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VANCOUVER SENATE

MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2005

Attendance

Present: President M. C. Piper (Chair), Dr. A. McEachern (Chancellor), Dr. P. Adebar, Mr. B. Ahmadian, Dr. B. Bemmels, Dean M. A. Bobinski, Dr. C. Boyle, Dr. L. Brinton, Dr. M. Cameron, Dr. J. Carolan, Dr. E. Dean, Dr. J. Dennison, Mr. M. Edgar, Ms. G. Eom, Dr. D. Fielding, Ms. M. Friesen, Dean N. Gallini, Ms. E. Gibson, Principal J. H. V. Gilbert, Ms. T. Gillespie, Dr. D. Granot, Dean F. Granot, Dr. L. Gunderson, Mr. S. Haffey, Dean J. Hepburn, Associate Vice President J. Hutton, Dr. R. Irwin, Dean M. Isaacson, Dr. R. Kerekes, Dr. B. S. Lalli, Dr. V. LeMay, Mr. J. Liu, Ms. D. Loo, Mr. R. Lowe, Dr. P. L. Marshall, Ms. S. Martz, Mr. W. McNulty, Mr. J. Mistry, Dr. P. Mosca, Dr. D. Paterson, Mr. G. Paton, Mr. D. Riendl, Mr. J. Rogers, Dr. A. Rose, Dr. H. J. Rosengarten, Dr. J. Sarra, Dr. C. Shields, Associate Vice President & Registrar B. J. Silzer, Dean R. Sindelar, Dr. B. Stelck, Dr. D. Steyn, Mr. N. Taylor, Dr. R. C. Tees, Dr. J. Thompson, Dr. S. Thorne, Ms. M. Tull, Mr. D. Verma, Dr. R. Wilson, Dr. R. Wilson, Dr. R. Windsor-Liscombe, Mr. D. Yokom, Mr. D. Younan.

Regrets: Mr. R. Affleck, Dr. J. D. Berger, Mr. P. T. Brady, Dr. J. Brander, Dr. P. G. Harrison, Dr. R. Harrison, Dr. J. Johnson, Dr. S. B. Knight, Ms. P. Liu, Mr. T. P. T. Lo, Dr. M. MacEntee, Dr. K. MacQueen, Dean D. Muzyka, Dean M. Quayle, Ms. C. Quinlan, Dr. B. Rodrigues, Dean J. Saddler, Dean G. Stuart, Dean R. Tierney, Dr. H. van Vuuren, Vice President L. A. Whitehead, Dr. R. A. Yaworsky, Dean E. H. K. Yen.

Recording Secretary: Ms. L. M. Collins.

Call to Order

Change to Meeting Agenda

The President reported that *Agenda Item 8: Brief Oral Report on Distance Education & Technology Transition* had been withdrawn, and stated that the Agenda Committee was to consider whether to place the item on a future Senate meeting agenda.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

<i>Dr. Tees</i>	}	<i>That Senate adopt the Minutes of the Meeting of February 23, 2005 as circulated.</i>
<i>Dr. Rosengarten</i>		

Carried.

Remarks from the Chair and Related Questions

BC COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO MR. WILLIAM MCNULTY

The President announced that Convocation Senator Mr. William McNulty had recently been honoured with a 2005 BC Community Achievement Award for his many years of service to the City of Richmond, BC High School Sports, BC athletics, Athletics Canada, the Rotary Club and the University of British Columbia. The President offered her congratulations on behalf of Senate. Members of Senate applauded.

ANONYMOUS GIFT IN SUPPORT OF MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH

The President announced that the University had recently received a generous gift from an anonymous donor in the amount of \$10 million in support of research in the area of mental health. The provincial government had matched the donation, for a total endowment of \$20 million. The funds were to be used to support three new chairs as well as graduate student participation in conferences. The President expressed gratitude on behalf of the Faculty of Medicine, and indicated that the larger community would certainly benefit from this gift.

TREK 2010: A GLOBAL JOURNEY

A final printed copy of *Trek 2010: A Global Journey*, along with the 2005 - 2006 Operational Timetable had been circulated to members of Senate. The President offered her congratulations to everyone who had worked in support of making this vision document a reality. The President had hosted a successful launch event for *Trek 2010* on March 10, 2005 at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts.

UBC OKANAGAN INTERIM ACADEMIC GOVERNING BODY

The President reported that the first meeting of the Interim Academic Governing Body (IAGB) for UBC Okanagan, a Committee of Senate created in February 2005, had held its first meeting in Kelowna on March 22, 2005. The President described this first meeting as an historic occasion for university governance and as significant for British Columbia and Canada. The IAGB had approved rules and procedures for its own operation, had established several sub-committees, and had adopted the following motion:

That the Interim Academic Governing Body express its appreciation to the University of British Columbia Senate for establishing the Interim Academic Governing Body and for delegating the necessary powers to manage the academic governance of UBC Okanagan until such time as the Okanagan Senate is constituted.

The President felt privileged to serve as Chair at the meeting, and thanked members of Senate who had given so generously of their time by serving on the IAGB. The President also thanked Dean Michael Isaacson and Ms. Lisa Collins for their work in support of IAGB operations.

STUDENT SENATORS COMPLETING THEIR TERMS

The President presented certificates to student representatives of Senate who were to complete their terms on March 31, 2005. The President recognized their contribution to the governance of the University, remarking that the devotion of time to further the develop-

ment of UBC as an institution constituted a significant gift. President Piper encouraged the departing Senators to consider candidacy for election as Convocation Senators at some point in the future. The Student Senators completing their terms were:

- Mr. Jitesh Mistry
- Mr. Matthew Edgar
- Ms. Sarah Martz
- Mr. Gregory Paton
- Ms. Marnee Tull
- Mr. David Riendl
- Mr. Jackie Liu
- Ms. Emma Gibson
- Mr. Nathan Taylor.

The President welcomed several visiting Student Senators-elect, who were to be officially introduced at the April 20, 2005 meeting of Senate.

From the Board of Governors

The Secretary notified Senate that the following Senate items had been approved by the Board of Governors.

NOVEMBER 24, 2004 MEETING OF SENATE

- i. Curriculum proposals from the Faculty of Graduate Studies
- ii. Name change from the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences to the Faculty of Land and Food Systems

DECEMBER 15, 2004 MEETING OF SENATE

- iii. New Awards
- iv. Curriculum Proposals from the Faculty of Graduate Studies
- v. Merger of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology and the Department of Physiology under the new name of the Department of Cellular and Physiological Sciences in the Faculty of Medicine.

Admissions Committee

Note: The full text of the Admissions Committee reports is not included in the Minutes. Copies are available from the Assistant Registrar, Senate & Curriculum Services.

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

INTERNET-BASED TOEFL TEST FOR ADMISSION TO GRADUATE STUDIES

Dr. Rosengarten had circulated a proposed Calendar entry describing the new generation Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test launch and a new minimum aggregate score of 80 for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

<i>Dr. Rosengarten</i>	}	<i>That Senate accept the recommendations of the Admissions Committee with respect to TOEFL scores for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.</i>
<i>Dean Granot</i>		

Dr. Gunderson stated that, in 1997 and 2002, the Board of Governors of the Canadian Psychological Association had approved statements urging universities to refrain from using the TOEFL test for admissions purposes. Post-secondary institutions had been known to employ the TOEFL score as a primary screening tool during the admissions process, constituting a serious disadvantage for refugees and other new immigrants to Canada. Furthermore, research had demonstrated that the TOEFL score was a poor predictor of academic success. Ms. Tull, a member of the Admissions Committee, stated that while she appreciated Dr. Gunderson's comments, she remained in support of the use of TOEFL scores as one way for the University to maintain acceptable standards of English competency.

The motion was
put and carried.

NEW EXCHANGE PARTNERSHIPS

The Admissions Committee had circulated brief descriptions of the following new student exchange partnerships for the information of members of Senate:

1. Universita Di Bologna;
2. University of Ljubljana;
3. Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

Agenda and Nominating Committees

Chairs Principal John Gilbert and Dean Michael Isaacson presented the following report.

AD HOC SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE UBC COUNCIL OF SENATES

The establishment, role, functioning and membership of the proposed UBC Council of Senates were outlined to Senate at its January 2005 meeting. It is expected that the Council will be created in the Fall 2005, after the establishment of the UBC Okanagan Senate. The creation of this Council will have an impact on the roles, responsibilities, rules and procedures of the UBC Vancouver Senate, and therefore Senate needs to consider and modify these as appropriate. As well, it is appropriate for the Senate to consider and make recommendations on various aspects of the roles, responsibilities, rules and procedures of the Council of Senates itself. It is proposed that Senate establish an ad hoc committee to consider and make recommendations relating to these matters.

Therefore, the Agenda and Nominating Committees now propose the following motion:

That an ad hoc committee of Senate be established to undertake consideration of various aspects of the proposed UBC Council of Senates and to make recommendations thereon to the Senate at its September 2005 meeting, and that the terms of reference and membership of the committee be as given below.

Terms of Reference

Mandate

To consider and make recommendations relating to the establishment of the UBC Council of Senates, including recommendations relating to the roles, responsibilities, rules and procedures of both the Vancouver Senate and the Council of Senates. The Committee may make recommendations that Senate propose to the University that it seek amendments to the *University Act* [RSBC 1996] and/or its associated regulations, following its amendment by the *University Amendment Act*.

Council of Senates Membership

It is desirable that the membership of the Council of Senates reflect approximately the membership of the UBC Vancouver Senate

with respect to the relative representation of student senators, convocation senators, and faculty members, and that some consideration be given to the terms of Council members. Therefore, the Committee is requested to review and make recommendations relating to the membership of the Council.

Senate Committees

It is anticipated that the terms of reference, membership and operation of some standing committees of Senate (e.g. Budget Committee) will be impacted by the creation of the Council of Senates. Therefore, the Committee is requested to review and recommend such changes relating to the standing committees of Senate.

Review of Materials

As part of its work, the Committee may review the *University Act* [RSBC 1996] (both as it is currently in force and as it will be amended by the *University Amendment Act*), as well as the *Rules and Procedures of Senate*.

Consultation

As part of its work, the Committee may consult the with University Counsel, and as well with the UBC Okanagan Interim Academic Governing Body, with respect to a harmonization of corresponding recommendations that may be brought forward by that body.

Reporting

The Committee is requested to present an interim report at the May 2005 meeting of Senate with respect to a recommendation, if considered essential, that Senate propose to the University that it seek certain amendments to the University Act. The Committee is requested to present a final report to Senate, including recommendations to be brought to Senate for approval, at its September 2005 meeting.

Committee Membership

The following are proposed as members of the Review Committee:

1. Principal John H. V. Gilbert, Chair
2. Dr. James Berger (Faculty of Science)
3. Dr. James Brander (Faculty of Commerce & Business Administration)
4. Dr. Janis Sarra (Faculty of Law)
5. Ms. Gina Eom (Student Senator)
6. Dr. Ronald Yaworsky (Convocation Senator)

February 2005 Notice of Motion

Senate will recall that Dr. Ronald Yaworsky gave notice of a motion relating to the Council of Senates at the February 2005 meeting of Senate. Because the present document will accomplish the same objectives as Dr. Yaworsky's notice of motion, he has agreed to withdraw it.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Isaacson
Chair, Agenda Committee

John Gilbert
Chair, Nominating Committee

Dean Isaacson
Principal Gilbert

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Dean Isaacson pointed out that the UBC Okanagan Interim Academic Governing Body had created a corresponding subcommittee at its inaugural meeting on March 22, 2005.

Mr. Mistry expressed general support for the creation of such a committee by the Senate, and recognized the efforts of Student Senators Ms. Gina Eom and Ms. Torill Gillespie to bring forward issues related to the establishment of the Council of Senates. Members of Senate applauded.

The motion was
put and carried.

Agenda Committee

CORRECTION TO JANUARY 2005 MINUTES OF SENATE

As Chair of the Committee, Dean Isaacson had circulated the following notice of correction to the Minutes for the information of members of Senate.

Correction to January 19, 2005 Minutes of Senate

Subsequent to Senate's approval of the Minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2005, the University Counsel has proposed a correction to the Minutes. The Agenda Committee has endorsed the proposed correction and hereby submits the correction to the Minutes for information.

Page 04-05 - 66, University Counsel Presentation on UBC Okanagan, last paragraph, first bullet:

University Amendment Act: Changes Applicable to UBC Only

The addition of six new members to the Board of Governors ~~representing UBC Okanagan~~, including three government appointees, one faculty member, one student, and one staff member.

Rationale

Mr. Hubert Lai, University Counsel, has clarified that, of the six new members to the Board of Governors, the three government appointees will not represent UBC Okanagan, whereas it is the three elected positions (one faculty member, one student and one staff member) that will represent UBC Okanagan.

Tributes Committee

REGALIA FOR BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY

As Chair of the Committee, Dr. Thorne had circulated the following proposed regalia for the Bachelor of Midwifery:

Maroon satin hood lining and green cord trim.

*Dr. Thorne
Principal Gilbert*

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*That Senate accept the recommendations of the
Tributes Committee with respect to regalia for
the Bachelor of Midwifery.*

Dr. Thorne acknowledged the efforts of Dr. Robert Woollard and Prof. Elaine Carty in guiding the midwifery program through its development to the first class of graduates in May 2005.

The motion was
put and carried.

Adjournment

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The following regular meeting of Senate was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2005.