation of FoGS. She noted that Dean Granot had done a remarkable job in securing funding while also performing her many other duties on behalf of the Faculty. Dean Gallini expressed reservations about the new administrative structure for ID units. She spoke against the creation of a vice-presidency, based on concern that splitting the Vice-President, Academic portfolio would create administrative silos rather than foster cooperation. She preferred instead one vice-president, who could continue to push for excellence in all areas of the academic portfolio. She added that the approximately 20 interdisciplinary programs in the Faculty of Arts were under resourced, and that increased emphasis on interdisciplinarity at UBC might ameliorate that situation. Dean Gallini suggested that some of the ID units might merge or organize themselves differently within a broader administrative structure, and urged careful consideration.

Dr. Helsley spoke in favour of decentralization of ID units to encourage ID activity, as opposed to the creation of an administrative superstructure.

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*Report from the Vice-President, Academic & Provost, continued*

Dr. Thorne spoke in support of the proposal, but noted that not all of the units in question held interdisciplinarity as a core value, and urged the Vice-President to consider each of the them individually in planning next steps.

Ms. Friesen drew attention to the fact that the UBC Library provided services to both undergraduate and graduate students in an interdisciplinary manner.

The President thanked Vice-President Whitehead and Dr. Gosline for their report. Vice-President Whitehead stated that he looked forward to reporting back to the Senate as plans moved forward. He thanked Dean Granot for serving as a catalyst for change and for fostering the kind of environment that allowed the University to stimulate interdisciplinarity.

## **Other Business**

### **ORIENTATION FOR SENATORS**

Mr. Brady recalled that the ad hoc Committee for the Review of Senate had proposed the development of an orientation for new Senators. He suggested that organization charts for the University administration be provided as part of the orientation.

Ms. Collins spoke about the status of the development of orientation programming. She noted that Secretariat had compiled and begun circulating a package of orientation materials for new Senators, and that the Secretariat team planned future work with the Agenda Committee to create an orientation session.

## **Tributes Committee - in camera**

### **REVOCATION OF EMERITUS STATUS**

*Note: Due to the confidential nature of this report, a limited summary appears in this version of the Minutes.*

As Chair of the Committee, Dr. Thorne presented a confidential proposal to revoke emeritus status from a retired faculty member, as permitted under a policy on emeritus status approved by Senate at its February 2006 meeting. Dean Isaacson expressed concern about revocation in general, noting that it would be important for the Senate to ensure that due process taken place. Dr. Thorne noted that emeritus status constituted a honour, and that Senate should only consider revocation under highly exceptional and unusual circumstances. The Committee circulated a report that detailed: (1) the facts of the case, (2) the process undertaken by the Tributes Committee in reaching its decision to recommend revocation, and (3) confirmation that the Committee had notified the individual. There was discussion about the practice for revoking emeritus status at other universities. Dr. Thorne stated that, although the practice varied by institution, the general opinion was that, because the Senate had granted the emeritus status, it would be within Senate's purview to reconsider that action and to revoke the status. A motion to revoke emeritus status from the individual in question was put and carried.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned the next regular meeting of the Senate was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

## **APPENDIX A: CURRICULUM SUMMARY**

### **FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE**

B.A.Sc. Mathematics minor

New Biomedical Engineering option in the Electrical Engineering program of the B.A.Sc.

#### **COURSES**

EECE 203, 230, 282, 332, 432, 433, 434

MECH 329, 445

### **FACULTY OF ARTS**

Canadian Studies major requirements

Coordinated Arts Program

Foundations Program (discontinue)

#### **COURSES**

ASTU 100

ASIA 204, 250, 369, 384, 400, 450, 490

CHIN 161

CRWR 411, 469

JAPN 161

KORN 161

MUSC 469

POLI 309, 310, 336, 337, 341, 343, 348, 427, 450

PSYC 304, 418

RMST 221, 222

THTR 335, 469

VISA 469

### **FACULTY OF COMMERCE & BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

New combined major in Business and Computer Science in the B.Com.

#### **COURSES**

BUSI 112, 460, 497

COMM 398

### **FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

#### **COURSE**

EPSE 404



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*Appendix A: Curriculum Summary, continued*

**SCHOOL OF HUMAN KINETICS**

Changes to Commerce Minor in the Bachelor of Human Kinetics

**FACULTY OF FORESTRY**

Changes to the Commerce Minor

**Faculty of Graduate Studies**

Commerce: New sub-specialization in Business Intelligence Systems

Education: M.A./M.Ed./Ph.D. in Adult Education, M.A./M.Ed./Ph.D. in Higher Education

**COURSES**

MECH 545

ASIA 547

PSYC 502, 503

EDCI to CCFI course changes

LLED 558

**FACULTY OF LAW**

New concentration in Business Law in the LL.B.

**COURSES**

LAW 311, 445, 465, 466

## **APPENDIX B: NEW AWARDS**

**Edward G. AULD Prize in Engineering Physics:** In commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, in 1997, of graduates from UBC's Engineering Physics Program, a \$650 prize has been endowed in honour of Dr. Edward G. Auld, Professor Emeritus, for a student or student group from the graduating class in the Senior Engineering Physics Projects Course who submits an exceptional report on a project that demonstrates both academic excellence and innovation. The award is made on the recommendation of the Director of the Engineering Physics Program. (First award available for the 2006/07 Winter Session)

**BUNTING Coady Entrance Scholarship in Architecture:** A \$6,000 scholarship is offered by Bunting Coady Architects to a student entering the Master of Architecture Program or the Master of Advanced Studies in Architecture Program, based primarily on their scholarly achievements at the undergraduate level. The award is made on the recommendation of the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. (First award available for the 2006/07 Winter Session)

**Thelma Sharp COOK Scholarship:** A \$5,500 scholarship has been endowed for a student entering the penultimate or final year of a baccalaureate program, the first year of Graduate Studies, or enrolled in the Faculties of Medicine or Dentistry. The selection is made by a special committee from those candidates nominated by faculties and designated student organizations for the Sherwood Lett Memorial Scholarship. Nominees are expected to have good academic standing, have demonstrated achievement in athletics, and have shown leadership through participation in student, community and service activities. Preference is given to aboriginal candidates or to those planning a career involving work with children or youth. (First award available for the 2006/07 Winter Session)

**Gabriele HELMS Memorial Graduate Scholarship:** A \$1,500 scholarship has been endowed by colleagues, friends and family in memory of Dr. Gabriele Helms for a graduate student studying Canadian Literature in the Department of English, with preference given to international students. Dr. Helms, Assistant Professor in the Department of English (July 2003 – December 2004) was just commencing her academic work in autobiographical and Canadian studies before her life was cut tragically short by breast cancer. The award is made on the recommendation of the Department of English in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. (First award available for the 2006/07 Winter Session)

**KASIAN Architecture Interior Design and Planning Ltd. Scholarship:** Scholarships totalling \$1,250 have been endowed by Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning Ltd. for students in the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, with preference for students demonstrating excellence in the area of design integration. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School. (First awards available for the 2005/06 Winter Session)

**Bryce ROSITCH Entrance Award in Architecture:** Awards totalling \$6,500 are offered by Bryce Rositch to students entering the Master of Architecture Program or Master of Advanced Studies in Architecture Program, based primarily on their community and global citizenship achieve-

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*Appendix B: New Awards, continued*

ments at the undergraduate level. The award is made on the recommendation of the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. (First award available for the 2006/07 Winter Session)

**Jamie SMITH Memorial Award:** Awards totalling \$1,000 have been endowed by family and friends in memory of Jamie Smith to enable undergraduate students in Zoology, Botany or Forestry who are studying ecology to attend field courses. During his thirty-two year tenure in the Zoology Department, Jamie actively encouraged participation in field research, natural history, and learning through field course experiences. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Zoology. (First award available for the 2005/06 Winter Session)

**Previously-Approved Awards With Changes in Terms or Funding Source:**

**Award 03350 - D C & H L KNIGGE Entrance Scholarship in Music** – (revised description) Three scholarships of equal value to a total of \$2,575 have been endowed by D.C. and H.L. Knigge for students entering Music. One award is offered to a student in keyboard, with the other two being given at the discretion of the Director of the School of Music. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School and may be renewable.

How amended: The current description begins with the phrase “Scholarships totalling \$2,575 have been endowed by D.C. and H.L. Knigge....” The donor has pointed out that this wording is contrary to the terms approved by UBC’s Board of Governors in the Endowment Deed signed on April 16, 1999 by Dr. Barry McBride, as Acting President. The deed states, “The income from the Fund shall be used by the University to fund three (3) entrance scholarships, one for keyboard and two at the discretion of the Director of the School of Music, without restricting the generality of the authority of the University....” The revised wording reflects the terms of the approved endowment deed.

**Award 03136 – H. Rocke ROBERTSON Prize in Surgery:** (revised description) A \$500 prize has been endowed by family, friends and colleagues in recognition of the contribution made to the Faculty of Medicine and the Department of Surgery by Dr. Rocke Robertson, as first Professor and Head of Surgery. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty to a third or fourth year student showing outstanding ability in the field of surgical studies.

How amended: After supporting this prize on an annual basis for many years, Dr. Robertson’s family, along with some of their friends, have decided to create a \$10,000 endowment to fund the award in perpetuity. The terms of the prize remain the same.

**Award 00102 – Wilfred Sadler Memorial Gold Medal:** (revised description) A gold medal, given by Sigma Tau Upsilon Honorary Agricultural Fraternity in memory of Professor Wilfred Sadler, Professor and Head of the Department of Dairying from 1918 to 1933, is awarded to the student standing at the head of the graduating class for the B.Sc. (Agroecology) degree.

How amended: At the time this medal was originally created, the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences granted only one degree, the B.Sc. in Agriculture. The evolution of the Faculty, now known as Land and Food Systems, has led to the awarding of three separate degrees: B.Sc. (Agroecology), B.Sc. (Global Resource Systems) and B.Sc. (Food, Nutrition and Health). The B.C. Institute of Agrologists, which currently funds the Sadler medal on an annual basis, has agreed to have their medal transferred to the B.Sc. (Agroecology). The Senate previously approved a new University medal for the B.Sc. (Food, Nutrition and Health). A new medal for the B.Sc. (Global Resource Systems), funded by a private donor, should be presented for consideration shortly.