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VANCOUVER SENATE

MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2002

Attendance

The Fifth Regular Meeting of the Senate of the University of British Columbia for the Session 2001/02 was held on Wednesday, January 23, 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, Ms. C. Bekkers, Dr. J. D. Berger, Dean J. Blom, 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. S. W. Hamilton, Dr. P. E. Harding, Dr. J. Helliwell, Ms. J. Hutton, Dean M. Isaacson, Dr. C. Jillings, Mr. I. Kathrada, Dr. D. D. Kitts, Dean M. M. Klawe, Dr. B. S. Lalli, Mr. G. Lloyd, Mr. T. P. T. Lo, Mr. R. W. Lowe, Dr. M. I. MacEntee, Mr. B. J. MacLean, Dean pro tem. A. Martin-Matthews, Mr. W. B. McNulty, Ms. V. G. Mirehouse, Mr. R. W. Morasiewicz, Dean D. Muzyka, Dr. P. N. Nemetz, Dr. J. Perry, Dean M. Quayle, Ms. C. Quinlan, Dr. H. J. Rosengarten, Dr. J. N. Saddler, Dr. K. Schonert-Reichl, Mr. A. F. Sheppard, Mr. B. Simpson, Dr. C. E. Slonecker, Ms. D. Soochan, Ms. L. M. Sparrow, Mr. C. Ste-Croix, Dr. B. Stelck, Dr. R. C. Tees, Dean R. J. Tierney, Mr. D. Tompkins, Mr. W. Tong, Ms. G. Y. C. Tsai, Mr. D. R. Verma, Dr. R. Wilson, Dr. R. A. Yaworsky, Mr. W. Yuen.

By Invitation: Dr. Donald Wehrung (International Student Initiative)

Regrets: Dr. W. L. Sauder (Chancellor), Mr. R. Affleck, Dr. R. W. Blake, Mr. P. T. Burns, Mr. A. Campbell, Dr. R. Goldman-Segall, Dr. D. Granot, Dean F. Granot, Mr. E. Greathed, Ms. M. Hassen, Dr. A. G. Hannam, Rev. T. J. Hanrahan, Mr. R. R. Hira, Dr. V. LeMay, Dr. P. L. Marshall, Dr. W. R. McMaster, Dr. K. MacQueen, Dr. F. P. D. Navin, Dr. G. N. Patey, Dr. T. F. Pedersen, Mr. G. Podersky-Cannon, Dr. V. Raoul, Ms. H. E. Roman, Dr. C. Shields, Dr. D. Sjerne, Mr. E. Storm, Dr. J. R. Thompson, Dr. D. Ll. Williams, Dean E. H. K. Yen.

Senate Membership

Dr. David W. Fielding replaced Dr. Donald M. Lyster as a faculty representative from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. President Piper welcomed Dr. Fielding to Senate.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

<i>Dr. Tees</i>	}	<i>That the Minutes of the Meeting of December 12, 2001 be adopted as circulated.</i>
<i>Dr. Rosengarten</i>		

Carried.

Remarks from the Chair and Related Questions

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS FOR 2002

President Piper was pleased to announce that the following candidates had agreed to accept their respective honorary degrees at the May 2002 congregation ceremonies.

- Donald Calne
- Maurice Copithorne
- Garde Gardom
- Meg Hickling
- Philip B. Lind
- Simon Lucas
- Douglas "Buzz" Moore
- Timothy Parsons
- Charles Sriver
- Gerri Sinclair
- Ronald Smith
- Harriet Winspear

In addition, Shirley Tilghman had agreed to accept her degree at a ceremony to be held in November 2002.

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

President Piper drew attention to two construction projects on campus:

1. Korea University-UBC House: a student residence co-sponsored by Korea University (KU). This first component of an international college to be constructed at UBC was scheduled for completion in the fall of 2002, and was to house 200 students attending a joint academic program at UBC: approximately 100 from each of UBC and KU.
2. Faculty and Staff Housing. An additional 36 housing units for faculty and staff were under construction and expected to be completed within approximately 10 months.

UPCOMING FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Piper drew attention to two announcements to be made within the following month:

1. The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) was to make its first funding announcement in 18 months on January 28, 2002. UBC was optimistic that a significant portion of its \$140-million total request would be funded.
2. The provincial budget was to be announced on February 19, 2002. UBC administrators were actively working with provincial decision-makers with respect to the budget for 2002/03.

CURRICULUM FORUM FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 11

The President stated that the Vice President, Academic and Provost planned to announce an upcoming open forum to examine how UBC should educate future citizens of the world, particularly in light of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Academic Policy Committee

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

BLOOD BORNE VIRUS AND FACULTY OF MEDICINE STUDENTS

Dr. Tees announced that the consideration of the proposed policy on Blood Borne Virus and UBC Faculty of Medicine students had been postponed until the February 2002 meeting of Senate, so that the Admissions Committee might also examine the policy and comment as appropriate.

CALENDAR ENTRIES ON ACADEMIC CONCESSION AND RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

The following report had been circulated.

Calendar Entries on Academic Concession and Religious Holidays

Present Calendar Entries (in Section IV, Academic Regulations)

Religious Holidays

Recognizing the religious diversity of the UBC community, UBC permits students who are scheduled to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion to notify their instructors in advance of a holy day they wish to observe by absenting them-

selves from class or examination. Instructors will provide opportunity for students to make up work or examinations missed without penalty.

Students are required to give two weeks' notice of their intention to absent themselves under the terms of the university policy on religious holidays. They shall notify the instructor of each course or, where this cannot be done, the head or director of the unit concerned.

Academic Concession

The university encourages all students to complete their course work and degree programs. Students who are suffering from medical, emotional or other problems which may adversely affect their attendance or performance in a course or program should follow the procedures below, and should notify the office of their dean or director, or their instructors, as soon as possible if they intend to request academic concession.

Students absent from final examinations held in the official examination periods must request academic concession from the office of their dean or director. Students who are absent at other times, or are unable to complete tests or other graded work because of short-term illness or for other reasons, should normally discuss with their instructors how they can make up for missed work, according to written guidelines given them at the start of the course (see the section *Grading Practices* in this chapter). Instructors are not required to make allowance for any missed test or incomplete work that is not satisfactorily accounted for. Students also have the right to request academic concession from their dean or director's office.

Students who wish to request academic concession from the office of the dean or director must apply to the office as close as possible to the time their attendance is adversely affected. The university, in considering these requests or any appeals of decisions on academic concession, will not normally take into account untimely notifications. When a student requests academic concession, he or she will be asked to provide such evidence as is deemed appropriate. If there is a medical problem, the student should submit a Statement of Illness obtained from the Student Health Service or the attending physician. The student may be asked to provide additional information. The academic concessions that may be granted include the following: permission to drop or withdraw from a course after the normal deadlines (see *Change of Registration*), Aegrotat standing or Deferred standing (see *Grading Practices*) and withdrawal from the university (see *Withdrawal*).

If permission is given to drop or withdraw from a course, any refund of fees will be in accordance with normal policy (see *Refund of Fees*).

Students in good academic standing who are permitted to withdraw from the university may apply to re-enrol in the program from which they withdrew. Application to re-enrol must be made by the published application deadline for the program. A student permitted to withdraw may be told the time period during which an application to re-enrol will be permitted. A medical certificate may be required to satisfy the university that the student is ready to continue studies.

Proposed Calendar Entry (to remain in Section IV, Academic Regulations)

***Action:** delete calendar entry on religious holidays and amend calendar entry on academic concession as follows (material on religious observance in bold).*

Academic Concession

Students may request academic concession in circumstances that may adversely affect their attendance or performance in a course or program. Such circumstances include:

- a medical condition
- emotional or other problems
- religious observance.

Students who intend, or, as the result of a circumstance, must request academic concession should notify their dean or director, or their instructor(s) as specified in the procedures below.

Religious observance may preclude attending classes or examinations at certain times. In accordance with the UBC Policy on Religious Holidays (see <http://policy.ubc.ca/policy65.htm>), students who wish to be accommodated for religious reasons must notify their instructors in writing at least two weeks in advance, and preferably earlier.

Students absent from final examinations held in the official examination periods must request academic concession from the office of their dean or director. Students who are absent at other times, or are unable to complete tests or other graded work because of short term illness, **religious obligation**, or for other reasons, should normally discuss with their instructors as quickly as possible how they can make up for missed work, according to written guidelines given them at the start of the course (see the section *Grading Practices* in this chapter). Instructors are not required to make allowance for any missed test or incomplete work that is not satisfactorily accounted for. Students also have the right to request academic concession from their dean or director's office.

Students who wish to request academic concession from the office of the dean or director must apply to the office as close as possible to the time their attendance is adversely affected. **In the case of religious observance, the office of the dean or director must receive notification a minimum of two weeks in advance.** The university, in considering these requests or any appeals of decisions on academic concession, will not normally take into account untimely notifications. When a student requests academic concession, he or she will be asked to provide such evidence as is deemed appropriate. If there is a medical problem, the student should submit a Statement of Illness obtained from the Student Health Service or the attending physician. The student may be asked to provide additional information.

The academic concessions that may be granted include the following: permission to make up coursework or examinations, to withdraw from a course after the normal deadlines (see *Change of Registration*), Aegrotat standing or Deferred standing (see *Grading Practices*) and withdrawal from the university (see *Withdrawal from the University*). Accommodation for an examination scheduled during the regular examination period may require that the student write a deferred examination at a later date set by the instructor or department in accordance with University regulations governing

deferred examinations (see *Deferred and Supplemental Examinations*). If permission is given to drop or withdraw from a course, any refund of fees will be in accordance with normal policy (see *Refund of Fees*).

Students in good academic standing who are permitted to withdraw from the university may apply for readmission to the program from which they withdrew. Application for readmission must be made by the published application deadline for the program. A student permitted to withdraw may be told the time period during which an application for readmission will be accepted. A medical certificate may be required to satisfy the university that the student is ready to continue studies.

Rationale

The UBC Policy on Religious Holidays (Board policy #65) remains unchanged. Combining the Calendar entries on Religious Holidays and Academic Concession will clarify students' expectations and obligations with respect to accommodation for religious observance. This amalgamation should also make the information easier for students to locate in the Calendar.

Dr. Tees	}	<i>That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Calendar entries on Academic Concession and Religious Holidays.</i>
Dr. Berger		

Carried.

Curriculum Committee

Please see also 'Appendix A: Curriculum Summary.'

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

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Dr. Berger	}	<i>That Senate approve the curriculum proposals from the Faculty of Applied Science.</i>
Dean Isaacson		

Carried.

FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Dr. Berger announced that consideration of three new graduate programs had been postponed until the February 2002 meeting of Senate, so that the Admissions Committee might review and report on the respective admission statements. The courses related to these programs remained

on the present agenda for approval, as only approval of the programs themselves had been postponed.

The three new programs were:

1. Intercontinental Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change;
2. Master of Educational Technology (joint with Tec de Monterrey); and
3. Master of Arts in Ancient Culture, Religion, and Ethnicity in the Mediterranean and the Near East (ACRE).

Graduate Studies: Education

<i>Dr. Berger</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the new graduate course proposals under subject codes ADED and ETEC.</i>
<i>Prof. Sheppard</i>		

In response to queries, Dean Tierney stated that the Master of Educational Technology would be delivered primarily by distance education, and that some of the ETEC courses would be developed jointly with Tec de Monterrey, while others would be developed by UBC independently.

The motion was
put and carried.

Graduate Studies: Arts

<i>Dr. Berger</i>	}	<i>That the course proposals under subject codes CNRS, CCST, and ARST be approved.</i>
<i>Dr. Tees</i>		

In response to a query from Dr. MacEntee, Dr. Harding confirmed that the term "Near East" was in current use in the field of ancient studies.

The motion was
put and carried.

Graduate Studies: Medicine

<i>Dr. Berger</i>	}	<i>That the proposed new course BIOC 535 be approved.</i>
<i>Dean Cairns</i>		

Carried.

FACULTY OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

Dr. Berger noted that the proposed program changes were to be phased in, with most changes becoming effective for students beginning their studies in 2003.

<i>Dr. Berger</i>	}	<i>That the curriculum proposals from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences be approved.</i>
<i>Dean Abbott</i>		

Carried.

FACULTIES OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Dr. Berger reminded members of Senate that the B.Sc. or B.A. Major in Cognitive Systems had been approved by the Curriculum Committee approximately 18 months earlier, but that the program had been tabled by the Senate until some funding and approval-process problems could be resolved.

<i>Dr. Berger</i>	}	<i>That the proposed B.Sc. and B.A. Majors in Cognitive Systems be approved.</i>
<i>Dr. Gilbert</i>		

Carried.

Reports from the Vice President, Academic and Provost

FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INITIATIVE

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

In introducing the report, Vice President McBride acknowledged the work done by Dr. Donald Wehrung and the staff of the International Student Initiative, as well as by deans' offices and Enrolment Services. He noted that the program was successful, in part, due to Dr. Wehrung's

dogged determination. He described Dr. Wehrung as an agent for positive change. Members of Senate applauded.

Vice President McBride recalled that the Board of Governors had approved the International Student Initiative in 1996, with the mandate to increase international enrolment by 10% without displacing domestic students, and to charge full-cost tuition fees to international students. Dr. McBride reviewed enrolment statistics for international students by Faculty, noting that the majority of new international students had been admitted to Arts, followed by Science, Commerce & Business Administration (Bachelor of Commerce), and Applied Science.

The International Student Initiative had made a considerable impact on the composition of the student body. In 2001/2002, UBC admitted 1038 international students from 76 different countries. Dr. McBride remarked that many Canadian students who have been educated abroad choose to return to UBC for their undergraduate programs, possibly due to exposure generated by the ISI.

Eight new renewable entrance scholarships valued between \$12 K and \$27 K were introduced for 2001/02. These scholarships were funded by a surtax on international student tuition fees.

International students appeared to succeed academically at approximately the same rate as domestic students, although international students in Science and Applied Science showed lower-than-average GPA's in their third and fourth years. Vice President McBride pointed out that, because only one four-year cohort had passed through, the available statistics were very preliminary.

In response to a query from Dean Isaacson, Vice President McBride confirmed that some portion of students admitted as international had converted to domestic status (and thus paid lower

tuition fees) during the course of their studies. Dr. Wehrung stated that approximately 4 percent of admitted students became permanent residents prior to registration, while between 10 and 15 percent became permanent residents prior to degree completion. This trend varied by program and by country, and the International Student Initiative was monitoring international to domestic conversion rates.

TEACHING AWARD TO DR. C. LEE GASS

Vice President McBride was pleased to announce that Dr. C. Lee Gass of the Department of Zoology had been named Canadian Professor of the Year jointly by the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAEE) and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Vice President McBride described Dr. Gass as "a superb teacher and educator." Members of Senate applauded.

Tributes Committee - in camera

EMERITUS STATUS

Please see 'Appendix B: Candidates for Emeritus Status.'

<i>Dr. Helliwell</i>	}	<i>That the candidates listed be granted emeritus status.</i>
<i>Mr. Verma</i>		

In response to a query from Mr. Tompkins, Dr. Helliwell confirmed that all faculty who meet the established service and age criteria, assuming good conduct, were recommended for emeritus status.

The motion was
put and carried.

Other Business

CHAIR IN PUNJABI LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND SIKH STUDIES

<i>Dr. Lalli</i>	}	<i>That the Vice President, Academic and Provost report to the Senate at its February 27, 2002 meeting on the status of the chair entitled "Chair in Punjabi Language, Literature, and Sikh Studies."</i>
<i>Mr. Brady</i>		

Dr. Lalli explained that this Chair had been established in September 1987 under an agreement between the University and the Sikh Society of Canada. Although the University had seen fit to contribute partial funding for other Chairs, it had not contributed funds to this particular Chair. Dr. Lalli requested that the Vice President include in his report information about the Chair's establishment and objective.

The motion was
put and carried.

PROVINCIAL FUNDING OF THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES

Professor Sheppard, reminding Senate that he was the UBC Senate representative to Regent College, expressed his dismay at the recent cuts in provincial funding to theological colleges. He requested that the Agenda Committee consider including in the February 2002 Senate agenda a motion to reflect Senate's dissatisfaction with such cuts. The Chair directed Professor Sheppard to forward his draft motion to the Agenda Committee for consideration.

UNIVERSITAS 21 AND U21 GLOBAL

Professor Sheppard noted that the Faculty Association had recently circulated an email message to all faculty representatives to Senate that outlined 20 outstanding questions regarding the *U21 Global* initiative. 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 and Provost.

Adjournment

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of Senate will be held on February 27, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

Appendix A: Curriculum Summary

APPLIED SCIENCE

APSC 331, 332, 430

CHBE 381, 481

EECE 417, 440, 488

Mechanical Engineering, Honours Mathematics Option

MMAT 496

ARTS

Bachelor of Arts Major in Cognitive Systems

GRADUATE STUDIES

Education

ADED 540, 541, 542, ADED 543, 544

ETEC 510, 511, 512, 520, 521, 522, 530, 531, 532, 533, 540

Arts

CNRS 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505

CCST 500, 501, 502, 503, 504

Master of Arts in Anthropology

Master of Arts in Art History - Concentration in Critical Curatorial Studies

ARST 515

Medicine

BIOC 535

Science

CPSC 554

MATH 597, 598

Mathematics Finance Co-op Option

PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

Program changes to the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy

PHAR 201, 202, 220, 241, 299

SCIENCE

Bachelor of Science Major in Cognitive Systems

Appendix B: Candidates for Emeritus Status

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Name	Proposed Rank (Resignation effective June 30, 2001)
Lamb, Noelle	Senior Instructor Emerita of Audiology & Speech Sciences
Lighthall, Lynne	Associate Professor Emerita of Library, Archival & Information Studies
Name	Proposed Rank (ETA effective June 30, 2001)
Walter, Gordon Arthur	Associate Professor Emeritus of Commerce & Business Administration
Name	Proposed Rank (ETA effective October 31, 2001)
Caskey, Elizabeth J.	Administrative Librarian Emerita
Name	Proposed Rank (Retirement effective December 31, 2001)
Abboud, Raja T.	Professor Emeritus of Medicine
Chamberlain, Heath B.	Assistant Professor Emeritus of Political Science
Chong, Delano P.	Professor Emeritus of Chemistry
Crooks, Sylvia Anne	Senior Instructor Emerita of Library, Archival & Information Studies
Harris, Richard C.	Professor Emeritus of Geography
Kim, Seung U.	Professor Emeritus of Medicine
Klaassen, David	Clinical Professor Emeritus of Medicine
Krebs, Charles J.	Professor Emeritus of Zoology
Labrie, E. Ross	Professor Emeritus of English
Liley, N. Robin	Professor Emeritus of Zoology
Meadowcroft, T. Ray	Professor Emeritus of Metals & Materials Engineering
Mitchell, Alec	Professor Emeritus of Metals & Materials Engineering
Paty, Donald W.	Professor Emeritus of Medicine
Patterson, Michael	Clinical Professor Emeritus of Paediatrics
Richards, James F.	Dean Emeritus of Agricultural Sciences
Sigal, Ruth	Program Director Emerita of Continuing Studies
Sinel, Allen A.	Professor Emeritus of History
Stephenson, J. Michael	Clinical Assistant Professor Emeritus of Paediatrics
Stoller, Julius	Clinical Professor Emeritus of Surgery
Sullivan, Lorne D.	Professor Emeritus of Surgery
Thompson, Robert C.	Professor Emeritus of Chemistry

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Name	Proposed Rank (Retirement effective December 31, 2001)
Wong, Ken C. K.	Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Anaesthesia
Name	Proposed Rank (ETA effective December 31, 2001)
Astell, Caroline	Professor Emerita of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Baldwin, Nadine	Assistant University Librarian Emerita
Elkins, David J.	Professor Emeritus of Political Science
Lyster, Donald M.	Professor Emeritus of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Schwab, Bernhard	Professor Emeritus of Commerce & Business Administration
Schweitzer, David R.	Associate Professor Emeritus of Anthropology & Sociology
Sinclair, John G.	Professor Emeritus of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Uyeno, Dean Hideo	Associate Professor Emeritus of Health Care & Epidemiology

John Helliwell
Chair, Tributes Committee
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