

Vancouver Senate Admissions Committee

MINUTES OF 21 SEPTEMBER 2022

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Via zoom

- Attendance:** Prof. Carol Jaeger (Joint Faculties Representative, Faculty of Applied Science, Chair)
Dr. Sandra Brown (Associate Dean, Academic, Faculty of Land and Food Systems)
Dr. James Charbonneau (Associate Dean, Faculty of Science)
Dr. Joanne Fox (Faculty of Science – Joint Faculties Representative)
Prof. Bhushan Gopaluni (Vice-Provost and AVP, Faculty Planning *pro tem*)
Dr. Claudia Krebs (Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee)
Mr. Brendan Morey (Assistant Dean, Student Administration & Awards, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
Dr. Laura Moss (Associate Dean, Students, Faculty of Arts)
Dr. Savvas Nicolaou (Joint Faculties Representative, Faculty of Medicine)
Dr. Ingrid Price (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Representative)
Ericia Salzberg (Senior Associate Dean, Students, Faculty of Commerce & Business Administration)
Dr. Shahin Shirzad (Assistant Dean, Admissions, Faculty of Medicine)
Mr. Sam Saini (Associate Registrar, Undergraduate Admissions and Student Recruitment & Advising, Enrolment Services)
- Regrets:** Sam Kenston (Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies – Student Senator)
Bachviet Nguyen (Faculty of Medicine – Student Senator)
Dr. Marion Pearson (Acting Associate Dean, Academic, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences)
Dr. Steven Pelech (Faculty of Medicine Representative)
Dr. Kate Ross (Associate Vice-President and Registrar, Enrolment Services)
Ms. Angela Zhao (Convocation Senator)
- Guests:** Joseph Anthony (Associate Dean, Health Professions, Physical Therapy)
Jennifer Chatterton (Director, Student Services, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences)
Sue Forwell (Dept. Head, Occupational Sciences and Occupational Therapy)
Rose Hatala (Director, Clinical Educator Fellowship & UBC Director MHPE-Canada [CHES])
Beth Hensler, (Interim Administrative Manager, Centre for Health Education Scholarship [CHES])
Cheryl Holmes (Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education | Faculty of Medicine)
Steffi Hu (Manager, IMBA program, Robert H. Lee Graduate School)
Michelle Huebert (Administrative Manager, Centre for Health Education Scholarship [CHES])
Teresa Pan (Assistant Dean, Robert H. Lee Graduate School)
Max Read (Associate Director, Student Academic Services | Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
Nick Steel (Senior Advisor, Health & Safety Partnerships | Faculty of Medicine)
Ziqi Wang (Program Manager, Degree Programs for Pharmacists)
- Secretariat:** A. Breen and B. Menard

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approved by consent.

ITEM 3: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 27 APRIL 2022

The Chair called for a motion as follows:

<i>L. Moss B. Morey</i>	}	<i>That the Minutes of 27 April 2022 be approved as presented.</i>
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Approved

ITEM 4: BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 27 APRIL 2021

None.

ITEM 5: FACULTY OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES – DOCTORAL DEGREES (approval)

The Chair invited M. Read to present the proposal to clarify that students who hold or are shortly expected to hold a doctoral degree from UBC are not normally admitted to a second doctoral degree at UBC. This was a policy gap recognized following a specific student case. It was clarified that UBC may accept a student holding PhD from another institution in a different discipline than the one they are seeking admission to at UBC. It was also noted that students would not be eligible for the minimum funding package for a second doctoral degree.

The Committee asked that the rationale be revised to remove reference to a student appellant, and any identifying characteristics.

The Chair called for a motion as follows:

<i>B. Morey S. Shirzad</i>	}	<i>That the Committee approve and recommend to Senate for approval the Calendar entry on Doctoral Degrees, effective for admission to the 2022 Winter Session and thereafter.</i>
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Approved

ITEM 6: DOCTOR OF MEDICINE – POST-ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS (approval)

The Chair invited Cheryl Holmes to present the revised Calendar entry on post-acceptance requirements for students admitted to the Doctor of Medicine program. The proposed change aligns the Faculty of Medicine with updated Practice Education Guidelines for Communicable Disease Prevention and the current (and any future) provincial health orders mandating vaccines.

Committee members expressed support for the proposal. One committee member, Dr. Pelech, who was unable to attend the meeting, had provided feedback in advance of the meeting, which the Chair shared with the Committee. Dr. Pelech did not support the proposed change, noting that there is growing evidence that the COVID-19 genetic vaccines have an unacceptably high degree of potential injury to young adults, and that many other countries are no longer recommending or offering COVID-19 vaccination of youth.

The Committee recommended that reference to ‘expected’ be changed to ‘required.’ The language added to the Calendar entry was revised to read as follows:

“Students are ~~expected~~ **required** to follow the screening expectations and recommended immunizations of Health Care Organization workers as set out in Health Care Organization policy, including complying with all applicable Provincial Health Orders pertaining to mandatory vaccines.

The Chair called for a motion as follows:

<i>S. Shirzad</i> <i>I. Price</i>	}	<i>That the Committee approve and recommend to Senate for approval changes to post-acceptance requirements for students admitted to Doctor of Medicine program, effective for entry to the 2022 Winter Session and thereafter, as amended.</i>
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Approved, 1 Opposed

ITEM 7: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: UBC FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY (approval)

The Chair invited Michelle Huebert to present the MOU between UBC Faculty of Medicine Centre for Health Education Scholarship (CHES) and Maastricht University regarding the delivery of the Master of Health Professions Education Program (“MHPE”), which outlines the terms under which UBC and Maastricht agree to provide collaborative teaching and supervisory activities related to the delivery of the MHPE program offered by Maastricht University. The proponents clarified that this is a renewal of a pre-existing agreement which has been active for eleven years.

It was noted that terms of agreement suggest that students and faculty can move between the two institutions. In response to a question whether students have come from Maastricht to UBC, the proponents clarified that there is no exchange of students and that the collaboration is really at the

faculty level. The Chair asked that the motion for approval presented to Senate should clarify that the proposal is to renew the terms of affiliation between the Faculty of Medicine and Maastricht University, and is not a new affiliation agreement.

The Chair called for a motion as follows:

<i>I. Price</i> <i>C. Krebs</i>	}	<i>That the Committee approve and recommend to Senate for approval the terms of the affiliation between the UBC Faculty of Medicine and Maastricht University, as set out in the “Memorandum of Understanding between the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine’s Centre for Health Education Scholarship (“UBC”) and Maastricht University Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences School of Health Professions Education (“UM”).”</i>
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Approved

ITEM 8: MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DISTRIBUTED PROGRAM – FRASER VALLEY COHORT (approval)

The Chair invited Dr. Sue Forwell and Dr. Joseph Anthony to present the proposal to expand the Master of Occupational Therapy to add another distributed location in the Fraser Valley. Dr. Anthony stated that in recent years, the provincial government has earmarked infrastructure funding for the expansion of the Master of Occupational Therapy and the Master of Physical Therapy programs.

In November 2021, Senate approved the creation of the Master of Occupational Therapy-North Cohort, intended to increase recruitment and retention of occupational therapists in northern and rural areas of British Columbia (BC). The current proposed expansion is for a Fraser Valley cohort, located primarily at the UBC site in Surrey, BC. As with northern and rural communities, the Fraser Valley is underserved and there are not enough occupational therapists to effectively meet local demand. The expansion will increase capacity in the Fraser Valley.

The Chair called for a motion as follows:

<i>I. Price</i> <i>C. Krebs</i>	}	<i>That the Committee approve and recommend to Senate for approval the Master of Occupational Therapy Distributed Program – Fraser Valley Cohort.</i>
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Approved

ITEM 9: SUSPENSION OF ADMISSION – FLEXIBLE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY (Pharm.D.)
(approval)

The Chair invited Dr. Ziqi Wang to present the proposal to suspend admission to the Flexible Doctor of Pharmacy program. Dr. Wang stated that the Flexible PharmD program created a pathway for practicing pharmacists with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree to earn the PharmD credential that was being launched by UBC at the time (the Entry-to-Practice PharmD). Applications to the Flexible PharmD have waned with time, and the last admitted cohort began their program in the 2021W Session. Any students currently in the program will be supported through to completion. As of the 2022 intake, admission to the Flex PharmD program is suspended.

The Chair called for a motion as follows:

<i>S. Brown E. Salzberg</i>	<i>} That the Committee approve and recommend to Senate for approval suspension of admission to the Flexible Doctor of Pharmacy program, effective for the 2022 Winter Session and thereafter.</i>
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Approved

ITEM 10: APPLICANTS FOLLOWING THE AMERICAN SECONDARY SCHOOL
CURRICULUM – SAT/ACT TEST OPTIONAL POLICY (approval)

The Chair invited Sam Saini, Associate Registrar, Undergraduate Admissions and Student Recruitment & Advising, Enrolment Services to present the proposal to waive the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and American College Test (ACT) admission requirement for applicants following the American secondary school curriculum. Standardized tests will not be required and the SAT/ACT scores will be used in determining admissibility only where results are available. This proposal was approved by Senate at its October 2020 meeting and was effective for entry to the 2021 Winter Session only. In November 2021, Senate extended the optional use of the SAT/ACT for applicants entering the 2022 Winter Session only. The current proposal is to make optional use ongoing, for students entering the 2023 Winter Session and thereafter.

Mr. Saini stated that since 2019, UBC no longer requires a minimum or maximum number of courses for competitive admission, and now looks at all academic coursework and exams that a student has completed. This aligns well within a test-optional framework. It is also more closely aligned with the University's approach to Advanced Placement exams, which are optional for admission and only considered if the student wishes to submit them.

The Chair called for a motion as follows:

<i>L. Moss S. Brown</i>	<i>} That the Committee approve and recommend to Senate for approval changes to admission requirements for applicants following the American secondary school curriculum, effective for the 2023 Winter Sessions and thereafter, as amended.</i>
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ITEM 11: RENEWAL OF AFFILIATION BETWEEN UBC AND SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY RE. THE INTERNATIONAL MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (approval)

The Chair invited Elicia Salzberg to present the renewed affiliation agreement between UBC and Shanghai Jiao Tong University. The part-time International MBA Program operates in Shanghai in collaboration between UBC Sauder's Robert H. Lee Graduate School (RHL) and SJTU's Antai College of Economics and Management (SJTU). As outlined in the MOU, the partnership with SJTU provides a basis for program operations.

Ms. Salzberg stated that the original partnership agreement in support of the IMBA program was signed in November 2000. To date, 21 cohorts have enrolled, with the 22nd cohort to begin in November 2022. Including the IMBA Class of 2022 anticipated to graduate this November, 552 students have graduated from the program and are working in leadership roles in companies such as HSBC, Apple, Johnson & Johnson, Honeywell, Deloitte.

With respect to program delivery, Ms. Salzberg stated that traditionally, the IMBA has been taught face-to-face in Shanghai, with Sauder faculty travelling there to teach weekend courses. A 2-week Vancouver residency is also included. Since January 2020, the program has been taught online, and will continue in this mode until travel is once again feasible.

In response to a question regarding academic freedom and expression, Ms. Salzberg stated that to date, no concerns have been raised by faculty. She stated that UBC has oversight of delivery and content, and that SJTU plays a more administrative/support role. She added that UBC is not the only North American institution to partner with SJTU and that the IMBA program is a central part of the Faculty's international strategic positioning in China and Asia. In addition to becoming industry leaders with a global perspective, UBC IMBA graduates form active alumni networks who support and engage with the Faculty in multiple ways.

One committee member, Dr. Pelech, who was unable to attend the meeting, had provided feedback in advance of the meeting. Dr. Pelech did not support the proposed renewal, stating that it may be desirable to review whether the University should continue its current practices around recruitment and admission of international students. He also noted that there is a disproportion of international students from China, likely due to very active recruiting measures in the past decade, while there is quite low representation from non-Asian countries. Dr. Pelech questioned that if UBC seeks to be truly international, there should be more active efforts to recruit from Europe, Australia, Africa and South America. Consequently, all MOU's with China should be re-considered for their merits, besides the potential revenue that might be afforded to UBC.

The Committee recommended one minor change: on page 2 of the agreement, "20 hours of teaching (classroom contact hours) be changed to "20 hours of classroom instruction (i.e., students are in class for 20 hours)."

The Chair called for a motion as follows:

<i>A. Salzberg I. Price</i>	}	<i>That the Committee approve and recommend to Senate for approval the renewed terms of the affiliation between the University of British Columbia Sauder School of Business and the Shanghai Jiao Tong University Antai College of Economics and Management for the delivery of the International Master of Business Administration program, as set out in the “First Restated and Amended Renewal of Cooperation Agreement for an IMBA Degree Program, between Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China and the University of British Columbia, Canada” as amended.</i>
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Approved, 1 Opposed

ITEM 12: OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 13: NEXT MEETING – 12 OCTOBER 2022, 10:00AM-12:00PM via ZOOM

ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT

ITEM 15: CATEGORY 2 CHANGES (circulated for email approval)

The following proposals were approved by email:

- a. Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Medicine (M.D./Ph.D.) – Application
- b. Doctor of Medicine – Admission
- c. English Language Proficiency and GRE Requirements – Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
- d. Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs –Admission and Transfer

ITEM 16: STUDENT APPEALS

The Committee considered two appeals for admission, both of which were dismissed.