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## **Senate of the University of British Columbia**

### **MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2005**

#### **Attendance**

**Present:** President M. C. Piper (Chair), Vice-President, Academic & Provost L. A. Whitehead, Dr. P. Adebar, Mr. B. Ahmadian, Dr. B. Arneil, Mr. B. Aujla, Dr. N. Banthia, Dr. J. Berger, Dr. G. Bluman, Prof. C. Boyle, Mr. P. Brady, Dr. J. Brander, Mr. E. Cheung, Dr. L. Chui, Ms. J. Collins, Dr. W. Dunford, Ms. G. Eom, Dr. D. Fielding, Dr. I. Franks, Dr. C. Friedrichs, Ms. M. Friesen, Mr. C. Funnell, Dean N. Gallini, Mr. T. Gerschman, Ms. T. Gillespie, Mr. C. L. Gorman, Dean F. Granot, Dr. S. Grayston, Dr. L. Gunderson, Dr. P. G. Harrison, Dr. R. Harrison, Dr. R. Helsley, Associate Vice-President J. Hutton, Dr. R. Irwin, Dean M. Isaacson, Dean pro tem. M. Isman, Mr. J. Jawanda, Ms. W. King, Dr. B. S. Lalli, Mr. R. Lowe, Dr. M. MacEntee, Dr. P. Marshall, Dr. W. McKee, Dr. D. McLean, Ms. L. McLean, Mr. W. McNulty, Ms. I. Noohi, Mr. P. Orchard, Dr. D. Paterson, Dean J. Saddler, Ms. E. Segal, Associate Vice-President & Registrar B. J. Silzer, Mr. B. Simpson, Dean R. Sindelar, Dr. B. Stelck, Dr. D. Steyn, Dean R. Tierney, Mr. M. Tung, Dr. M. Upadhyaya, Dr. R. Windsor-Liscombe, Dr. R. Yaworsky, Mr. D. Younan, Dr. J. Young.

**Regrets:** Chancellor A. McEachern, Dean M. A. Bobinski, Dr. H. Burt, Dr. E. Dean, Dr. J. Dennison, Ms. E. Gibson, Principal J. H. V. Gilbert, Dr. D. Granot, Dean J. Hepburn, Dr. J. Johnson, Dr. S. B. Knight, Ms. P. Liu, Ms. D. Loo, Dr. K. MacQueen, Dr. A. MacAfee, Dean D. Muzyka, Dr. P. Potter, Ms. C. Quinlan, Dr. J. Sarra, Dean G. Stuart, Dr. S. Thorne, Dr. D. Weary, Dr. R. Wilson, Dean E. H. K. Yen.

**Recording Secretary:** Ms. L. M. Collins.

#### **Call to order**

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

President Piper welcomed new and continuing members of Senate to the first meeting of Senate for the 2005 - 2008 term, noting that she was delighted that they had agreed to

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*Welcome and Introductions, continued*

give their time and energy in support of university governance. All members present introduced themselves.

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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| <i>Dean Isaacson</i> | } | <i>That the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2005 be adopted as circulated.</i> |
| <i>Dean Granot</i>   |   |  |

Carried.

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

#### **UBC OKANAGAN OPENING CEREMONIES**

President Piper gave an overview of the historic events surrounding the opening of the UBC Okanagan Campus in September 2005.

- On Thursday, September 1, the Okanagan Nation Alliance welcomed UBC Okanagan and Okanagan College to their traditional territory. The special ceremony, featuring drummers, singers and dancers, was held at the UBC Okanagan gymnasium.
- New and returning student orientation activities, collectively entitled *Create UBC Okanagan*, were held on September 6 and 7.
- Opening ceremonies and an academic procession were held on September 8. The Premier, cabinet ministers, Members of Legislative Assembly, and representatives from other British Columbian universities were among distinguished guests in attendance.
- An academic colloquium on global citizenship, also on September 8, featured President Euh Yoon-dae (Korea University), President Monte Cassim (Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University), President Shih Choon Fong (National University of Singapore), President Rafael Rangel Sostmann (Tec de Monterrey, Mexico), and UBC President Martha Piper. The discussion was moderated by the CBC, and the President reported that it would likely be broadcast in January 2006. Transcripts would also be made available.
- UBC alumna Judith Forst, the UBC Opera Ensemble, the UBC Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the Penticton Academy of Music Children's Choir performed in a spectacular evening concert on September 8.

The President thanked everyone who had worked so hard to make the opening week a success, and acknowledged in particular the staff in the Ceremonies and Events Office.

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*Remarks from the Chair and Related Questions, Continued*

## **HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS**

President Piper reported that members of the UBC community had joined the world in expressing concern and sympathy regarding the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The major request from relief organization was for monetary donations. The President drew attention to a link from the main UBC website at <http://www.ubc.ca> that provided information to those who wished to donate.

Canadian universities had responded admirably to the disaster by opening their doors to students from affected US universities. UBC had admitted nine such students to date.

## **GIFT FROM DR. ROBERT H. LEE**

The President was pleased to inform Senate that the University had recently received a gift of \$15 million in support of graduate education at the Sauder School of Business. Chancellor Emeritus Robert H. Lee had led the initiative by donating \$5 million, and the University had matched the gift for a total of \$10 million. Dr. Lee and the University had established a joint commitment to secure an additional \$5 million, for a grand total of \$15 million. President Piper thanked and congratulated Dean Daniel Muzyka and the Sauder School of Business for their stewardship of this significant gift.

## **UBC VANCOUVER FIRST-YEAR STUDENT ORIENTATION: IMAGINE UBC**

President Piper reported that orientation activities for approximately 5,000 new first-year students at UBC Vancouver, entitled Imagine UBC, had been held with great success on September 6. With its student-led initiatives and leadership opportunities, Imagine UBC was the largest first-year orientation program in Canada. The entire first-year class had assembled for a pep rally in the War Memorial Gym, which the President described as “wild and wonderful.” The President thanked the student leaders and staff who worked to ensure the success of this collection of events.

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*Remarks from the Chair and Related Questions, continued*

Dean Granot added that a very successful orientation for new graduate students had taken place in the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts on September 1. The Dean reported that new students had felt honoured to be welcomed so warmly to UBC. President Piper agreed, stating that a wide variety of orientation activities had taken place, including events targeted at parents, international students, and graduate students.

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

Senate received for information notice that the following recommendations from Senate had been approved, 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.

#### **Senate Meeting of April 20, 2005**

Curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Applied Science, Arts, Commerce & Business Administration, Forestry, Graduate Studies, Land & Food Systems, and Science.

### **Academic Policy Committee**

Dean Tierney presented the reports on behalf of the Committee.

#### **MASTER OF SCIENCE (DENTAL SCIENCE) AND DIPLOMA IN PERIODONTICS**

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

The Committee had circulated a proposal to transfer the combined professional program entitled the Master of Science (Dental Science)/Diploma in Periodontics from the Faculty of Graduate Studies to the Faculty of Dentistry. The Committee also recommended that the new name for the credential be “Master of Dental Science/Diploma in Periodontics.”

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Dean Tierney reported that the Faculty of Dentistry had followed the guidelines established for such transfers, as approved by Senate in January 2005.

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| <i>Dean Tierney</i>    | } | <i>That the Senate approve the transfer of the professional graduate program Combined Master of Science (Dental Science)/Diploma in Periodontics from the Faculty of Graduate Studies to the Faculty of Dentistry, effective October 1, 2005.</i> |
| <i>Dr. R. Harrison</i> |   |   |

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| <i>Dean Tierney</i> | } | <i>That Senate approve the name change from Master of Science (Dental Science)/Diploma in Periodontics to Master of Dental Science/ Diploma of Periodontics, effective October 1, 2005.</i> |
| <i>Dr. MacEntee</i> |   |   |

Carried.

## **Admissions Committee**

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Dr. Paul Harrison presented the reports on behalf of the Committee.

### **ADMISSIONS CALENDAR CHANGES**

The Committee had circulated the following proposed changes to the UBC Vancouver *Calendar* and recommended approval:

1. Changes to International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) information;
2. Changes to expand and clarify the section on the English Language Admission Standard;
3. An update to reflect the correct name of the Certificate of Proficiency in English;

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4. The addition of the Certificate of Advanced English as a test of English language proficiency for graduate and undergraduate admissions.

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| <i>Dr. P. G. Harrison</i> | } | <i>That Senate accept the recommendations of the Admissions Committee with respect to the four proposals above.</i> |
| <i>Mr. Brady</i>          |   |   |

Carried.

## DEFERRED ADMISSIONS POLICY

Dr. Harrison gave a brief overview of the proposed new policy on deferred admissions, which he stated would bring UBC in line with other Canadian universities. Students would be granted the opportunity to defer admission for one year, or for two years in the case of mandatory military service. Dr. Harrison noted that the proposed policy would pertain to students applying to their programs through the Undergraduate Admissions Office. The policy would not automatically apply to Faculties managing their own admissions, although Dr. Harrison noted that those Faculties may wish to adopt similar policies.

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| <i>Dr. Harrison</i> | } | <i>That Senate approve the proposed policy and Calendar entry on Deferred Admissions.</i> |
| <i>Mr. Brady</i>    |   |   |

## DISCUSSION

In response to a question, Dr. Harrison stated that offers of admission, housing, and awards would all be considered for deferral. Dr. Harrison acknowledged that this would mean that some awards might not be given in some years.

Dean Granot pointed out that allowing students to defer admission constituted a challenge with respect to enrolment management. Furthermore, the University might turn away a very good student in a given year in order to accept a less-qualified deferred

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*Admissions Committee, continued*

admission student from the previous year. She suggested that the official policy of the University be that deferrals were not permitted, but that exceptions could be made.

Dr. Harrison stated that the Enrolment Management Committee would carefully monitor the number of requested deferrals in the first few years. As Chair of the Enrolment Management Committee, Mr. Silzer stated that he expected that only a relatively small number of students would opt to defer their admission. He added that the students interested in deferral were typically highly desirable students that the University had worked hard to recruit.

There was discussion about gauging student demand for deferred admission. Some members of Senate felt that this new policy might be more popular than expected, leading to enrolment management problems. Dr. Brander expressed interest in the experience of other institutions with similar policies, and in particular the percentage of new admits who request to defer admission.

Noting that the proposed policy stipulated that students could not defer UBC admission in order to attend another institution, Dr. Steyn asked how this rule would be enforced. Mr. Silzer stated that students who presented coursework taken at another institution during the period of deferral would be considered by the Registrar, in consultation with the Faculty, on an individual basis.

In response to a question about deferred admission to limited enrolment programs, Dr. Harrison confirmed that Faculties, in consultation with the Registrar, could decide whether or not to permit deferred admission to a particular program.

Dean Gallini stated that she looked forward to a time when the University was able to make unconditional offers to applicants in April or May of each year, without waiting for provincial examination results. She asked how the ability to make earlier offers might be

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*Admissions Committee, continued*

affected by the new deferral policy. Mr. Silzer responded that admission offers would continue to be made as early as possible, and that requests from students for deferral usually arose later in the admissions cycle.

The motion was  
put and carried.

## **Continuing Studies Committee**

### **UBC WOMEN'S RESOURCES CENTRE AND CAREER CONNECTIONS MERGER**

As Chair of the Committee, Ms. Friesen circulated for information the following announcement.

The UBC Women's Resources Centre, a community-based adult learning centre within Continuing Studies; and

Career Connections, a collaborative program area of UBC Continuing Studies and the Office of the Vice President, Students  
have merged to become:

The UBC Life and Career Centre (LCC) at Robson Square.

## **Nominating Committee**

Dr. Marshall presented the reports, in the absence of Chair Principal John Gilbert.

### **VICE-CHAIR OF SENATE**

In response to a call for nominations by the Secretary of Senate, the Nominating Committee had nominated Dr. Ronald Yaworsky for the position of Vice-Chair of Senate for the 2005/2006 academic year. As no other nominations were received, Dr. Yaworsky was declared acclaimed as Vice-Chair. Members of Senate applauded.

### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: REPRESENTATIVES FOR AFFILIATED COLLEGES**

The Committee circulated the following call for nominations. Interested parties were asked to contact Ms. Lisa Collins, Assistant Registrar, Senate & Curriculum Services.



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*Nominating Committee, continued*

The Nominating Committee seeks one member of Senate to fill each of the following positions for the 2005 - 2008 Senate term.

- Vancouver School of Theology Academic Policy Committee;
- Regent College Senate;
- St. Mark's College Board;
- Carey Theological College Senate.

## COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES OF SENATE

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| <i>Dr. Marshall</i> | } | <i>That Senate approve the addition of the Director of the Centre for Teaching and Academic Growth as an ex-officio member of the Teaching and Learning Committee.</i> |
| <i>Dean Granot</i>  |   |  |

Carried.

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| <i>Dr. Marshall</i> | } | <i>That Senate approve the addition of one member to the Student Awards Committee; and<br/>That the additional member be named as Dr. Susan Grayston.</i> |
| <i>Mr. Gorman</i>   |   |   |

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| <i>Dr. Marshall</i> | } | <i>That Senate approve the addition of one member to the Curriculum Committee; and<br/>That the additional member be named as Ms. Margaret Friesen.</i> |
| <i>Dr. Gorman</i>   |   |   |

Carried.

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Committee had circulated its recommended membership of all Committees of Senate for the 2005 - 2008 Senate term. Dr. Marshall reminded members of Senate that much of

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*Budget Committee, continued*

Senate's valuable work was undertaken in Committee, and encouraged Senators to attend meetings of their assigned Committees whenever possible.

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| <i>Dr. Marshall</i>  | } | <i>That Senate approve the membership lists for Committees of Senate for the 2005 - 2008 term, as circulated by the Nominating Committee.</i> |
| <i>Dean Isaacson</i> |   |   |

Carried.

### **INTERIM BUDGET COMMITTEE**

The Committee had circulated proposed terms of reference and a membership list for an Interim Senate Budget Committee. The document acknowledged that the work previously undertaken by the Vancouver Senate had been assigned to the Council of Senates under the revised *University Act*. Because the Council of Senates would not be in place and operational until close to the end of the current budget year, however, the Nominating Committee recommended the establishment of the Interim Senate Budget Committee, which would have representation from both the Vancouver and Okanagan campuses.

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| <i>Dr. Marshall</i> | } | <i>That Senate establish an Interim Senate Budget Committee, with terms of reference and membership to be as circulated by the Nominating Committee.</i> |
| <i>Dean Granot</i>  |   |  |

Carried.

### **Reports from the Vice-President, Academic & Provost**

#### **MEMBERSHIP IN THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

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Vice-President Whitehead had circulated a proposed revised list of voting and non-voting members of the Faculty of Medicine. He noted that the Faculty's membership list had been

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last considered by Senate in 1988. The changes related to the updating of departmental names and a reflection of the expansion of the Faculty to include distributed sites around the province.

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| <i>Vice-President</i> | } | <i>That the proposed revisions to membership in the Faculty of Medicine be approved.</i> |
| <i>Whitehead</i>      |   |  |
| <i>Mr. Gerschman</i>  |   |  |

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#### DEPARTMENTAL MERGER IN THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE

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| <i>Vice-President</i> | } | <i>That Senate approve the merger of the Department of Anesthesia and the Department of Pharmacology &amp; Therapeutics under the name of Department of Anesthesiology, Pharmacology &amp; Therapeutics, effective October 1, 2005.</i> |
| <i>Whitehead</i>      |   |   |
| <i>Dr. McLean</i>     |   |   |

Carried.

#### CHAIR IN BUDDHISM AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

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| <i>Vice-President</i> | } | <i>That Senate approve the establishment of the Chair in Buddhism and Contemporary Society, made possible by endowment funding from the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Foundation.</i> |
| <i>Whitehead</i>      |   |   |
| <i>Dean Granot</i>    |   |   |

Dean Granot expressed gratitude to the donors. She also noted that the Chair would represent a joint venture between the Institute of Asian Research in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Department of Asian Studies in the Faculty of Arts.

The motion was put and carried.

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*Reports from the Vice-President, Academic & Provost, continued*

## THE ROSS PETTY -- THE ARTHRITIS SOCIETY RESEARCH CHAIR IN PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY

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| <i>Vice-President<br/>Whitehead<br/>Dr. R. Harrison</i> | } | <i>That Senate approve the establishment of<br/>The Ross Petty -- The Arthritis Society<br/>Research Chair in Pediatric Rheumatology,<br/>made possible by endowment funding from<br/>the Arthritis Society BC and Yukon<br/>Division.</i> |
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Carried.

## ICORD (INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION ON REPAIR DISCOVERIES)

Vice-President Whitehead circulated for information the following report.

At its meeting of May 20, 1998, Senate recognized the Collaboration on Repair Discoveries (CORD) as a unit of UBC dedicated to address the challenges of spinal cord injuries. Senate Minutes note CORD is supported by the Faculties of Science, Medicine, and Applied Science, the Rick Hansen Institute, and the Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre, but it does not place it in a particular Faculty.

At its meeting of September 18, 2002 Senate approved the change in name from CORD (Collaboration on Repair Discoveries) to ICORD (International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries).

I am pleased to inform Senate that, with the support of the Deans of Science, Medicine, Applied Science, and Graduate Studies, and the Rick Hansen Institute, ICORD will be placed in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective October 1, 2005.

## Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned. The following regular meeting of Senate was scheduled for October 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.