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## VANCOUVER SENATE

### MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2002

#### Attendance

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the Senate of the University of British Columbia for the Session 2001/02 was held on Wednesday, February 27, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 102, George F. Curtis Building.

**Present:** President M. C. Piper (Chair), Vice President B. C. McBride, Dean F. S. Abbott, Dr. P. Adebar, Mr. R. Affleck, Ms. C. Bekkers, Dr. J. D. Berger, Dr. R. W. Blake, Mr. P. T. Brady, Dr. H. M. Burt, Dean J. A. Cairns, Mr. T. C. Y. Chan, Mr. C. Eaton, Dr. D. W. Fielding, Dr. D. Fisher, Ms. M. Friesen, Dr. J. H. V. Gilbert, Dr. D. Granot, Dr. S. W. Hamilton, Dr. P. E. Harding, Ms. J. Hutton, Dr. R. Irwin, Dean M. Isaacson, Dr. C. Jillings, Mr. I. Kathrada, Dr. B. S. Lalli, Mr. R. W. Lowe, Dr. M. MacEntee, Dean pro tem. A. Martin-Matthews, Mr. W. B. McNulty, Dr. K. MacQueen, Ms. V. G. Mirehouse, Mr. R. W. Morasiewicz, Dr. F. P. D. Navin, Dr. P. N. Nemetz, Dr. T. F. Pedersen, Dr. J. Perry, Ms. C. Quinlan, Dr. V. Raoul, Dr. H. J. Rosengarten, Prof. A. F. Sheppard, Dr. C. Shields, Mr. B. Simpson, Dr. D. Sjerpe, Dr. C. E. Slonecker, Ms. D. Soochan, Mr. C. Ste-Croix, Dr. B. Stelck, Dr. R. Tees, Dr. J. R. Thompson, Dean R. J. Tierney, Mr. D. Tompkins, Ms. G. Y. C. Tsai, Mr. D. R. Verma, Dr. D. L. Williams, Dr. R. A. Yaworsky, Dean E. H. K. Yen, Mr. W. Yuen.

**Regrets:** Dr. W. L. Sauder (Chancellor), Dean J. Blom, Mr. P. T. Burns, Mr. A. Campbell, Dean F. Granot, Mr. E. Greathed, Ms. M. Hassen, Dr. A. G. Hannam, Rev. T. J. Hanrahan, Dr. J. Helliwell, Mr. R. R. Hira, Dr. D. D. Kitts, Dean M. M. Klawe, Dr. S. B. Knight, Dr. V. LeMay, Mr. G. Lloyd, Mr. T. P. T. Lo, Mr. B. J. MacLean, Dr. P. L. Marshall, Dr. W. R. McMaster, Dean D. Muzyka, Mr. G. Podersky-Cannon, Dean M. Quayle, Ms. H. E. Roman, Dean J. N. Saddler, Dr. K. Schonert-Reichl, Ms. L. M. Sparrow, Mr. E. Storm, Mr. W. Tong, Dr. R. Wilson.

#### Senate Membership

Dr. Rita Irwin replaced Dr. Ricki Goldman-Segall as faculty representative from the Faculty of Education.

## **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The following corrections were accepted by the Secretary of Senate:

1. Attendance. Add Dean M. Isaacson and Dr. P. Adebar to the list of attendees.
2. Other Business, *Universitas 21* and *U21 Global*. Add the following sentence, "The President remarked that the questions outlined in the email message would be addressed in upcoming regular reports to Senate about *Universitas 21* by the Vice President, Academic & Provost."

<i>Dr. Tees</i>	}	<i>That the Minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2002 be approved with the above amendments.</i>
<i>Dr. Williams</i>		

Carried.

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

### **CANADA FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION (CFI)**

The President announced that UBC had recently been awarded \$76 million in federal research funding through the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI). UBC had submitted proposals in the total amount of \$140 million, and President Piper had been hopeful that one third of that amount would be approved. The President was pleased to report that funding levels had surpassed her initial hopes, and that UBC had placed first in Canada. A wide range of projects were funded, including projects in the humanities, social sciences, and science.

### **PROVINCIAL BUDGET**

The provincial government had released its budget for 2002 - 2003 on February 19, 2002. Although the University had not yet received official notice, government representatives had indicated that funding was to remain static for the following three years. The President anticipated a balanced budget, without any significant cuts.

As the freeze on tuition fees had been lifted, the University was engaged in discussions about possible tuition fee increases. Proposed tuition fee levels would be submitted to the Senate Budget Committee to the Board of Governors or its approval in March 2002.

## **FUNDING FOR INDIRECT RESEARCH COSTS**

It had been confirmed that UBC was to receive approximately \$14 million in federal funding toward the indirect costs of research. Of the \$14 million, approximately \$2 million had been allocated to hospital infrastructure costs.

### **From the Board of Governors**

Notification of approval in principle of Senate recommendations: subject, where applicable, to the proviso that none of the programs be implemented without formal reference to the President, and that the Deans and Heads concerned with new programs be asked to indicate the space requirements, if any, of such new programs.

- i. The establishment of the Harold and Dorrie Merilees Chair for the Study of Democracy  
(p. 12841)
- ii. Curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Arts, Forestry, Graduate Studies, and Science  
(pp. 12836-9)

### **Academic Policy Committee**

#### **DEFERRED AND SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATIONS**

Dr. Tees presented the following report as Chair of the Committee.

#### **A Proposal to Modify the Calendar Statements on Deferred Examinations**

##### **Current Statements in the UBC Calendar 2001/02**

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##### **Deferred and Supplemental Examinations**

Deferred and Supplemental examinations will be held in late July or early August. Applications may be made to Enrolment Services by June 24, 2002 and must be accompanied by the required fee. Examinations may be written at the University or arrangements may be made to write off campus with the approval of Enrolment Services.

In special cases a student may be permitted to write examinations at a university outside British Columbia or at a special centre other than a university if satisfactory arrangements can be made within Canada. Since permission is contingent on completion of arrangements, only early applications to write in special centres will be considered.

In the event that a candidate is unable to write an examination, a refund of the required fee will be considered if the candidate submits an adequate explanation to the Registrar prior to the scheduled examination period.

p. 37 Grading Practices

## STANDINGS

Deferred Standing (SD) may be granted when a student has a valid reason for not completing course requirements as scheduled and does not qualify for Aegrotat standing. Students granted Deferred standing in Winter Session courses must complete all outstanding course requirements by August 23 following. Students granted Deferred standing in Summer Session courses must complete all outstanding work by December 25 following. Students granted Deferred standing are responsible for making satisfactory arrangements with their instructors for completion of outstanding course requirements. If a student fails to complete the deferred requirements by the dates specified, the Deferred standing will be replaced with a grade or standing that reflects requirements completed in the course. Students unable to meet the specified deadlines because of further medical, emotional or other difficulties must make an additional application for Academic Concession no later than August 31 for Winter Session courses or December 31 for Summer Session courses following the original deferral. See "Deferred and Supplemental Examinations", p.36.

### The Issues

The "outstanding work" referred to under "STANDINGS" usually is the final examination since Deferred standing normally is granted only when a student misses that component of the course requirements (see "Academic Concession", p.39). Thus Deferred standing normally results in a student writing a deferred examination. For many reasons, it is not to the advantage of either the student or the department to have such students wait until the summer following to complete course requirements.

1. The longer a student waits before writing the exam, the more difficult the student may find recalling the material;
2. Instructors may not be available when summer deferred examinations are written and so the grade may not be posted until well into the next fall term;
3. Instructors often modify their initial marking scheme when they see the nature of the responses given by the majority of students. When there is only one (or are only a few) responses to mark, as is often the case for deferred examinations written in the July-August period, there is a chance that an ambiguous question could go unchallenged. A less-than-optimum evaluation of a student's knowledge may result. The value of comparative evaluation within a group of students is lost;
4. When a term-one course in Winter Session is prerequisite to a term-two course students who must wait for the summer deferred examination period lose the chance to complete the two-course package during one Winter Session. Some departments schedule special make-up examinations early in the second term (first or second week of January) to enable students with SD to complete the course and so continue into the next course. These make-up examinations are written by many students and provide an assessment that is as valid as the missed examination;
5. When a course is offered in both terms of Winter Session a student with SD could write the final examination in April together with the term-two class. Not only would that student finish the course earlier but also there would be less chance that the student would write an examination that turned out to be unfair in any way, certainly less chance than for a special examination prepared for one or a few students

to write during the summer. This example could be extended to courses offered in Summer Session as well as Winter Session, with even more opportunities for students to write regularly scheduled examinations, written by groups of students.

**The Proposal** is to modify the sections on DEFERRED AND SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATIONS AND STANDINGS to the following (changes in *italics*):

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**Deferred and Supplemental Examinations**

*A deferred examination is an examination written at a later date, while a supplemental examination is an examination in addition to the usual examination(s) given for a course.*

*Students granted Deferred standing by the Dean of the Faculty in which the student is enrolled may be given the opportunity to complete outstanding course work by writing the next regularly scheduled examination in the course or a make-up examination if the department offering the course agrees. Students should see the section of the Calendar in which the regulations for the Faculty offering the course are detailed (e.g., all students with Deferred standing in a Science course should consult the Faculty of Science section).*

For Winter Session courses, Deferred and Supplemental examinations for students who have not completed outstanding course work will be held in late July or early August *or on another date to be determined by the department*. Applications may be made to Enrolment Services by June XX, 2003 and must be accompanied by the required fee. Examinations may be written at the University or arrangements may be made to write off campus with the approval of Enrolment Services.

*For Summer Session courses, Supplemental and Deferred examinations that cannot be written as a regularly scheduled December examination will be held at the University on one date in December near the start of the regular examination period or on another date to be determined by the department. Applications must be made to Enrolment Services by xxxx YY, 2003 and must be accompanied by the required fee.*

In special cases a student may be permitted to write examinations at a university outside British Columbia or at a special centre other than a university if satisfactory arrangements can be made within Canada. Since permission is contingent on completion of arrangements, only early applications to write in special centres will be considered.

In the event that a candidate is unable to write an examination, a refund of the required fee will be considered if the candidate submits an adequate explanation to the Registrar prior to the scheduled examination period.

p.37 Grading Practices

**STANDINGS**

Deferred Standing (SD) may be granted *by the dean of the Faculty in which the student is enrolled* when a student has a valid reason for not completing course requirements as scheduled and does not qualify for Aegrotat standing (*see "Academic Concession" on p.39*). Students granted Deferred standing in Winter Session courses must complete all outstanding course requirements by August 23 following. Students granted Deferred

standing in Summer Session courses must complete all outstanding work by December 25 following. Students granted Deferred standing are responsible for making satisfactory arrangements with their instructors for completion of outstanding course requirements. If a student fails to complete the deferred requirements by the dates specified, the Deferred standing will be replaced with a grade or standing that reflects requirements completed in the course. Students unable to meet the specified deadlines because of further medical, emotional or other difficulties must make an additional application for Academic Concession no later than August 31 for Winter Session courses or December 31 for Summer Session courses following the original deferral. See "Deferred and Supplemental Examinations", p.36.

*Rationale:*

*The additions give Faculties the right to provide earlier opportunities for completing course requirements as preferred alternatives to the summer deferred examination period. A second addition makes a distinction between winter and summer session courses and clarifies the procedure for deferred Summer Session examinations. A third (in "Standings") clarifies that it is the student's Dean who grants Deferred standing.*

Dr. Tees	}	That the proposed changes to the Calendar statements on "Deferred and Supplemental Examinations" and "Standings" be approved.
Dr. Rosengarten		

Carried.

## **Admissions Committee**

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

### **BACHELOR OF EDUCATION, SECONDARY OPTION WITH HOME ECONOMICS**

The following report had been circulated.

#### **Department of Curriculum Studies, Faculty of Education**

#### **Admission Requirement Changes for the B.Ed - Secondary Option with Home Economics**

**Present Calendar Entry** (2001/02 Calendar, p.181; column one)

Web Site: [www.educ.ubc.ca/teacher\\_ed](http://www.educ.ubc.ca/teacher_ed)

#### **Home Economics Concentration and Major**

For the Home Economics Concentration, students must take 12 to 18 credits of introductory courses in home economics and/or family studies; 18 senior credits from the areas of family studies and either foods and nutrition or textiles and clothing, or a combination of the latter two areas.

For the Home Economics Major, students must take an additional 12 senior credits in the above.

### **Proposed Calendar Entry:**

#### **Home Economics Concentration and Major**

Applicants normally hold one of the following degrees: a Bachelor of Applied Design, a Bachelor of Arts in Family Studies, a Bachelor of Home Economics, a Bachelor of Science in Food, Nutrition and Health with a major in Human Ecology, or a degree equivalent to one of the first three. Students holding other degrees will also be considered if they have met the following admission requirements.

**Concentration:** Applicants must have completed 12 and preferably 18 credits of first- and second- year level courses in family studies and food studies and/or textiles studies. In addition, applicants must have completed a minimum of 18 credits at third- and/or fourth-year level. These 18 credits must include 1) 9 credits in family studies and 2) 9 credits in food studies or 9 credits in textiles studies or 9 credits in a combination of food studies and textiles studies.

**Major:** Applicants must have completed requirements for a concentration and an additional 12 credits at third- and/or fourth-year level in one of or preferably any combination of family studies, food studies and textiles studies.

Family studies must include courses in family resource management, family relationships, and human development. Food studies must include courses in foods and nutrition. Textiles studies must include courses in textiles, apparel construction and social/cultural aspects of clothing.

Applicants may at the discretion of the Faculty be required to provide a statement indicating what they have done in formal and/or informal settings that has contributed to enhancing their skill levels in apparel construction or food preparation or both.

#### *Rationale:*

*The first paragraph will help students enrolling in various degree programs prepare their course work necessary to the teacher education program. The degree programs specified above reflect recent changes to the UBC program as well as arrangements made between the Faculty of Education and Kwantlen University College. This paragraph will also help make students aware of an option of teaching Home Economics as their future career path. In general the proposed changes will make the current requirements clearer to students.*

**Effective Date:** As soon as approved.

Dr. Rosengarten  
Dr. Fisher

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*That the proposed changes to the Bachelor of Education, Secondary Option with Home Economics be approved.*

Carried.

## DENTISTRY: DELETION OF ADMISSION OF STUDENTS WITH ADVANCED STANDING

The following report had been circulated.

### Faculty of Dentistry

**Deletion of the "Admission of Students with Advanced Standing" Undergraduate Admissions category**

**Present Calendar Entry** (page 174, column 1):

Admission of Students with Advanced Standing (delete the entire section)

The committee will consider applicants who are seeking admission to third-year Dentistry and who are currently enrolled in second year of a North American dental program accredited by either the Canadian Commission on Dental Accreditation or the American Dental Association's Commission. Applicants will be considered for transfer only when a vacancy exists. Applicants

1. must have an overall academic average of 70% or higher;
2. must successfully complete the second-year dental program at an accredited institution;
3. must submit a CAD\$200 non-refundable application fee to cover the costs of evaluating educational documents;
4. must submit references (forms for this purpose are included in the application materials). One letter of reference must be a letter of good standing from the dean or designate of the applicant's current dental school;
5. will be required to attend a personal interview at UBC;
6. must contact the Admissions Office at (604)822-3416  
begin\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting (604)822-3416 end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting by June 15 to determine if there is a vacancy;
7. must apply by June 30 for the following August.

Students who have been required to withdraw from another dental school for academic or other reasons are not eligible for admission. A separate three-day orientation prior to the start of the third year will be required to introduce the student to the UBC clinical system and the UBC curriculum. A clinical orientation fee of \$2,100 will be assessed.

Further information and application forms are available from the Admissions Coordinator, Faculty of Dentistry, The University of British Columbia, 350-2194 Health Sciences Mall, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z3, telephone (604)822-3416, fax (604)822-4532, or through the Dentistry website [www.dentistry.ubc.ca](http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca).

**Proposed Calendar Entry: Replace with the following as indicated in bold.**

Admission of Students with Advanced Standing

**The Faculty of Dentistry has no arrangements for considering and/or accepting advanced standing applicants from other dental schools.**



*Rationale:*

- *this admission option was viable under the old curriculum where the academic year ran from September through April but not under the current PBL curriculum which requires that Dentistry students begin classes in mid to late-August and end at the end of June.*
- *while available, in actual practice this admission option has not been applied in the last 10 years due to enrollment, curriculum, and timing issues.*
- *under PBL curriculum, students entering into 3rd year are required to enroll in DENT 420.3 which is a one month course that begins in late May. It would thus be very difficult if not impossible for an advanced standing candidate to complete their 2nd year at their home institution and transfer to UBC in time to participate in DENT 420.3.*
- *Dentistry Admissions would not be able to assess the advanced standing candidate's grades in time as the Admissions process requires completion of the advanced standing candidate's academic evaluation process prior to 15 April for entry in May.*

Effective Date: 30 November 2001.

Dr. Rosengarten  
Dean Yen

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*That the proposal to delete the "Admission of Students with Advanced Standing" Undergraduate Admissions Category be approved.*

Carried.

### **Admissions Committee and Curriculum Committee**

Proposals for three new graduate programs had been circulated jointly by the Admissions and Curriculum Committees.

*N.B. Only the admission statements for each of the following three new programs have been included in the Minutes of Senate. Complete program descriptions appear in the Curriculum Committee report that was circulated to members of Senate. Copies are available from the Manager, Senate & Curriculum Services.*

#### **DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL, NEAR EASTERN AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES - NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM**

#### **M.A. IN ANCIENT CULTURE, RELIGION, & ETHNICITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE NEAR EAST (ACRE)**

Present Calendar Entry: N/A

Proposed Calendar Entry:

Applicants for admission must meet the minimum requirements of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. This program will involve a broad, multidisciplinary approach

to the Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern worlds. Cross-cultural perspectives will be encouraged.

To be admitted with full standing applicants must hold a bachelor's degree. This will normally be in Classics (Latin and Greek), Classical Studies (non-language program), or Near Eastern/Religious Studies, but could be in a related discipline (e.g. Anthropology, History, Philosophy, Political Science, etc.).

Well qualified and highly recommended applicants with the equivalent of a Minor (30 credits) in one of the above areas will be required to complete a further 12 credits during the first year of graduate study. Undergraduate courses taken to complete the Major do not count for credit towards the Master's degree.

Students who do not meet admission requirements may, in exceptional circumstances, and within the limits set down by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, be admitted as qualifying students until they obtain the necessary prerequisites for full admission.

Applicants must have completed at least 6 credits (or equivalent) in one of the classical languages prior to admission (minimum grade: B-/68%): GREK 100 (Introductory Classical Greek) or GREK 125 (New Testament Greek) or LATN 100 (Introductory Latin) or HEBR 305 (Introductory Biblical Hebrew) or ARBC 300 (Introductory Classical Arabic). It is strongly recommended that applicants have completed two years of language study before entrance.

*Rationale:*

*The Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies wishes to introduce a new M.A. in Ancient Culture, Religion and Ethnicity in the Mediterranean and the Near East (ACRE). Consultations have taken place with the Depts. of Asian Studies and Anthropology and Sociology and the program has received their approval. The proposed M.A. has also received the approval of the Govt. of B.C.*

*This new M.A. will involve a broad, multidisciplinary approach to the Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern worlds. Cross-cultural perspectives will be encouraged and appropriate graduate courses from other departments in the Faculty of Arts may be incorporated into student's program.*

*Details of the program are given in the description. This M.A. will include six new courses, each of which has been introduced separately. These include CNRS 500 (3), CNRS 501 (3), CNRS 502 (3-12), CNRS 503 (3-12), CNRS 504 (3-12), and CNRS 505 (3-12). A course outline has been attached for the first two courses. In the case of the last four courses, different topics will be studied. A sample course outline for a possible topic has been included for each of these courses.*

Effective Date: September 2002.

Dr. Berger

Dr. Rosengarten

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*That the Master of Arts in Ancient Culture, Religion, and Ethnicity in the Mediterranean and Near East (ACRE), and its admission statement, be approved.*

Carried.

## FACULTY OF EDUCATION - NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM MASTER OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

**Present Calendar Entry:** N/A

**Proposed Calendar Location:** 2001/02 Calendar, page 220, in the "Education" entry in column 3, between the entries for "Master of Arts in Education and the Master of Education" and "Off-Campus Graduate Work"

**Proposed Calendar Entry:**

The Master of Educational Technology (MET) is a Faculty of Education joint degree program offered online in partnership with Tec de Monterrey, a Mexican University that specializes in online education. It provides students with an opportunity to participate with a culturally diverse student population.

The MET degree supports a professional development, course-based program (non-thesis) consisting of a minimum of 30 credits of course work with at least 12 credits of core course work and 18 credits of electives. Fees are on a per course basis. Students are required to meet the general requirements for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies at UBC. Technology Based Distributed Learning (TBDL) Certificate program students at UBC may be eligible to request transfer credits.

*Rationale:*

*The Master of Educational Technology degree is a new designation that is distinct from the MA and MEd degrees currently offered by the Faculty of Education. A new degree will afford the Faculty several opportunities: a) our partner institution, Tec de Monterrey, already has a Master of Educational Technology degree: by creating a MET degree at UBC we can partner with them under the same degree title, b) the MET degree is a recognized degree found at many universities and as such has currency in our profession (giving us a stronger marketing profile), and c) by creating a new degree that is dedicated to a totally online course-based program in educational technology, we can easily set this program apart from our current MEd and MA programs that address educational technology through mixed methods and thesis/project based requirements. Partnering between UBC and Tec de Monterrey also means a new program with its own fee structure and course delivery. It seems prudent to ensure that no confusion arises.*

*Admission to the MET will be through one of two routes. One route is by meeting the usual Faculty of Graduate Studies criteria for admission to a Master's program. The second route is by laddering in the credits from a post-graduate certificate program associated with the MET. In response to this MET laddering proposal, the Faculty of Graduate Studies has recently developed a new policy allowing certificate students to ladder their certificate credits into a master's program. This has passed the Graduate Council. The policy and rationale are as follows.*

*"Courses taken for or toward a post-graduate UBC certificate program may be fully transferable toward affiliated master's programs (i.e. proposed postgraduate Certificate in Educational Technology and Master of Educational Technology) where:*

- a) The postgraduate Certificate admissions criteria are the same as master's degree admission criteria.*
- b) The postgraduate Certificate offers the same courses that comprise part of the master's course requirements.*
- c) The passing grade for the postgraduate Certificate program is the same as for the Master's program.*
- d) The courses that comprise the postgraduate Certificate program are 500-level courses that have been approved (or will be approved) by UBC's Curriculum Committee, Graduate Council and Senate."*

*"Rationale:*

*Closely aligned UBC post-graduate certificate programs that are, by their very design, meant to ladder toward particular master's programs should have an administratively straightforward mechanism for the transfer of these courses toward the graduate degree. Current course transfer regulations are specifically geared toward students transferring in credits from other universities, or from the bachelor's degree, or from like master's degrees. The post-graduate certificate is a relatively new offering at UBC and existing regulations on transfer credit do not extend to (and are not relevant) to UBC postgraduate certificate programs.*

*The above model comprises part of the proposal for the new Master of Educational Technology program (which has a closely related post-graduate certificate program) and is supported by the Faculty of Graduate Studies as an appropriate model for future graduate programs that wish to have a post-graduate certificate program laddering arrangement toward a master's degree program."*

*The website address for information concerning admission to the MET will be included in the calendar once the program is approved and the website is created."*

Effective Date: May 2002.

<i>Dr. Berger</i>	<i>}</i>	<i>That the Master of Educational Technology, and its admission statement, be approved.</i>
<i>Dean Tierney</i>		

In response to a query, Dean Tierney stated that some of the courses comprising this Master's degree were developed at UBC, some were developed at Tec de Monterrey, and some were created jointly by the two institutions.

Dr. Tees, as Chair of the Academic Policy Committee, stated that the Committee generally reviews inter-university degree proposals, and had found that the proposers of the MET had satisfactorily addressed the foreseeable issues related to the joint nature of the degree.

The motion was  
put and carried.

**FACULTY OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES  
MASTER OF EDUCATION IN ADULT LEARNING AND GLOBAL CHANGE**

**Present Calendar Entry**

N/A

**Proposed Calendar Entry:**

**Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change**

An intercontinental, web-based, coursework-only professional master's degree focusing on adult learning within the context of global change. This is a collaborative program involving, in addition to UBC, Linkoping University (Sweden), University of the Western Cape (South Africa) and University of Technology, Sydney (Australia). The curriculum covers the forms of adult learning found in different cultural contexts and the role of learning in understanding and responding to globalizing forces and their impacts on workplaces, communities, economies and the environment. Students proceed through the two-year, 30-credit program as a cohort drawn from the four participating institutions.

**Admission and Other Requirements:** UBC applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. They must supply a writing sample, letters of reference and a letter of intent, and demonstrate English proficiency. When required, the minimum TOEFL score is 600 (paper based) or 250 (computer based), or the equivalent for other acceptable tests of English proficiency. Applicants are reminded that reliable and regular e-mail and internet access are essential in this program.

Details on the program and application procedures can be found at <http://www.edst.educ.ubc.ca/> or by contacting the Graduate Secretary, Department of Educational Studies, Faculty of Education, 2125 Main Mall, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z4, Tel: (604) 822-6647, E-mail: [grad.edst@ubc.ca](mailto:grad.edst@ubc.ca).

**Rationale:**

*The need to participate in the global economy, work across cultural boundaries and celebrate difference makes it imperative that people learn in and about the global context and how to foster change. Adult learning is at the centre of attempts to foster change and enormous advantages flow from being able to work within more than one cultural horizon. The primary aim of this program, then, is to prepare practitioners for the challenges of working in diverse cultural contexts in which adult learning plays a key role in understanding and responding to globalizing forces and their impacts on workplaces, communities, economies and the environment. Because it is web-based, professionally*

*-focused and exposes students to faculty and co-learners from throughout the world, the program will open a new market for graduate study in adult education. The program complements current offerings-and benefits from the unique strengths-of the four participating universities.*

Effective Date: June 2002

*Dr. Berger  
Dr. Fisher*

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*That the Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change, and its admission statement, be approved.*

Carried.

### **Continuing Studies Committee**

#### **DIPLOMA IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE**

*N.B. The full text of this report does not appear in the Minutes of Senate. Copies are available from the Manager, Senate & Curriculum Services.*

As Chair of the Committee, Dean Yen presented a proposal to establish a Diploma in Music Performance. Appended to the proposal was a consultation form indicating support from the Music Library.

*Dean Yen  
Mr. Brady*

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*That Senate approve the establishment of a Diploma in Music Performance.*

Carried.

### **Nominating Committee**

Dr. Williams presented the reports on behalf of the Nominating Committee.

#### **SENATE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE ACADEMIC IMPLICATIONS OF MANDATORY RETIREMENT AT AGE 65**

Dr. Williams made the following comments in introducing the report:

"Will you still need me? Will you still feed me? When I'm 65!"

The motion passed at the December 2001 Senate meeting requires Senate to debate the academic implications of mandatory retirement at age 65. This would appear to contain two separate but

related questions: the question of whether retirement should be mandatory at all and if so, whether 65 is still the appropriate age. The Nominating Committee is required to set up a committee to 'inform the debate'.

The key concern of the motion relates to the effects of the present policy on the academic health of UBC in the light of the retirement profile for the next few years. At present, provisions exist for emeriti to be appointed on a year to year basis, normally as sessional lecturers, in order that they may contribute to the teaching needs of the university. Information on the existing teaching contributions of emeriti, together with an assessment of any perceived impediments to their participation, would provide some guidance as to their potential to address future needs. It would seem that such a committee should be broadly based so as to reflect the experiences in different parts of the University and also in the private sector. Comparative data on practices in other provinces and countries, together with some evaluation of their consequences, would seem to be essential. Finally the impact of any proposed changes on the concept of tenure should be considered.

In order to compile the necessary information within the timeframe of the motion, the committee will require significant administrative support."

### **Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on the Academic Implications of Mandatory Retirement at Age 65**

#### **Terms of Reference:**

To inform the debate on the academic implications of mandatory retirement at age 65 through the provision of relevant information, including:

1. A survey of the present teaching contributions made by emeriti to the university and the associated arrangements. To ascertain whether any impediments exist to their continued participation under present policies.
2. To estimate the future teaching needs of the university as envisioned in the Academic Plan and to consider whether these are likely to be met under the present pol-

icies. Reference should also be made to the Senate Report on Teaching Quality and Effectiveness.

3. To obtain comparative data on policies in comparable institutions in other provinces and countries together with an evaluation of their consequences.

#### **Committee Membership**

- Christina Bekkers (Student Agricultural Sciences)
- John Helliwell (Arts)
- Carol Jillings (Applied Science)
- Robert Lowe (Convocation)
- Michael MacEntee (Dentistry)
- Gren Patey (Science)
- Tony Sheppard (Law)
- Richard Tees (Arts)
- David Tompkins (Student Graduate Studies)

*Dr. Williams*

*Dr. Rosengarten*

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*That Senate approve the terms of reference and membership of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on the Academic Implications of Mandatory Retirement at Age 65.*

In response to a query from Mr. Tompkins, Dr. Williams confirmed that, in accordance with the directive given to the Nominating Committee, the Ad Hoc Committee would be required to report back to Senate in May 2002. Dr. Tees commented that the listed terms of reference could involve many years of work and require significant resources. Vice President McBride noted that the Ad Hoc Committee was free to add to its membership and seek resources as it saw fit. He suggested that Walter Sudmant, Director, Planning and Institutional Research, be added to the Committee. This amendment to the Ad Hoc Committee membership was accepted.

The motion was  
put and carried  
as amended.



## **Senate Committee Membership**

The Nominating Committee recommended the following changes to the membership of Committees of Senate:

### **ACADEMIC BUILDING NEEDS**

Dr. F. Navin replaces Mr. R. Lowe

### **CONTINUING STUDIES**

Ms. M. Friesen to fill a vacancy

### **LIBRARY**

Dr. F. Navin and Mr. R. Hira to fill vacancies

### **STUDENT AWARDS**

Dr. D. Fielding to fill a vacancy

<i>Dr. Williams</i>	}	<i>That Senate accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee concerning Senate Committee membership.</i>
<i>Dean Isaacson</i>		

Carried.

## **Student Awards Committee**

*Please see 'Appendix A: New Awards.'*

Dr. Thompson presented new awards in the total amount of \$95 K per year for UBC students.

<i>Dr. Thompson</i>	}	<i>That the new awards be accepted and forwarded for approval by the Board of Governors, and that letters of thanks be sent to the donors.</i>
<i>Dr. Hamilton</i>		

Carried.

## **Reports from the Vice President, Academic and Provost**

### **INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES IN ECONOMICS (IASE)**

*N.B. The full text of this report is not included in the Minutes. Copies are available from the Manager, Senate & Curriculum Services.*

Vice President McBride circulated a proposal to establish an Institute for Advanced Studies in Economics as a joint initiative of the Faculties of Arts and Commerce & Business Administration.

<i>Vice President McBride</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the establishment of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Economics.</i>
<i>Dean pro tem. Martin-</i>		
<i>Matthews</i>		

Carried.

### **DEPARTMENT OF MINING AND MINERAL PROCESS ENGINEERING NAME CHANGE**

<i>Vice President McBride</i>	}	<i>That the name of the Department of Mining and Mineral Process Engineering be changed to the Department of Mining Engineering, effective April 1, 2002.</i>
<i>Dean Isaacson</i>		

Carried.

### **REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE CREATIVE USE OF LEARNING TECHNOLOGY (ACCULT)**

*Please see 'Appendix B: Advancing the Creative Use of Learning Technology.'*

<i>Vice President McBride</i>	}	<i>That Senate endorse the report "Advancing the Creative Use of Learning Technology."</i>
<i>Mr. McNulty</i>		

Vice President McBride noted that electronic learning technology was growing in importance in teaching and learning activities. He invited Dr. Guppy, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, to speak to the report.

Dr. Guppy stated that one of the core debates taking place was whether technology enhanced learning, especially considering the multitude of other excellent ways to engage students. Given the pace of change, however, UBC must participate in the development and implementation of learning technology (LT) in wise and thoughtful ways. Dr. Guppy stated that the report recommended a decentralized system in which control resides with faculty members with some central facilitation. Dr. Guppy highlighted the need for a team approach, where units such as TAG, the Library, and IT Services would provide core design and technological services to support faculty members in their teaching. Funding models would need to change, in that Deans would reallocate additional money to LT support units. Dr. Guppy urged people to consider what sort of relationship should exist in the future between the faculties and central service units such as TAG and DE&T. Should these units eventually be devolved?

As Chair of the Budget Committee, Dr. MacEntee asked whether some group had been assigned to investigate the budgetary implications of providing appropriate space and human resources to support the recommendations in the report. He asked whether, by endorsing the report, Senate was also endorsing the spending of money. Dr. Guppy replied that Senate would not be endorsing spending money, but would be acknowledging what was already happening, given that some Faculties were already quite advanced in terms of LT implementation. Funding allocation decisions would still be made at the department and Faculty levels. Dr. Guppy confirmed that the Office of the Provost had committed \$120 K in general purpose operating funding for the hiring of a Director for the Creative Use of Learning Technology, and added that deans were reallocating much larger amounts of money to learning technology on a regular basis.

Dr. Blake urged caution in the use of language about faculty members "choosing" to use learning technologies, because the promotion and tenure process did reward those who did not use LT,

effectively eliminating conscious choices. He urged the Committee to graft onto the report some projections about workload and other implications for faculty.

Dr. Sjerne spoke in support of the use of LT, adding that individual faculty must be willing to spend time to make it work, and that more technical staff resources were needed. He expressed the opinion that a decentralized model would be best, in which individual departments are responsible for determining how LT is used.

Mr. Affleck expressed some reserve about endorsing such an ambitious plan without information about actual costs. He also registered concern about the recommendation (#2) that high priority be assigned to funding LT development through new revenue. Mr. Affleck stated that the deans should perhaps not give LT top priority over other competing needs.

Dr. Burt spoke in support of the ideas behind the report, stating that UBC must work to build a complete framework of resources to support LT. She suggested that faculty continue to explore, as suggested by the report, innovative uses of learning technology that did not entail huge costs.

There was some discussion about the possible eventual adoption of a model similar to Acadia University, where students are required to purchase a computer as a condition of their registration. Dr. Guppy stated that it was not yet clear whether there was enough web-based content available to justify asking every student to purchase a computer package.

The motion to  
endorse was put  
and carried.

#### LEARNING COMMITTEE OF SENATE

Vice President McBride stated that one of the primary responsibilities of Senate was to manage the academic environment, and that perhaps the Senate should examine whether it had in place

the best Committee structure in order to accomplish this important task. Vice President McBride suggested that a standing committee on learning might be responsible for high-level questions such as how to incorporate research and interactive learning into the student experience, and how to best teach writing skills. He emphasized that such a committee would not impose certain methods on faculty members, but would instead become a forum for discussing best practices.

<i>Vice President McBride</i>	}	<i>That the Nominating Committee be asked to develop a mandate for a "Learning Committee," to be presented at the May 2002 meeting of Senate.</i>
<i>Dr. Berger</i>		

There was some discussion about whether members of Senate should take more time to think about the idea of a Learning Committee before referring the matter to the Nominating Committee, particularly since the proposal was for a standing, rather than an ad hoc, committee. President Piper stated that a full debate could take place when the Nominating Committee brought forward its proposed terms of reference.

The motion to refer to the Nominating Committee was put and carried.

#### REPORT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

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Vice President McBride had circulated a report written by Dr. Guppy in consultation with the deans, which outlined recent changes to teaching and learning at UBC. In particular, the report addressed the issue of student evaluations of courses.

Vice President McBride reported that almost every course was evaluated by students, both via numerical ranking and commentary. Evaluations were administered by someone other than the

course instructor, and were provided to the instructor and the department head after the course examination. In most cases, evaluation summaries were either available to students for viewing in deans' offices, or they were published by the Alma Mater Society.

Of the thousands of courses offered at UBC, between 30 and 40 courses generally received unsatisfactory ratings. Evaluations varied by the students' year in their respective programs, the size of the class, and by whether or not the course was required. Sometimes the unsatisfactory ratings were the result of inadequate textbooks or physical space. In the rare case that the instructor him/herself was not teaching effectively, it was the responsibility of the department head to determine how the situation was to be improved. Such instructors might be assigned a mentor, or asked to attend a class on instructional skills. Recent policy changes meant that teaching skills play a larger role in P&T decisions.

Dr. Pedersen expressed surprise that University of Alberta faculty had received many more 3-M teaching prizes than had UBC faculty. Vice President McBride surmised that the University of Alberta had submitted a large number of nominations, and suggested that deans establish nominating committees (where they do not already exist) to ensure that good teachers are nominated for this prestigious award.

Dr. Pedersen disagreed with the wording of item #4 under "Unsatisfactory Teaching," which stated, "Ensure unsatisfactory teachers are not re-appointed or given tenure as teachers." Dr. Pedersen suggested that that item be revised to stipulate that poor teachers should not be granted tenure of any kind.

### **CHAIR IN PUNJABI LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND SIKH STUDIES**

As requested by Dr. Bikkar Singh Lalli at the January 23, 2002 meeting of Senate, Vice President McBride gave a report on the status of the Chair in Punjabi Language, Literature and Sikh Studies.

The Chair was established in 1987, with \$350 K in funding from the federal government and a matching amount from the Sikh community, for a total of \$700 K. Dr. Harjit S. Oberoi held the chair from its establishment until 1996, and received a Killam University Teaching Prize during his tenure as Chair. Dr. Oberoi had also served as a mentor for a student from the Faculty of Arts who was awarded a Governor General's Silver Medal.

Since \$700 K was no longer a sufficient amount to fund a replacement for Dr. Oberoi, the Department of Asian Studies had opted to use the Chair's funds to appoint a sessional instructor to teach courses in Punjabi language and literature. Remaining funds were used to sponsor visiting scholars. Vice President McBride gave some examples of distinguished Sikh scholars who had visited UBC under the auspices of the Chair.

Dr. Lalli stated that, since the memorandum of agreement for the Chair had not been circulated, it was difficult for members of Senate to appreciate the problem associated with the Chair. Dr. Lalli referenced commitments made by the University to fill a chair in response to first \$600 K in funding, and then later \$700 K. He added that approximately \$48 K per year is drawn from the Chair for the teaching of Punjabi language and literature classes. Dr. Lalli urged the University, since Punjabi was the second most-commonly spoken ethnic language in Canada, to grant it the same status as other languages taught at UBC. By neglecting to appoint a chair, the University had not fulfilled its signed duty under the memorandum of agreement.

Dr. Lalli noted that the Sikh community remained willing to raise some additional funds, and asked whether the University could do the same. He added that these additional funds should not be necessary, because the initial \$700 K was supposed to have been sufficient to sustain the Chair. Dr. Lalli stated that the

University had the moral obligation to honour the commitment made to the Federation of Sikh Societies of Canada.

Vice President McBride responded that the objectives of the Chair were being met under the current arrangement, and pointed out that Dr. Oberoi, who now holds a tenured faculty position, would not have been hired at UBC without resources from the Chair. President Piper stated that the amount required to establish a chair had risen to \$2.5 million for 2002, and that there was no possibility of sustaining a chair with only \$700 K in funding.

### **Report of the University Librarian**

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Ms. Quinlan had circulated, for information, the 2000/2001 Report of the University Librarian to the Senate. In her remarks, Ms. Quinlan recalled one of her first tours of the Main Library upon her arrival in 1997. Although her initial understanding was that the card catalogue had been retained for nostalgic purposes, it became clear that UBC was actually one of the last research libraries in Canada to convert its card catalogue to electronic format. Phase I of this conversion was 97% complete at the time of the Senate meeting.

Ms. Quinlan drew attention to the opening of the Chapman Learning Commons, the gift of the Dr. H. Colin Slim Stravinsky collection, and a donation in the amount of \$1 million from the Sutherland Foundation.



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*Adjournment*

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of Senate will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

## **Appendix A: New Awards**

**ARTHRITIS Society Vancouver Community Group James Kwan Scholarship:** A \$500 scholarship has been endowed by the Vancouver Community Group of The Arthritis Society, B.C. & Yukon Division for a graduate or undergraduate student in the School of Rehabilitation Sciences who is interested in clinical research in Rheumatology. The award is made on the recommendation of the School of Rehabilitation Sciences and, in the case of a graduate student, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

**ASSOCIATION of Administrative and Professional Staff of UBC Bursary:** Bursaries totalling \$2,500 are offered by the Association of Administrative and Professional Staff of UBC for students in any year or faculty who are in need of financial assistance. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

**ASSOCIATION of Women in Finance Prize:** A \$500 prize is offered by the Association of Women in Finance, an organization that encourages and supports women in the financial profession, to an outstanding undergraduate student completing the third year of the Finance option in the Bachelor of Commerce program. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration. (First award available 2001/2002 academic year)

**David BATESON Prize in Science Education:** A \$300 prize has been endowed by friends and faculty in recognition of Dr. David Bateson's contribution to science education. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Education to a science education graduate student presenting a paper at the Canadian Society for the Study of Education's (CSSE) annual meeting. Preference is given to a doctoral student in the early years of the program who has not attended the conference before and has no research or project funding. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

**BISCO Dental Products (Canada) Inc. Scholarship:** Scholarships totalling \$2,000 are offered by Bisco Dental Products (Canada) Inc. for students in the D.M.D. program. Scholarships of at least \$1,000 each will be awarded to students entering first, second or third year of the program. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Dentistry. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

**Dorothy Irene BLEUE Scholarship:** Scholarships totalling \$1,300 have been endowed through a bequest by Dorothy Irene Bleue for women students in any faculty or school. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

**Dorothy A. CAMERON Memorial Bursary:** Bursaries covering one year's tuition for each recipient have been endowed in memory of Dorothy A. Cameron by her husband, Donald Cameron, for students in the first year of the M.D. program. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

**David M.C. CHAN Scholarship in Medicine:** Scholarships totalling \$600 have been endowed in honour of Professor David M.C. Chan for students in the M.D. program participating in an international elective or exchange. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Carole T. CORCORAN Memorial Award in Law: A \$1,200 award has been endowed in memory of Carole T. Corcoran (L.L.B. 1990), one of Canada's foremost aboriginal lawyers, by her family, friends and colleagues. The award is given to a graduating Canadian aboriginal student in the Faculty of Law with high academic standing. Community involvement and the ability to serve, work with, and lead both aboriginal and non-aboriginal Canadians are considered. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Law. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Gladys C. CRAWFORD First Nations Bursary: Bursaries totalling \$13,000 have been endowed through a bequest by Gladys Caroline Crawford for First Nations students in any year or faculty. Wherever possible, funding is distributed to students enrolled in a wide range of First Nations programs at the University. The awards are made on the recommendation of the First Nations House of Learning. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

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DAIRY Farmers of Canada Undergraduate Prize: A \$700 prize is offered by the Dairy Farmers of Canada to a student graduating with a B.Sc. (Food, Nutrition and Health), with a concentration in either Dietetics or Nutritional Sciences, who is continuing on to an internship or graduate studies. The prize is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. (First award available 2001/2002 academic year)

Fred B. DALLA-LANA Memorial Scholarship in Architecture: A \$1,000 scholarship has been endowed by the Dalla-Lana family and DGBK Architects in memory of Fred B. Dalla-Lana for students in the Master of Architecture and Master of Advanced Studies in Architecture programs. The scholarship is given to a second-year student who demonstrates exceptional creative skill in the successive refinement of architectural plans and details. The award is made on the recommendation of the School of Architecture in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. (First award available 2001/2002 academic year)

Frank EASTHAM Memorial Scholarship: Scholarships totalling \$1,250 have been endowed by colleagues, friends and family in memory of Frank Eastham for student(s) in any year or faculty. Frank Eastham joined UBC in 1991 and provided distinctive leadership in the area of human resources. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Kelly and Diane GIBNEY Bursary in Science: Bursaries totalling \$900 have been endowed by Kelly and Diane Gibney for undergraduate students in the Faculty of Science. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

GRADUATING Class of Medicine 1968 Bursary: Bursaries totalling \$900 have been endowed by the Medicine Class of 1968 for undergraduate students in the M.D. program. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Braham G. GRIFFITH Memorial Scholarship in Forest Resources Management: A \$1,000 scholarship has been endowed in memory of Dr. Braham G. Griffith by Dr. J. Harry G. Smith. Professor Griffith pioneered several long-term studies at the UBC Malcolm Knapp Research Forest, including growth and yields plots and open growth trees. The scholarship is awarded to a graduate student undertaking research relevant to management of the UBC Malcolm Knapp Research Forest and is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Forestry in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

GUICHON Family Award: Awards totalling \$550 have been endowed by family, friends and colleagues in memory of Lawrence Peter Guichon, one of British Columbia's pioneer cattlemen, who was a recipient of a Doctor of Science degree (honoris causa) from UBC for his life-long dedication to the enhancement of the cattle industry throughout the grasslands of B.C. The award is given to an undergraduate or graduate student, with a defined interest in the ecology and management of the natural grasslands of B.C., who has demonstrated leadership qualities. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

A. HATTRICK Bursary in Education: Bursaries totalling \$1,000 have been endowed by Andrew Hattrick in honour of his family for students in the Faculty of Education. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

A. HATTRICK Scholarship in Education: A \$1,000 scholarship has been endowed by Andrew Hattrick in honour of his family for students in the Secondary Teacher Education Program. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Education. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Ann HAWSON Memorial Prize in Language Education: A \$350 prize has been endowed by friends and family in memory of Ann Hawson (Ph.D.-LLED, 1997), who passed away in 1998, for a graduate student who has achieved a high standing in Language Education. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Education. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Rosa Wai Wai HO Scholarship in Asian Studies: A \$1,500 scholarship has been endowed by family and friends in memory of Rosa Wai Wai Ho for an undergraduate student in Asian Studies. The scholarship is awarded on the recommendation of the Department of Asian Studies. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

George R. HOWEY Prize in Chemical Engineering: A \$350 prize has been endowed by friends and family in honour of George R. Howey for the student obtaining the highest standing in third year Chemical Engineering. The award is made on the recommendation of the Department of Chemical Engineering. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Roy JURE Memorial Bursary in Earth and Ocean Sciences: Bursaries totalling \$2,100 have been endowed in memory of Roy Jure by his children for students in the Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Elizabeth KENDALL Entrance Scholarship: Scholarships totalling \$2,400 have been endowed by Marie Kendall in honour of her sister for students entering the University directly from secondary school. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

KILLAM-Donald N. Byers Memorial Prize: A \$2,500 prize has been endowed in memory of former Killam Trustee, Donald N. Byers. It is awarded to the highest-ranking Killam, Predoctoral Fellow in the annual University Graduate Fellowship competition. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Graduate Studies in consultation with the UGF Adjudication Committee. (First award available 2001/2002 academic year)

Gladys Estella LAIRD Fellowship: Fellowships valued at a full or partial University Graduate Fellowship level have been endowed through a bequest by Gladys Estella Laird for students in Chemistry who have demonstrated excellence, both in their course work and in their research. The fellowships are made on the recommendation of the Department of Chemistry in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Doretta LEE Memorial Scholarship: Scholarships totalling \$900 have been endowed in memory of Doretta Lee for students enrolled in the M.D. program. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

John H. McNEILL Scholarship: Scholarships totalling \$2,000 have been endowed by alumni and friends of John H. McNeill, former Dean of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, for undergraduate and graduate students in the Faculty. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

MEDICINE Class Act CARMS Bursary: Bursaries totalling \$5,500 have been endowed by graduating students from the Faculty of Medicine for fourth-year M.D. students involved in the CARMS (Canadian Association of Residency Matching System) Program. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Faculty of MEDICINE 50th Anniversary Entrance Bursary: Bursaries totalling \$1,200 have been endowed in honour of the 50th anniversary of the Faculty of Medicine at The University of British Columbia for students entering the first year of the M.D. program who graduated from a B.C. secondary school outside of the Greater Vancouver Regional District and the Capital Region District. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

ODLUM Brown Limited Leadership Award: Awards totalling \$1,800 have been endowed by Odlum Brown Limited for students with an interest in finance who are enrolled in the third or fourth year of a Bachelor of Commerce program. Candidates must have demonstrated leadership, participated in campus-related extra-curricular activities, and achieved good academic standing. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Oral-B Award in Dentistry: A \$1,000 award is offered by Oral-B to a student entering the D.M.D. program in the Faculty of Dentistry who has an outstanding GPA, has excelled in the interview process, and has demonstrated leadership in the community. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Dentistry. (First award available 2001/2002 academic year)

Douglas D. PATERSON Scholarship in Landscape Architecture: A \$600 scholarship has been endowed by Douglas D. Paterson for students enrolled in the Master of Landscape Architecture program. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Kurt and Anne PAULUS Memorial Scholarship in Sociology: Scholarships totalling \$2,200 have been endowed in memory of her parents by Ingeborg Paulus for students specializing in Sociology. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Anthropology and Sociology and, in the case of graduate students, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Dean of PHARMACEUTICAL Sciences Scholarship: Scholarships totalling \$1,550 have been endowed by alumni and friends of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences for undergraduate students in the Faculty. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Gordon and Marion SMITH Prize in Art Education: A \$300 prize has been endowed by friends and faculty in recognition of Gordon Smith's lifetime contribution to art education and the support given to him by his wife, Marion. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Education to a graduate student who shows great potential as an artist and educator. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Tracey and Jerome SOH Leadership Award: A \$1,000 award is offered by Tracey and Jerome Soh to an undergraduate student in the Faculty of Applied Science who is majoring in Engineering Physics. Candidates must have achieved a minimum 75% average in their most recent academic year and must participate in extra-curricular activities such as intramural sports and Engineering team projects. Financial circumstances may be taken into account. Students wishing to be considered should submit a letter to the Director of the Engineering Physics Program no later than November 30, including details of their extra-curricular activities. The award is made on the recommendation of the Engineering Physics Program. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Paul E. THIELE Bursary: Bursaries totalling \$300 have been endowed for students with disabilities in recognition of Paul Thiele's thirty-two years of service to The University of British Columbia. Paul Thiele, along with his late wife Judith, was instrumental in the establishment of the Crane Library and Resource Centre, expanding it from a collection of Braille books to an internationally recognized library and support service for persons requiring print alternatives. Awards are made on the nomination of the Committee on Awards for Students With Disabilities. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

THORSTEINSSONS Prize in Taxation II: Prizes totalling \$1,000 are offered by the law firm of Thorsteinssons to students in each section of Law 408 who achieve high standing. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Law. (First award available 2001/2002 academic year)

UNIVERSITY Women's Club of Vancouver Laura Tripp Memorial Scholarship: Scholarships totalling \$1,000 have been endowed by family and friends through the University Women's

Club of Vancouver Trust Fund for Education in memory of Laura Tripp (1910-1999), a past president of the University Women's Club of Vancouver and a leader in the development of the Club at Hycroft. Mrs. A.J. Tripp left rural Manitoba in 1926 to obtain her degree at the University of Manitoba, later becoming a school principal and president of the B.C. Women's Hospital Auxiliary. The scholarships are awarded to undergraduate students. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

Larry S. WEILER Memorial Scholarship in Chemistry: A \$1,000 scholarship has been endowed by friends, family and colleagues in memory of Larry S. Weiler for outstanding student(s) studying synthetic organic chemistry. The award is made on the recommendation of the Department of Chemistry. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

George R. YATES Memorial Entrance Bursary: Bursaries totalling \$1,500 have been endowed in memory of George R. Yates (B.A., M.D. - UBC'54) for students entering their first year of the M.D. program who graduated from a B.C. secondary school outside the Greater Vancouver Regional District and the Capital Regional District. (First award available 2002/2003 academic year)

#### Previously-Approved Awards With Changes in Terms:

Award 02803 Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP A.J. McClean Prize in Trusts: The law firm of Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP donates two prizes of \$500 each for students who achieve high standing in Trusts (Law 451). This award honours the contribution of Dr. A.J. (Bertie) McClean to the law school and The University of British Columbia as professor, Dean of Law and Associate Vice-President. The prizes are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Law.

How amended? Existing annual award increased in value from \$850 to \$1,000 and re-named to honour Dr. A.J. McClean, Professor Emeritus of Law at UBC.

Award 04370 - Man Kuan Scholarship: A \$450 scholarship to honour Mr. and Mrs. Man Kuan's commitment to education has been endowed by their family. It is awarded to a student who has completed first year in the Faculties of Applied Science (Engineering), Forestry, or Science and is proceeding to second year in any of these faculties. Preference is given to students who have demonstrated leadership qualities. The award is made on the recommendation of the three faculties on a rotating basis, starting with the Faculty of Applied Science in 2002/2003.

How amended? Since students can now enter all three faculties directly from high school, the donor wants to open this second-year award to students in all three faculties (as opposed to students from Science alone). This will necessitate setting up the award on SIS as one which rotates.

## **Appendix B: Advancing the Creative Use of Learning Technology**

### **Committee Membership of ACCULT**

Simon Albon: Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Tony Bates: Director, Distance Education and Technology  
Ted Dodds: AVP IT Services  
Neil Guppy: AVP Academic Programs (Chair)  
Evan Horrie: AMS  
Dayna Lee-Baggley: Graduate Student Society  
Kathy Pichora-Fuller: Audiology & Speech Sciences; IHEAR; Faculty Association  
Gary Poole: Director, TAG; Faculty of Medicine  
Janet Teasdale: Director of Student Development  
Martha Whitehead: Head Information Services Division, Library

**January 2002**

#### ***I. Introduction and Core Principles***

E-learning is proliferating in education, business, and society. At UBC learning technology<sup>1</sup> (LT) is increasingly central to our core activities. Already we have about 500 courses using LT; we have LT support units in most faculties; and we have at least 35 professional staff whose chief duties relate to LT. Most of this development has occurred in the last few years. At this time, we need a set of concrete actions to position us properly to support current strengths and to take best advantage of e-learning advances and challenges.

#### **Core Principles**

1. **Enhance quality student learning** - Used properly, LT can contribute to student learning. In particular, LT can encourage learning that is interactive, self-paced, collaborative, and problem/project-based. LT can also contribute to other learning goals, including interdisciplinary/inter-professional, international, and research-linked learning. In an organization with learning as a core mandate, we need to participate actively, but wisely, as users of LT.
2. **Decentralized initiative and control** - The distinctive genius of the university is its faculty. Curricular content flows from that genius and LT must be used by academic units and individual faculty members as they believe will best benefit students. Policies and practices must continue to stress that pedagogy drives LT, not vice versa. It follows then that faculty members in specific academic units (Faculties, Schools, Departments, Divisions) must play a lead role in LT decisions and uses.

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<sup>1</sup> A glossary is provided at the end of this report.



3. **Central facilitation** - Co-ordination among initiatives planned within Faculties and Faculty LT units is essential. A small, agile, and alert central co-ordinating body should support the localized activity of colleagues to ensure that resources and knowledge can be shared effectively. This central service unit ought to be structured as a facilitation hub, providing virtual and real-time resource supports.
4. **Co-ordinated LT and IT** - Many units on campus have strong information technology commitments, including individual Faculties, the library, ITS Services, the Registrar's Office, Continuing Studies, and others. IT has become essential in the learning, research, and administrative functions of the university. LT must be included as a central focus in the planning and implementation of the institution's IT initiatives.

## **II. Background**

### **i. Recognizing Successes**

UBC has a strong record of innovation in LT. WebCT began at UBC. We have one of the most advanced Web-based student registration systems in North America. UBC's Distance Education and Technology unit is internationally renowned. Our rapidly expanding e-library initiatives and our advances in Web portal utilization establish us as a post-secondary leader in a wide range of critical LT areas. Through ITS Services we are implementing an advanced e-business strategy to facilitate administrative operations, many of which support learning.

Yet another strength of UBC's learning programs comes in the quality and innovative nature of curriculum in our twelve Faculties. Most Faculties have an organizational unit devoted to LT. In LT units we have over 35 professional staff members with expertise in a range of skills (e.g., web design, graphic design, project management, learning objects). UBC is also pioneering the use of mixed-mode courses (courses containing comprehensive on-line, virtual, and/or multi-media components that supplant a portion of normal class meeting time). Finally UBC has a strong tradition of promoting teaching and learning, including LT, led by the Centre for Teaching and Academic Growth. These initiatives will help us achieve UBC's strategic vision, Trek 2000, where we articulate a commitment to "fully integrate information technology with instruction in all areas."

We need a LT strategy building upon these successes. At the same time we must recognize that not all our initiatives have been successful and we must ensure we can learn from missteps and misdirections. Especially as advances in learning technology proliferate, we must continue experimenting and evaluating.

### **ii. Research, Video, and Discussion Paper**

In preparing this report the committee relied on each of the following sources of information:

- LT workshops with students, staff, and faculty in each of the twelve Faculties (see November 2000 preliminary discussion paper for details).
- Three university-wide public meetings with students, staff, and faculty.
- Numerous consultations with educational technology support staff.
- Comments on a video produced for the committee by Telestudios.

- Comments on a preliminary discussion paper (November, 2000).
- Presentations to and comments from the UBC Senate and the UBC Board of Governors.
- Focus groups and discussions with students.
- Reviews of similar discussion documents and policy papers from peer institutions.
- Regular meetings of discussion and debate among the committee.
- Presentations at UBC from experts in the field and visits to peer institutions.

**iii. Why might someone choose to use LT?**

Technological advances can support learning in various ways. For example, many uses of the Web support learning, but not all of these are what we understand by LT. Having course outlines, reading lists, or lecture/lab notes on the Web is sound pedagogy in many situations, but this is simply using technology to support learning. In and of itself, this is not creative LT as we use the term. Similarly having students' register via the Web or use portals to customize information flow are important as supports for learning. Again, while critically important, they are not in themselves what we understand as the creative use of LT in direct pedagogy.

Beyond the support of learning, LT ought to be transforming learning. Creatively used, LT (especially LT characterized by electronic telecommunications and digital imaging) has one or more of the following benefits:

- a. Incorporates visualization, auralization, and/or simulation of learning material.
- b. Extends opportunities for, and flexibility in, course participants interacting more, whether as students with students, students with faculty, or students with teaching/lab assistants.
- c. Promotes the sharing of expertise by allowing our students to benefit from, and interact with, experts off-site (or benefit from UBC expertise when off the Point Grey campus - in practica, clinical settings, etc.).
- d. Extends the reach of learning for students via enhanced access, almost instantaneously, to educational resources from around the world (e.g., real time imaging, digitized archives, today's Statistics Canada data).
- e. Allows learners to review detailed learning material at a time, place, and pace that meets their learning needs.
- f. Affords expanded opportunities to represent knowledge, problem-solve, create, and communicate using an array of multimedia palates.
- g. Enhances access for students and reduces the demand on traditional physical infrastructure as more learning occurs off campus.
- h. Permits greater management of knowledge by students by allowing them to organize course material and learning resources in flexible ways that work best for them.

LT is not unique in promoting any of these eight features. As such, it is one among many ways that UBC colleagues will continue teaching and learning. Nevertheless, used creatively, LT can enhance both the quality and diversity of learning modes. As well, LT will evolve in ways unanticipated by the eight features noted above and we need to be prepared for these LT enrichments.

### **III. General Rationale**

#### **i. Future Scenario: Central Developments in Making LT Easier**

Having hosted workshops and meetings across the campus, with faculty, staff, and students, and having talked with hundreds of colleagues on these issues, we learned a good deal about where people expect UBC's LT initiatives will be in the future. This future can be summarized as follows:

1. A significant part of a student's learning at UBC will entail the use of LT (in courses combining traditional and LT modes, or in fully distance education courses). More flexibility will occur in the credit value of courses (both greater than and less than the now fairly standard 3-6), and more course "modules" will be developed. LT will help in promoting these changes. LT modules, using learning objects designed here and elsewhere, will play an increasing role in many courses.
2. Many, but not all, faculty members will use LT as part of their teaching. All students will enter UBC with increasingly sophisticated computing and information literacy skills, and with expectations about high quality LT as part of their programs. These students will, like now, also have the IT hardware necessary to benefit from LT.
3. Each Faculty will have in place appropriate support for LT. This will include resource units with expert staff who can help faculty members develop curriculum, not only at the module and course level, but also through more integrated LT across ranges of linked courses. No one standard will fit all Faculties although Faculties will continue as now to share expertise and experience. Ever greater attention will be paid to enhancing or developing the LT skills of faculty members.
4. Curriculum will continue to be designed by faculty members, but increasingly professional staff will contribute to design features of learning objects, courses, and learning material linked across courses. The complement of professional LT staff will grow to about one staff person for every twenty faculty members.
5. Academic support units will assist with LT (e.g., TAG, Library, ITSservices, DE&T). Support that is provided centrally or in local units will evolve, with some Departmental LT-units taking over roles currently filled by Faculty LT-units. There will be an ebb and flow among initiatives that are at one time centrally provided (e.g., distance courses) and at other times more distributed (e.g., LT platforms). Flexibility to support local initiatives will be important here, while also balancing the advantages of more co-ordinated approaches (e.g., students being able to "see" all of their courses via one portal).
6. As the university student population continues to expand, LT will be used more to address the growing issue of large impersonal lectures. LT will come not to supplement, but supplant, a portion of the large delivery formats now used, freeing up more time for smaller group seminars, workshops, laboratories, and other forms of PBL (both problem and project-based), collaborative, and interactive learning (and potentially easing demand for large classrooms).
7. Learning plans will incorporate LT more directly. In planning the curriculum, more attention will be paid both to distance education and mixed mode courses. Various milestones and benchmarks will begin appearing as academic units thoughtfully incorporate more LT into the curriculum.

8. Information and communication technology will be more widely used across campus for teaching, research, and administrative purposes. A robust e-strategy will more seamlessly integrate across these diverse functions making navigation and use easier for students, staff, and faculty.
9. Just as certain levels of literacy and numeracy are expected of our graduates, information and communication technology literacy and agility will be expected. These expectations will continue to vary across Faculties, but increasingly it will be assumed that professionals will be creative and thoughtful users of information and communication technology (ICT).

**ii. Moving Forward**

We have made substantial progress on many of these developments already. Nevertheless more needs to be done, especially since we know the possibilities for applying ICT will continue evolving.

Making it easier for everyone who chooses to use LT must be the key objective. In meeting this objective, an LT strategy must be inclusive. On the one hand it must not focus only on elite users, but on the other hand it must not be a mandatory prescription applied to all. An LT strategy must also foresee appropriate IT integration across campus, but not be holistic in a manner that precludes choice and diversity in learning. Foremost, the strategy must enhance learning for students.

A significant change will be the growth of professional staff involved in supporting curriculum innovation and change. Time will continue to be a scarce commodity for faculty. Increased support staff will be critical to faculty effectiveness (this staff complement will be important not only for teaching and curriculum development, but also for research and administrative support that uses the Web more).

We now have about 35 professional LT staff, in the order of 500 courses using the Web, and LT units in almost every Faculty. Most of this has occurred recently. Projecting to the near future, say 2007, we might anticipate changes of the following order of magnitude:

People (FTE's)

	Now	Five Years Hence
Undergraduates	26,500	29,500
LT Staff	35	100
Tenure-track Faculty	1850	2100

Our mix of undergraduate student FTE's might look something like the following:

Undergraduate Students (FTE's)

	Now	Five Years Hence
Distance	600	Double
Mixed Mode	500	Quadruple
Classroom Based	25,400	Slight Growth

We need also to determine how colleagues think this might change for graduate students.

**IV. *Recommendations with Brief Rationale***

UBC's distributed LT model currently has a number of Faculty-based LT-units. Related central service units on campus (e.g., ITServices, Library system, Distance Education and Technology, TAG) support these Faculty-based LT-units. We need to further strengthen this distributed LT model.

The following recommendations are key steps we need to take to move forward, in keeping with other major universities, to incorporate LT into our curriculum more fully.

As a set our recommendations are designed to further the objective of making it easier for everyone who chooses to use LT.

**i. Overarching Recommendation:**

Following from Trek 2000 and the Academic Plan,

That UBC endorses the creative use of learning technology insofar as it furthers the academic excellence of courses and programs, and that we are committed to strengthening opportunities for faculty, staff, and students to benefit from and build upon expertise in this area.

**ii. Individual Recommendations**

**What should we continue doing?**

1. Encouraging and supporting LT initiatives based in Faculties and their units.  
UBC has developed into a leading university using a model of decentralized decision-making. This model is appropriate for LT as well.
2. Providing central support as needed - WebCT, UNP, e-journals/e-reserves/e-books, MyUBC  
Some co-ordinated activity is beneficial (e.g., offering university-wide workshops).  
Some activity is currently best provided centrally (e.g., distance education).
3. Providing student access and support (labs, help desks)  
The vast majority of our students report having access to, and comfort in using, computers. We need to continue providing computer labs, especially for high-end usage, and providing student support service (e.g., help desks, software tutorials).  
Faculties should continue to decide on any information and communication technology requirements for their students.
4. Adding "smart space" on campus (in classrooms, in study areas, in residence).  
An increasing amount of classroom and laboratory space is "wired" and more residences

have internet connections. Wireless ports are also increasingly used. Meeting these escalating demands must continue.

5. Leaving main LT spending priority decisions with Faculties and their units.

The content and design of the curriculum must be made within Faculties. Setting priorities about revenue to be devoted to LT ought to rest mainly with those units.

6. Facilitating the continued development of innovative LT (e.g., WebCT, MyUBC).

By a mixture of local initiatives and central support we have developed some powerful tools to either directly enhance or indirectly support learning. We need to continue encouraging innovation and development.

7. Educating faculty, staff, and students about LT.

The creative use of LT depends upon ensuring that opportunities are readily available for colleagues who wish to learn more about the possibilities and potentials of LT. Much of this currently occurs in Faculties, via the Library, and through TAG. We need to continue expanding this education. However, most of this work focuses upon individual skills for specific courses, and we need to pay more attention to where LT can help faculty and staff in transforming the curriculum and the related learning and teaching environments.

### **What should we do differently?**

#### **A. Funding:**

1. Provide enhanced recurring dollar support to Faculties via Provost for LT Plans/Implementation.

Offering quality learning incorporating LT will cost money. We need to face this squarely as a major issue. Early adopters of LT, as strong advocates and impassioned proponents, worked long hours with little help. This will not work for the larger group of faculty who understands LT benefits but will require more LT support staff.

2. Give high priority to funding LT development through any appropriate new revenue flowing to UBC.

Faculties have supported LT development through reallocation (and this should continue). However, requests for financial support from Deans, other members of faculty, and LT support staff are mounting. Finding new money for LT is essential, especially if UBC is to keep pace with developments at other peer institutions (e.g., University of Washington, MIT, McGill).

3. Create a LTEF to support LT Plans/Initiatives (perhaps as a distinct part of TLEF).

A significant part of curriculum innovation at UBC has been supported by the TLEF. This fund has supported a variety of innovative LT initiatives, including LT platforms (WebCT), individual courses (e.g., HIST 150, Path 327), and suites of courses (e.g., Pharmaceutical Sciences' Web-Based Learning Centre). Specifying a portion of this fund to support LT will simply formalize a current practice and provide an avenue for short-term financial support to new initiatives.

#### **B. Learning:**

4. Increase the pace of smart space renovations and be alert to opportunities to enhance LT via learning commons, the new University Learning Centre, and other projects.

Financial constraints have made it impossible for UBC to renovate old space or build new space at an optimal rate. LT development will be limited unless adequate learning space is available, configured and assigned in ways that make best use of newer technologies. New buildings must incorporate LT opportunities and be savvy about the possibilities of "wireless" technology.

5. Encourage the development of more Mixed Mode courses at UBC.  
As enrolments grow, time constraints on faculty, staff, and students have risen. LT in Mixed Mode courses can help to alleviate some time pressures and allow greater use of small group formats. We have two experiments underway in this area (Chemistry, English) and we need to continue evaluating the potential of this delivery format.
6. Strengthen means for evaluating and assessing LT initiatives.  
Recognizing that the evaluation of learning (as opposed to assessing what students know) is difficult, we nevertheless must devote more time and creative thinking to the evaluation and assessment of LT. TAG currently has a small one-time budget set aside for this and is working collaboratively with the Faculty of Education. We also must commit to acting on the results of such evaluation and assessment.

**C. Organization and Governance**

7. Hire a Director for the Creative Use of LT.  
Working in support of Faculty-based LT units, we need a leader who can work to advance common issues in LT. This involves co-ordination among units with interests in LT (DE&T, TAG, ITServices, Library) as well as integration of LT with the overall IT initiatives of UBC.
8. Create a central facilitation hub (virtual and real).  
Efficiently sharing information and communicating actions can be enhanced through a central hub. This needs to be a resource centre where faculty, staff, and students can find access to information, to experts, to ideas, and to events related to LT.
9. Create a university-wide LT Action Committee with representation from Faculties, DE&T, ITServices, Library, and TAG.  
FATE (Faculty Alliance for Technology in Education) has developed as this working group. This group needs to be more formally recognized and integrated into the UBC administrative structure. This group already focuses upon moving forward with common interests and this energy and vision needs to be maintained. This committee needs to ensure information is being shared, duplication of effort is being minimized, and resources are being used wisely.
10. Integrate LT into a university-wide Information Technology Action Committee.  
As IT platforms and applications proliferate, we need an overarching university group to set strategy about the need (or not) for common standards, for quality assurance, and for future planning. LT needs to be a part of this larger IT strategy.

**D. Recognition of LT**

11. Recognize the contributions colleagues make in LT  
LT ought to be more explicitly recognized as a major force at UBC. Highlighting the university's commitment to LT and recognizing the contribution faculty make to quality LT will help in raising the LT profile.  
Significant contributions to university-level learning have been made by several colleagues

at UBC. We ought to more explicitly recognize these advances while at the same time encouraging further innovation in both research and teaching with LT. One way to do this is by creating new professorships / teaching chairs in LT. Another way to do it is by providing a Killam teaching and learning award in LT.

12. Increase or incorporate LT into HR, P&T, merit awards.

We need a much better HR career ladder so we can recruit and retain professional staff in this area. As well, we need LT to be more fully recognized as part of the faculty promotion and tenure, and merit, process.

13. Develop an explicit intellectual property policy on LT.

We need a clearer set of guidelines about the development of LT and the associated intellectual property. This policy needs to address the LT contributions of both faculty and staff.

## V. *Conclusions*

Our goal has been to recommend concrete actions that can make it easier for colleagues who wish to use LT, to do so. This has meant less focus on higher level visions, and more attention to activities that will lead us forward in creatively using LT. The recent experience of UBC and the feedback we have received from colleagues leads inevitably to the conclusion that information and computing technology will be increasingly embedded in the fabric our institution. No doubt this will be uneven across the university and developments often will be bumpy, but the end result is clear even if the exact contours of the fabric are unpredictable.

We have also been so bold as to suggest what the LT fabric of UBC might look like in the future. All students will experience LT as part of their studies, with many using it to explore international and community linkages. Increasingly their experience will include on-line learning, either solely through distance courses or in mixed mode courses. Faculties will expand their growing network of LT support units and curricular planning will routinely include LT initiatives. Individual faculty members will find more support closer to home as the spread of LT resource staff grows. Finally a growing program of LT-related research will thrive, with the results being used to refine and revise our LT focus.

**Finally, what should we be reflecting on for the future?**

1. **Ongoing review of the role of central units.** The roles of units related to LT need to be reviewed periodically to see if we have the best organizational alignment for the promotion of LT (e.g., TAG, DE&T, Telestudios, ITServices, Library).
2. **Use new learning materials.** Digitized learning materials are being created at UBC and in many of our peer institutions (e.g., Universitas 21 or APRU partners). We need to be alert to sharing these materials and using them in our courses (i.e., learning object catalogues and repositories).
3. **Keeping pace with technological change.** Wireless communication will become ubiquitous in the near future and we need to align our initiatives in learning to optimize its use. As other new forms of information and communication technology develop, we need a way of responding effectively to their introduction.
4. **Prioritize opportunities for inter-institutional partnership.** Requests for us to partner with others in LT initiatives will continue to grow and we need to seize those opportunities



which will work the best for our students, staff, and faculty (e.g., the Faculty of Education's and DE&T Masters in Educational Technology with Tec de Monterrey).

5. **Use more evidence-based evaluations in future planning.** The demands for evidence about the success (or not) of LT initiatives will continue to grow. We will need to monitor how our strength as a premier research university is aligned with that demand.

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*Appendix B: Advancing the Creative Use of Learning Technology*

***Glossary:***

ACCULT	An Ad Hoc Committee on Advancing the Creative Use of Learning Technology to advise the Provost and the University about learning technology at UBC.
APRU	Consortium of Asia Pacific Research Universities
DET	Distance Education and Technology in Continuing Studies
FATE	Faculty Alliance for Technology in Education
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
HR	Human Resources
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
Learning Centre	New University Learning Centre being developed to upgrade the old Main Library building and contain space devoted both to library resources and teaching and learning.
Learning Objects	Discrete granules or modules of digitized learning material that can be used and reused.
Learning Technology	Newer forms of learning technology characterized especially by electronic telecommunications and digital imaging (e.g., computer-assisted learning, video-assisted learning).
Mixed Mode	Courses containing comprehensive on-line, virtual, and/or multi-media components that supplant a portion of normal class meeting time.
MyUBC	Portals are like pipelines through which information can be channeled to the desktop as users wish. The MyUBC portal is operational and is undergoing further enhancement via ITSservices, the Library, and individual Faculties. Although UBC has been the prime mover behind this initiative, it has been developed in concert with several other leading North American Universities
P&T	Promotion and Tenure
Smart Space	Areas of campus, including classrooms, labs, and study areas, that have connections to, or make use of digital/electronic networks.
TAG	Centre for Teaching and Academic Growth
TLEF	Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund: revenue from 3.5% share of tuition revenue.

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Universitas 21	An international consortium of 18 research intensive universities including University of Auckland, University of Birmingham, UBC, University of Edinburgh, University of Freiburg, Fudan University, University of Glasgow, University of Hong Kong, University of Lund, McGill University, University of Melbourne, University of Michigan, National University of Singapore, University of New South Wales, University of Nottingham, Peking University, University of Queensland, University of Virginia
UNP	University Networking Project co-ordinated by ITSservices
WebCT	A course management system for online learning, with special web-authoring tools for course development.

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