



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver Senate Secretariat
Senate and Curriculum Services
Enrolment Services
2016-1874 East Mall
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1
www.senate.ubc.ca

VANCOUVER SENATE

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 1996

Attendance

Present: President D. W. Strangway (Chair), Vice President Academic D. R. Birch, Dean F. S. Abbott, Dr. P. Adebar, Mr. P. J. Andru, Mr. S. Arnold, Dr. D. R. Atkins, Dr. G. W. Bluman, Mr. P. T. Brady, Mr. A. Briggs, Dr. P. C. Burns, Professor P. T. Burns, Dean J. Cairns, Dr. V. Froese, Dr. J. H. V. Gilbert, Ms. J. K. Gill, Dean M. Goldberg, Mr. C. L. Gorman, Mr. H. D. Gray, Dr. A. G. Hannam, Dr. P. G. Harrison, Dr. F. G. Herring, Dr. M. R. Ito, Mr. M. Kirchner, Dr. S. B. Knight, Mr. A. Legge, Mr. D. K. Leung, Dr. D. M. Lyster, Dr. D. J. MacDougall, Dr. M. MacEntee, Dr. P. L. Marshall, Mr. W. McMichael, Mr. J. Murray, Dean S. Neuman, Mr. J. Nobbs-Thiessen, Mr. V. Pacradouni, Mr. T. Pang, Mr. R. L. de Pfyffer, Professor M. Quayle, Dean J. F. Richards, Dr. D. P. Rolfsen, Dr. H. J. Rosengarten, Dean N. Sheehan, Dr. C. E. Slonecker, Dr. J. R. Thompson, Dr. M. Thompson, Dr. W. Uegama, Dr. B. J. van der Kamp, Dr. J. Vanderstoep, Dr. D. Ll. Williams.

Regrets: Chancellor W. L. Sauder, Dr. J. D. Berger, Dean C. S. Binkley, Mr. J. Boritz, Ms. L. Chui, Dr. V. Gomel, Dean F. Granot, Rev. J. Hanrahan, Dr. V. J. Kirkness, Mr. O. C. W. Lau, Dr. M. Levine, Professor P. T. K. Lin, Mr. T. P. T. Lo, Mr. S. Lohachitranont, Mr. R. W. Lowe, Dr. K. May, Dean B. C. McBride, Mr. B. G. McDonald, Dr. W. R. McMaster, Mr. W. B. McNulty, Dean A. Meisen, Dr. R. J. Patrick, Dr. W. J. Phillips, Dr. H. B. Richer, Dr. R. W. Schutz, Mr. D. Shu, Dean C. L. Smith, Mr. A. H. Soroka, Ms. L. M. Sparrow, Dr. S. Thorne, Mr. D. R. Verma, Dr. P. A. Vertinsky, Dr. W. C. Wright, Dr. R. A. Yaworsky, Dean E. H. K. Yen.

Senate membership

REPLACEMENT

Mr. Turen Pang replaces Ms. Carol Ng as student representative of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Dr. Gilbert

Dr. Uegama

}

That the minutes of the first regular meeting of Senate for the Session 1996-97, having been circulated, be taken as read and adopted.

Carried.

Business arising from the minutes

SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (P.11512)

In accordance with established procedures, a student vacancy on the Senate Nominating Committee was declared at the previous meeting. Mr. Jesse Nobbs-Thiessen was nominated to fill the vacancy.

<i>Dr. Williams</i>	}	<i>That nominations close.</i>
<i>Dr. Slonecker</i>		

Carried.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Nobbs-Thiessen was declared elected.

Chair's remarks and related questions

President Strangway welcomed to Senate the new Dean of Medicine, Dr. J. Cairns. There were no further remarks from the chair.

Financial Statements

In accordance with section 31(2) of the *University Act* , Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 1996, had been submitted to Senate for information.

Mr. Terry Sumner, Vice President of Administration and Finance, reported that the financial statements had been approved by the Board of Governors in July and had been distributed to a number of institutions and individuals, including deans, directors and department heads, the provincial government and various educational institutions. He noted that the report of the Vice President of Administration and Finance, included in the financial statements, had been published in UBC Reports in early October. Mr. Sumner drew attention to the auditor's opinion, provided by the Auditor General of British Columbia, which says that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the University as at March 31, 1996 and the results of its operations and changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Mr. Sumner asked Ms. J. Rice, Director of the Department of Financial Services, to comment on the financial statements. Ms. Rice noted that the format of the financial statements had been changed from last year, in an effort to give a clearer picture to those outside of the University community. However, in order to have some bridging between the old and the new format, supplementary schedules were also included in the report. Ms. Rice used slides to highlight various aspects of the financial statements for the information of members of Senate.

In response to a query by Dr. Williams, Ms. Rice confirmed that the slight increase in the scholarship funds are largely related to the outstanding student initiative.

Dr. Bluman asked if there were to be future commitments associated with the scholarship funds. The President confirmed that the budget document for 1996/97, ratified by the Board of Governors in July, includes a further two million dollars and further amounts are contemplated for 1997/98.

Reports from the Vice President Academic

DEGREE PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice President Birch presented the following report, which had been circulated:

Over the past few years, British Columbia's system of higher education has moved from four degree-granting institutions to a dozen or more. Some of those recently given the authority to grant degrees are quite different in their history and orientation from the established universities. Though encouraging diversity, the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training is also committed to maintaining the quality of degree programs. Consequently it has established the Degree Program Review Committee (DPRC) and charged it with reviewing all new program proposals and recommending to the Minister on their approval. The DPRC is appointed by the Minister and includes nominees from The University President's Council (TUPC), the parallel body of the colleges and institutes, the faculty association and college and institute faculty union organizations, the Ministry and members of the public appointed at large. The first DPRC chair is UBC's Academic Vice President and Provost and the Ministry provides secretariat services.

Universities, colleges and institutes submit degree proposals in a form specified by the Ministry and the DPRC. Letters of Intent may be submitted before detailed program proposals and these are circulated to all degree-granting institutions for comment. Institutional responses are obtained through Deans and forwarded by College and Institute Presidents or University Vice Presidents, Academic. Before the Ministry puts proposals forward for consideration by the DPRC, it refers them to its own Internal DPRC for review with particular emphasis on issues related to human resource planning, supply and demand, etc., leaving to the DPRC the responsibility of applying academic criteria to its review of proposals.

At the Senate meeting I will provide an oral overview of the DPRC's first year. I believe Senate should consider one issue, at least, and that concerns the Letter of Intent stage in the process. Although University Colleges and Institutes may submit a LOI at an earlier stage, we in the Universities are reluctant to do so before a program proposal has been considered by Senate. Since the ministry and the other degree-granting institutions can respond to the LOI, earlier submission may shorten the total time required for program approval.

I propose that a School, Faculty (or Faculties) considering a new degree program be permitted (encouraged) to put forward a statement of intent together with a rationale for the offering of such a program at UBC and that the Vice President Academic and Provost be authorized to convene a joint meeting of the Committee of Deans and the Senate Budget Committee from time to time to consider statements of intent to develop new programs.

The joint meeting of the two committees could endorse the statement of intent and thereby authorize the academic unit to proceed to a full program proposal and the Provost to submit a Letter of Intent. On the other hand it could judge that it had insufficient information on which to endorse the statement of intent or it could recommend against development of the program at UBC. Actions would be reported to Senate.

Since March 1995, the Ministry has received letters of intent and/or full proposals for 51 new degree programs. (Some proposals have been submitted by the Open Learning Agency and one or more colleges or university colleges. In fact, almost a dozen institutions participated in a consortium to develop a baccalaureate program in Tourism and Recreation Management.) Three of the proposals for magistral programs are from the new Royal Roads University. These were approved by the Minister prior to submission to the DPRC and they are being implemented this term but the Committee has been requested to review them anyway.

Program Level	Baccalaureate	Magistral	Doctoral	Total
University	8	7	3	18
Institute	5	0	0	5
University/College	25	0	0	25
OLA/various	2	1	0	3
Total	40	8	3	51

The following excerpt is from a letter to the presidents of degree-granting institutions from Robin Cicerci, Director, Universities and Aboriginal Programs Branch, Ministry of Education, Skills and Training:

Degree Program Review Committee (DPRC) Update

The DPRC has developed guidelines to clarify when degree proposals need to be submitted for review. Please find attached a document entitled "Revised Guidelines for Submission of New Degree Proposals to the DPRC". The Ministry and the DPRC hope that institutions will find these guidelines useful as they consider new degree program developments.

The DPRC has met twice more since the last update letter was distributed, and continues to make good progress. The Committee has asked the Ministry to pass along their comments on the process and the submissions:

- Institutions should adhere as closely as possible to the degree submission guidelines as it makes the information more accessible to the Committee members, and, as a result, can facilitate a timely review.
- The inclusion of a glossary of terms in the degree submission would be helpful, particularly when a great deal of field-specific terminology is used. Please bear in mind that the inclusion of terminology not widely used can hinder the review process.
- To properly assess the degree proposal, the Committee requires information about the qualifications of existing and planned faculty and a description of the learning materials, equipment and facilities, and their adequacy for supporting the program (items F. and G. of the Full Program Proposal Guidelines).

Responses to Ministry and DPRC Correspondence

There are times when Ministry or DPRC correspondence to institutional presidents involving questions about specific degree submissions are redirected to academic officials or faculty for response. While we consider this to be appropriate, the Ministry and the DPRC would appreciate if such responses could be accompanied by a cover letter from the institutional president or senior academic official when submitted to the Ministry or DPRC.

Dr. Birch
Prof. Quayle

}

That a School, Faculty (or Faculties) considering a new degree program be permitted (encouraged) to put forward a statement of intent together with a rationale for the offering of such a program at UBC and that the Vice President Academic and Provost be authorized to convene a joint meeting of the Committee of Deans and the Senate Budget Committee from time to time to consider statements of intent to develop new programs.

In speaking briefly to the report, Vice President Birch stated that although he was not sure that the DPRC would be an effective body in the long run, the first year had been a reasonably good one. He noted that of the 51 program proposals submitted to the Ministry, 25 had been considered by the DPRC and a significantly smaller number recommended for approval.

Vice President Birch said it was interesting to note that institutions like BCIT are used to defining a program in terms of the desired outcome; that is, what knowledge and skills do they expect their graduates to have if they are going to be, as they claim, job ready and in demand. UBC is not used to doing this and it is interesting to see the differences between the programs submitted by the universities and those submitted by other institutions. Vice President Birch said that he suspects there will be some feedback from that process that will require the University to at least consider whether it wants to consider some of those elements more carefully.

The motion was
carried.

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE RICK HANSEN INSTITUTE

The following proposal had been circulated:

Resolution:

That Senate approve the establishment of the Rick Hansen Institute and recommend approval by the board of Governors.

Background and rationale:

At its meeting of July 18, 1996, the Board of Governors approved the establishment of the Rick Hansen Centre. Subsequent discussions with representatives of the Man-in-Motion Foundation and Mr. Hansen have led to a recommendation that the appropriate name for the entity is the Rick Hansen Institute. Not only is "institute" a more substantive appellation in keeping with the nature and scale of the contemplated operations, but the name clearly manifests the intended close collaboration with the University. "Institutes" are expressly recognized by the University Act and so use of the word brings the operation explicitly within the purview of university-governing legislation as well as the framework of the trust and other constituting documents.

The Rick Hansen Institute will be required to assume the mandates of the existing entities that will form the core. These are the Disability Resource Centre, the Rick Hansen national Fellow Programme, the Life Skills Motivation Centre, Rick Hansen Enterprises and ultimately the Rick Hansen Man-in-Motion Foundation. In general terms the mandate of the Institute is:

- to foster the development of life skills that empower people to function more effectively in a challenging world; skills are relevant to all aspects of life, including personal development, youth, careers, relationships and health
- to engage in and support national and international advocacy on behalf of persons with disabilities. The focus will include all elements of society, with the intention of encouraging meaningful social change both in Canada and throughout the world
- to initiate and support awareness of the capabilities of people with disabilities and encourage the removal of barriers that prevent them from participating fully within their community. The Institute will identify, develop, support and implement initiatives in spinal cord research, in rehabilitation and in sport for people with disabilities.

The Rick Hansen Institute will be supported by a major endowment held under a trust and governed by a board to consist of nine people as follows:

The President of the University

The Chair of the UBC Foundation

The Vice President Academic and Provost of the University

The Vice President, External Affairs of the University or equivalent position as determined by the President of the University

Five (5) directors who are independent of the University (i.e. not officers or employees of the University)

Vice President Birch spoke briefly to the proposal, stating that the Rick Hansen Institute will be a landmark development within the University with a very substantial endowment. Vice President Birch explained that the Board of Governors had approved the establishment of the institute at its meeting last week, subject to approval by Senate.

Dr. Birch
Dean Goldberg

}

*That the establishment of the Rick Hansen
Institute be approved.*

The chair invited Mr. Hansen to speak to the proposal. Mr. Hansen thanked Senate for the opportunity of commenting on the proposal. He stated that he believed that dreams can be shaped and developed beyond the transmission of academic information. He said that his character was significantly shaped at UBC in that he developed a sense of hope and optimism to pursue dreams beyond his degree in Physical Education. The Man-in-Motion tour also gave him the opportunity to contribute to a field in which he believes.

Mr. Hansen said that working at UBC had been totally fulfilling from a personal point of view. A number of programs were bearing fruit on the campus and in the community at large. The proposed Rick Hansen Institute will bring together two common disciplines: disability, and life skills. It will provide an opportunity to focus attention on challenging, encouraging, and providing leadership and support for academic participation, program development and implementation as well as effective evaluations to ensure that the goals of the institute are strategic, well established and achieve the stated objectives. Mr. Hansen said that he envisaged many exciting advances which will continue to keep the dream of the Man-in-Motion tour alive and to allow it to expand.

Mr. Hansen sated that he hoped that the consolidation of the \$26 million endowment, which is the fruit of the last ten years worth of work, will pay dividends for the future. He stated that new initiatives are being developed in the context of the 10th anniversary of the completion of the Man-in-Motion tour, which will take place at UBC in April and May of next year, and he hoped that the institute would be the culminating legacy of what an anniversary should be about, which is not only celebrating past successes but clearly embedding the future vision for the next decade.

In response to a query by Professor Burns, Vice President Birch stated that the initial five non-University directors had been identified by the University and the Man-in-Motion Foundation. He said that the intent is that institute will be very closely associated with the University, established as an entity under the *University Act* but it does have a broader mandate and will have a degree of independence with very significant University participation.

The motion was
carried.

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A PROFESSORSHIP IN HEALTH CARE ETHICS

It was stated in the material circulated that the Professorship in Health Care Ethics will fund a permanent full-time Director for the Division of Health Care Ethics. The Division provides ethics training to all health care programs that require it. It provides ethics education to health care institutions and it conducts research on ethical considerations in health care.

The Division has developed a strong educational program for undergraduate medical students, postgraduate medical residency programs, pharmaceutical sciences and offers an interdisciplinary ethics course. Graduate work in health care ethics is increasing and recognized by community institutions as a vital source for future health care ethicists.

The Division is the only body in BC that undertakes to provide ethical training for health care providers and the coordination and execution of its ongoing program will be the responsibility of the individual holding the Professorship.

Dr. Birch
Dr. Gilbert

}

*That the establishment of a Professorship in
Health Care Ethics be approved.*

Carried.

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE NAN ROBERTSON CHAIR (UBC/BC CANCER AGENCY)

A proposal to establish the UBC-BC Cancer Agency - Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (BC Chapter) - Nan Robertson Chair had been circulated.

Dr. Birch
Dean Cairns

}

That the establishment of the UBC-BC Cancer Agency - Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (BC Chapter) - Nan Robertson Chair be approved.

Carried.

STATUS OF UBC DEGREE PROGRAMS WITH THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGES

Vice President Birch stated that the report on the Status of UBC Degree Programs with the University Colleges, which had been circulated for information, had been prepared by Ms. Libby Nason who has worked with the coordinators of the programs in the Faculties of Arts, Education and Science.

In response to a query on the number of graduates, Vice President Birch said that two factors explained the apparent low numbers, first, that there are more part-time students in the colleges and second, the number of students in the fourth year is increasing rapidly and is now double what it was last year.

Official Community Plan

Vice President Birch commented on the public hearings held on October 15 by a panel of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) on the Official Community Plan, developed by the GVRD for the UBC lands. Three concerns heard repeatedly were, first, that development on the UBC lands would add to traffic problems on city streets, in family neighbourhoods, and in the City of Vancouver. Second, people were concerned that an insufficient proportion of the housing projected for the next 25 or 30 years on UBC lands was specifically designated for members of the UBC community, students, faculty and

staff. The third concern was that there is already a recently developed community at Hampton Place and it does not have any representative system of government. No-one has a vote for the people who will govern them. The University Endowment Lands ratepayers elect someone to represent electoral area A, which includes UBC, but neither Hampton Place residents, student residents on campus nor the President have a vote. Vice President Birch stated that UBC has committed to participating with the GVRD in a task force on governance which is expected to bring down its recommendations to the provincial government before or during 1998, and UBC has committed to undertaking no further non-institutional development before June 1998 or until the governance issue has been determined, whichever comes first.

Vice President Birch said that among the many people who were applauded at the hearing was Professor Moura Quayle, Chair of the Senate Academic Building Needs Committee and Vice Chair of the President's Property and Planning Advisory Committee. He stated that Professor Quayle received a warm and extended applause for her powerful statement about the concerns she had while at the same time emphasizing the need to move ahead with planning.

The chair invited Professor Quayle to comment. Professor Quayle said that it was a difficult decision to know what position to take on this issue, having been through the workings of the Property and Planning Advisory Committee which had worked very hard to improve the plan as much as possible within the framework, and realizing also that there was a great deal of concern on the part of our neighbours about the plan and how it was proceeding. Professor Quayle stated that she does have trust in UBC, the GVRD and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to work towards a governance solution that will ensure that equitable planning occurs. Professor Quayle stated that she also tried to make the point that she has a problem with the Official Community Plan as a planning device itself. One of

Adjournment

the reasons that there have been difficulties is that it is a planning tool that does not allow UBC to look in enough detail to make good decisions, especially with a site such as the south campus. Professor Quayle explained that it was now in the hands of the review panel to see what the next step is and that she looks forward to UBC being involved in the local area plans because that is when work will really begin as to exactly how the community will be built at UBC.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of Senate will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 1996.