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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2009

Attendance

Present: Prof. S. J. Toope (Chair), Mr. B. J. Silzer (Secretary), Dean T. Aboulnasr, Dr. Y. Altintas, Dr. R. Anstee, Dr. K. Baimbridge, Dean M. A. Bobinski, Dr. J. Brander, Dr. B. Cairns, Mr. G. Costeloe, Dr. B. Craig, Mr. G. Dew, Ms. A. Dulay, Dr. W. Dunford, Dean B. Evans, Dr. D. Farrar, Dr. D. Fielding, Mr. B. Frederick, Ms. M. Friesen, Dean N. Gallini, Mr. R. Gardiner, Mr. C. L. Gorman, Dr. S. Grayston, Dr. W. Hall, Dr. P. G. Harrison, Ms. D. Herbert, Dr. A. Ivanov, Dr. S. B. Knight, Dr. B. S. Lalli, Dr. D. Lehman, Mr. D. Leung, Dr. P. Loewen, Mr. W. McNulty, Mr. C. Meyers, Mr. A. Mohan, Ms. S. Morgan-Silvester (Chancellor), Dr. G. Öberg, Dr. C. Orvig, Dean S. Peacock, Dr. T. Ross, Dr. L. Rucker, Dean C. Shuler, Ms. L. Silvester, Dr. S. Singh, Dr. R. Sparks, Dr. B. Stelck, Dr. S. Thorne, Dean R. Tierney, Mr. D. Verma, Dr. M. Vessey, Dr. R. Windsor-Liscombe, Dr. T. Young.

By invitation: Ms. S. Nakata.

Regrets: Ms. K. Aminoltejari, Ms. H. Boyd, Principal M. Burgess, Mr. D. Dance, Dr. J. Dennison, Dr. W. Fletcher, Mr. S. Heisler, Dr. R. Irwin, Dean M. Isman, Ms. H. Lam, Mr. A. Lee, Mr. A. Lougheed, Mr. B. MacDougall, Dr. P. L. Marshall, Dr. W. McKee, Mr. R. McLean, Dean D. Muzyka, Principal L. Nasmith, Dr. B. Osmond, Ms. A. Peterson, Dr. J. Plessis, Mr. G. Podersky-Cannon, Dr. A. Riseman, Dean J. Saddler, Ms. A. Shaikh, Dean R. Sindelar, Dean G. Stuart, Dr. M. Upadhyaya, Mr. B. Wang, Mr. A. Warbinek, Dr. P. Ward, Mr. A. Wazeer, Dr. R. Wilson, Dr. R. A. Yaworsky, Ms. M. Young.

Recording Secretary: Ms. L. M. Collins.

Call to Order

The President called to order the sixth regular meeting of the Vancouver Senate for the 2008/2009 Academic Year. He introduced and welcomed guest Ms. Shirley Nakata, University Ombudsperson.

Senate Membership

DECLARATION OF VACANCY

The Secretary declared a vacancy for one representative of the students at-large to replace Mr. Ping Hei Alfie Lee.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

<i>Dr. Rucker</i>	}	<i>That the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2009 be adopted as circulated.</i>
<i>Mr. Verma</i>		

The minutes were
adopted by
consent.

Business Arising from the Minutes

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC ADVISING ISSUES RELATED TO A CULTURALLY DIVERSE STUDENT BODY

Recalling that the Senate had received at its January 2009 meeting the report of the above-mentioned ad hoc Committee, Dr. Farrar reported that a working group had been struck as part of the University's strategic planning process to examine the student experience. Dr. Farrar indicated his intent to pass the ad hoc Senate Committee report to this working group for their consideration.

Remarks from the Chair and Related Questions

PROVINCIAL BUDGETARY CONTEXT

Due the global economic downturn, many US states had seen substantial cuts to higher education budgets. Pressure was also increasing in some Canadian provinces. The President was pleased to report, however, that the situation was reasonably positive in British Columbia. Close reading of the budget letter from the provincial government suggested that the previous year's cut had been restored. The President stated that this change had been the result of collaboration between universities and student and faculty advocates.

Remarks from the Chair & Related Questions, continued

The provincial government had also indicated that universities might see a small increase over the following three years, although the details were not yet known. The President noted that factors including an upcoming provincial election and the possibility of further economic instability could change the situation yet again.

RESEARCH AND THE 2009 FEDERAL BUDGET

The President reported that the 2009 federal budget had contained some good news for higher education:

- \$2 billion to repair, retrofit, and expand facilities at post-secondary institutions;
- An additional \$87.5 million towards the Canada Graduate Scholarships program;
- A new investment of \$750 million in the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI).

There were also some concerns:

- Genome Canada did not receive funding for new research projects;
- A planned reduction of five percent of Tri-Council funding;
- No new investment in undergraduate student scholarships.

The President noted that it would be critical to find ways to communicate the successes of UBC researchers to ensure that support for research remained on the agenda at the federal level. Both the Group of 13 and the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada had identified research as a top advocacy area.

NEW ENDOWMENT POLICY APPROVED ON 5 FEBRUARY 2009

The President noted that, although UBC's Endowment had fared better than others, it had still lost roughly 20 percent of its value over the previous nine months. A new policy approved by the UBC Board of Governors committed the University to proceed as follows:

- Spending no more than 3.5 percent of the value of each endowment fund (a decrease from five percent spending rate);

Remarks from the Chair & Related Questions, continued

- Providing a stable pay-out of Endowment income that preserves the gift against inflation and allows predictability;
- Adopting practices that anticipate restoring individual endowments to their original value within 10 years.

The President noted that the new policy meant that the net amount available to be spent from the Endowment would decline by about 50 percent in the following fiscal year. For student assistance and scholarships, this would mean an annual shortfall of about \$6.5 million. While it was clear that the University would need to work creatively to address the situation, the University wished to assure students that support for the current academic year would continue and that no need-based awards would be cut.

Faculties and Colleges would see a projected reduction of approximately \$15 million. In most cases, surpluses held in anticipation of other uses would help to smooth the transition. In other cases, senior administrators would need to work with units to fashion a bridging plan to offset the loss of income. The two units expected to be most affected were the Faculty of Forestry and the College for Interdisciplinary Studies because of their reliance on endowment funding.

DISCUSSION

In response to a question from Mr. Frederick, the President stated that General Purpose Operating funds were already being used to support merit-based student awards. At its February 2009 meeting, the Board had focused on the creation of a new endowment policy rather than on adjustments to the UBC budget.

In response to a question from Mr. Costeloe, the President confirmed that although recent provincial budgetary decisions had improved the overall budget picture, the University remained under substantial budgetary pressure. The President cited the strategic planning process as an opportunity to determine how UBC could marshal its resources to make the

Remarks from the Chair & Related Questions, continued

biggest possible difference to the world. He added that it was time to have a robust discussion about, for example, how the College for Interdisciplinary Studies related to other units.

Admissions Committee

Committee Chair Dr. Fielding presented the following reports:

- a. English Language Admission Standard – Changes to Admissions Calendar Entry;
- b. Change of Degree Program/ Campus – Changes to Admissions Calendar Entry;
- c. Classification of Students (Visitor) – Changes to Admissions Calendar Entry;
- d. Applicants Following Other International Secondary School Curricula – Changes to Admissions Calendar Entry;
- e. PSI Calculus Assessment 12: Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curricula – Changes to Admissions Calendar Entry;
- f. BC First Nations Studies 12: Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curricula – Changes to Admissions Calendar Entry;
- g. Canadian Aboriginal Students – Changes to Admissions Calendar Entry;
- h. Graduate Programs in Physics and Astronomy (Faculty of Graduate Studies) – Changes in Admission Requirements;
- i. Graduate Programs in Reproductive and Developmental Sciences (Faculty of Graduate Studies) – Changes in Admission Requirements;
- j. Faculty of Law—Changes in Admission Requirements.

*Dr. Fielding
Dr. Rucker*

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*That the Senate accept the recommendations
of the Admissions Committee in approving
items (a) through (j).*

DISCUSSION

Referring to item (a) on requiring scores from English language proficiency tests written in a single sitting, Dr. Dunford noted that many BC students need to write the Language Proficiency Index (LPI) multiple times before succeeding, and suggested that the LPI requirement also be examined in future.

In response to a question from Mr. Costeloe about item (h) on GRE requirements for graduate students in physics and astronomy, Dr. Loewen noted that the proposed change

Admissions Committee, continued

would align physics and astronomy students more closely to those in mathematics, for whom no GRE score was required.

The motion was
put and carried.

Curriculum Committee

See also 'Appendix A: Curriculum Summary.'

Committee member Dr. Fielding presented the curriculum reports for approval.

<i>Dr. Fielding</i>	}	<i>That the new and changed courses and programs brought forward by the Faculties of Applied Science (School of Nursing), Arts, Education (School of Human Kinetics), Graduate Studies (Applied Science, Arts, College for Interdisciplinary Studies, and Medicine), and Land & Food Systems be approved.</i>
<i>Dr. Rucker</i>		

Carried.

Nominating Committee

ADJUSTMENTS TO SENATE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Committee Chair Dr. Windsor-Liscombe presented the report.

<i>Dr. Windsor-Liscombe</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the following revisions to the membership of Committees of Senate:</i>
<i>Mr. Frederick</i>		

Academic Policy Committee
Mr. Alex Lougheed to replace Mr. Alfie Lee;
Curriculum Committee
Dr. Andrew Riseman to replace Dr. Mahesh Upadhyaya;
Library Committee
Mr. Alex Lougheed to replace Mr. Alfie Lee;
Student Appeals on Academic Discipline Committee
Dr. Mahesh Upadhyaya to replace Mr. Dean Leung.

Nominating Committee, continued

Carried.

Student Awards Committee

Committee Chair Dr. Stelck presented the reports.

NEW AWARDS

See also 'Appendix B: New Awards.'

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

Carried.

FOUR YEAR FELLOWSHIPS (FYF) FOR PHD STUDENTS

The Committee had circulated a proposal to establish new Four Year Fellowships for PhD students. The short description of the new awards was as follows:

Fellowships of tuition fees plus \$16,000 (adjusted for inflation) per year are available to full-time PhD students during the first 4 years of their PhD program. Continued Fellowship support is subject to satisfactory academic progress. Students who receive Tri-council or other prestigious external awards must accept those awards. Tri-council recipients (except Vanier and CGSD award holders) will receive an annual FYF-funded tuition award in addition to their external award funding. All prestigious award winners will receive FYF when their external award ends for the remainder of the first 4 years of their program. Students should contact their graduate program for further information.

<i>Dr. Stelck</i>	}	<i>That Senate accept and recommend to the Board of Governors for approval the establishment of Four Year Fellowships (FYF) for PhD Students as described in the attached background paper; and</i>
<i>Dr. Windsor-</i>		
<i>Liscombe</i>		

That Senate approve the associated Calendar entries.

Student Awards Committee, continued

DISCUSSION

In response to a question from Dr. Rucker, Dean Evans defined a “prestigious award” as having a value equal to or exceeding that of a University Graduate Fellowship (UGF). Dean Evans agreed to add this definition in parentheses.

There was some discussion about whether there existed standard Tri-Council terminology for scholarships, fellowships, and awards. Dr. Baimbridge suggested that the Tri-Council used “fellowship” exclusively for post-doctoral awards. Dr. Brander, having checked the Tri-Council website, found that there appeared to be no consistent use of terminology to distinguish between different kinds of awards for doctoral students.

Dr. Baimbridge noted that the background paper was not explicit about how funding would be distributed to the academic units. He requested clarification on which “input and output measures” would be used, and expressed concern that, depending on the measures chosen, new programs might not receive a fair share. Dean Evans agreed that developing appropriate measures constituted a significant challenge. For the current year, the Graduate Entrance Scholarship (GES) formula would be used as an input measure. For future years, input measures would include the relative success of students in Tri-Council competitions and in the University Graduate Fellowship competition. Outcome measures would consider a program’s success in graduating students. Dean Evans assured Senators that decisions about measures would be made in an integrative way and that Associate Deans would be involved in the discussion.

In response to a question from Dr. Fielding, Dean Evans stated that no funding previously allocated to undergraduate student support would be redirected to fund the new fellowship program. Dean Evans added that the funding would be monitored carefully every year and adjusted as necessary to ensure the health of the fellowship program.

Student Awards Committee, continued

Dr. Rucker suggested that the wording be adjusted to ensure that students were not discouraged from applying for smaller awards because they worried about being disqualified from consideration for Four Year Fellowships. Dean Evans agreed to take this into consideration, and expressed the hope that students would be considered for the Four Year Fellowship first. She noted that most of the smaller awards were distributed by disciplinary Faculties to top up other awards in an effort to recruit the best students.

The motion was
put and carried.

Prof. Toope offered his congratulations to the group working on the development of the Four Year Fellowship initiative as a way to bring the brightest students to UBC.

CHANGE TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING UNIVERSITY AWARDS

The Committee had circulated a proposal to amend the Regulations Governing University Awards as follows:

Section 2 currently reads as follows:

2. Awards issued by the University are applied to tuition fees. If the amount of the award is greater than the fees, the excess is paid to the student after the tuition fees have been deducted.

Proposed additions appear in italics:

2. Awards issued by the University are applied to tuition *and to other student* fees. If the amount of the award is greater than the fees, the excess is paid to the student after the tuition *and other student* fees have been deducted.

Dr. Stelck
Mr. Costeloe

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That the Senate approve the change in the Regulations Governing University Awards as recommended by the Student Awards Committee.

Carried.

Reports from the Provost & Vice-President, Academic

Dr. Farrar presented the report.

JULIA LEVY BC LEADERSHIP CHAIR IN MACULAR RESEARCH

The Provost had circulated a proposal to establish the above-named Chair. Dr. Julia Levy is the Founder and Director Emerita of QLT and Professor Emerita of Microbiology at UBC.

<i>Dr. Farrar</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the establishment of the Julia Levy BC Leadership Chair in Macular Research made possible by funding from the Province of British Columbia's Leading Edge Endowment Fund and QLT royalties.</i>
<i>Dr. Ivanov</i>		

Carried.

Other Business

ISSUES OF BROAD ACADEMIC INTEREST

Dr. Vessey noted that the Senate meeting had concluded relatively quickly. He suggested that the Agenda Committee consider collecting discussion items to be placed on meeting agendas that were otherwise short. Members of the Agenda Committee agreed and stated that this discussion was already underway within the Committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The following regular meeting of the Senate was scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2009.

APPENDIX A: CURRICULUM SUMMARY

Faculty of Applied Science, School of Nursing

NEW COURSES

NURS 302 (6)
NURS 303 (8)
NURS 304 (2)
NURS 305 (1)
NURS 306 (1)
NURS 333 (6)
NURS 334 (6)
NURS 335 (6)
NURS 336 (6)
NURS 337 (12)
NURS 338 (2)
NURS 339 (2)
NURS 340 (2)
NURS 341 (2)
NURS 342 (1)
NURS 343 (2)
NURS 344 (2)

Clinical Nursing Major program entry

NURS 420 (6)
NURS 422 (6)
NURS 423 (6)
NURS 424 (6)
NURS 425 (6)
NURS 427 (8)

Degree Requirements >Third and Fourth Year courses

Faculty of Arts

NEW COURSES

GEOG 459
HINU 450
PHIL 101
PHIL 102

PROGRAM CHANGE

B.A. > Program Requirements – declaration of major at 27 credits

Appendix A: Curriculum Summary, continued

Faculty of Education, School of Human Kinetics

NEW PROGRAM

Co-operative Education Program

NEW COURSES

HKIN 101 (6) Co-operative Work Placement
HKIN 201 (6) Co-operative Work Placement
HKIN 301 (6) Co-operative Work Placement
HKIN 401 (6) Co-operative Work Placement
HKIN 402 (6) Co-operative Work Placement
HKIN 403 (6) Co-operative Work Placement

Graduate Proposals

APPLIED SCIENCE

NEW COURSES

MECH 522 (3)
MECH 533 (3)

ARTS

NEW COURSES

ASIA 598 (3)
ENGL 500 (3)
FIPR 534 (6)
FIPR 535 (6)
FIPR 536 (6)

PROGRAM CHANGES

MFA in Film Production
MFA in Film Production and Creative Writing
College for Interdisciplinary Studies

NEW COURSES

CELL 508 (1.5)
CELL 509 (1.5)
CELL 510 (1.5)

Appendix A: Curriculum Summary, continued

CELL 511 (1.5)

CELL 512 (1.5)

PROGRAM CHANGES

Master of Arts in European Studies Suspension of Admission

MEDICINE

NEW COURSES

RSPT 564 (5)

RSPT 565 (6)

RSPT 566 (4)

SURG 510 (3)

PROGRAM CHANGES

MPT Program Requirements

Faculty of Land & Food Systems

NEW COURSES

FNH 398 (3)

FNH 477 (3)

APPENDIX B: NEW AWARDS

Mark COHEN Prize in Ophthalmology: A \$1,000 prize is offered to an undergraduate medical student in the Doctor of Medicine Program at the Faculty of Medicine who will be pursuing a residency in a Canadian ophthalmology post-graduate training program and who, in the opinion of the Department of Ophthalmology, shows promise to be an outstanding clinician. The award is made on the recommendation of the Department. (First award available for the 2008/09 Winter Session)

CONCERT Properties Leaders' Award: A \$5,000 award is offered to an outstanding undergraduate student entering or continuing in the Bachelor of Commerce Program at the Sauder School of Business. The award was established to mark the 20th anniversary of Concert Real Estate Corporation and honours the commitment, perseverance and vision of the founding and leading supporters of Concert who have been instrumental in Concert's success. The award is made on the recommendation of the Sauder School of Business to a student in good standing who has demonstrated leadership and service in the UBC/campus community and/or the wider community. (First award available for the 2009/10 Winter Session)

Yamuna KALYAMPUR Prize in Obstetrics and Gynecology: A \$1,000 prize is offered in honour of Dr. Yamuna Kalyampur, Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the Faculty of Medicine. The award is made on the recommendation of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology to an outstanding resident in obstetrics and gynecology. (First award available for the 2008/09 Winter Session)

Russ PATRICK Arts Undergraduate Student Research Award: A \$2,000 scholarship has been endowed by Russ Patrick to recognize outstanding achievement in research writing by an Arts undergraduate. The donor's contribution to the endowment principal has been matched by the Faculty of Arts. Candidates who are interested in this award should contact the Dean of Arts' office or information. Submissions are judged by professional standards and assessed on their ability to communicate the research and its significance to a non-specialist audience. The award is made on the recommendation of a selection committee in the Faculty of Arts, including the Dean of Arts in its membership. (First award available for the 2009/10 Winter Session)

Garreth Ewan THOMAS Memorial Award in Mechanical Engineering: Awards totalling \$2,000 have been endowed by family and friends, and by Peter Kiewit Sons Company, in memory of Garreth Thomas. Garreth was a man of faith, a leader, loyal friend and mentor, youth counselor and teacher, musician and all-round sportsman, who was looking forward to joining Engineers Without Borders. The award recognizes a Mechanical Engineering student enrolled in the Co-op Program, with proven leadership skills and community involvement, who demonstrates a strong interest in social responsibility and international development. The award is

Appendix B: New Awards, continued

made on the recommendation of the Department of Mechanical Engineering in the Faculty of Applied Science. (First award available for the 2009/10 Winter Session)

Dr. Juan TOBIAS International Scholarship in Dentistry: A \$1,000 scholarship is offered in memory of Dr. Juan Tobias to a student entering the International Dental Degree Completion Program in the Faculty of Dentistry. In 1971 Dr. Tobias was one of the first international dental students admitted to the Faculty of Dentistry to pursue his Canadian D.M.D. credentials after immigrating to Canada and leaving his dental practice in Chile. He was a pioneer in the International Dental Program and, being twenty years senior to his fellow students, a mentor among his peers. Upon graduation in 1973, Dr. Tobias became a dedicated part-time faculty member for the next twenty-five years. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty. (First award available for the 2009/10 Winter Session)

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

Award 02728 – KOOTENAY Bar Association Memorial Scholarship in Law: (revised description) A \$1,000 scholarship is offered by the Kootenay Bar Association to honour members of the Association who have since passed away. The scholarship is given to a student in any year of study in the Juris Doctor (J.D.) Program, with a preference that the scholarship is granted to a law student who is from the Kootenays. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Law.

How amended: This award was formerly named the “Mike Edwards Memorial Prize” but is now a scholarship which honours *all* deceased members of the Kootenay Bar Association. The prize was previously restricted to Civil Litigation and Criminal Law, but the revised scholarship is now open to law students in any year of study, with a preference (where possible) for a student from the Kootenays.