



**SENATE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 from 10:01-11:22 am via Zoom

**Attendees**

**Senators** J. Fox, C. Jaeger (Chair), S. Pelech, I. Price,

**Ex Officio** J. Charbonneau, B. Gopaluni, S. Jarvis-Selinger, C. Krebs, L. Moss, R. Ng, S. Saini, E. Salzberg, C. Scaman

**Guests** P. Gerber, G. Vallee

**Regrets** S. Kenston, B. Morey, B. Nguyen, S. Nicolaou, S. Shirzad, A. Zhao

**Senate Staff** B. Menard

**Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement** The meeting of the Senate Admissions Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 10:01 am on 12 April 2023 by C. Jaeger, Chair.

**Agenda** *That the Senate Admissions Committee adopts the 12 April 2023 agenda, as presented.*

**Carried by general consent.**

**Meeting Minutes** *That the Senate Admissions Committee adopts the 8 March 2023 meeting minutes, as circulated.*

Moved: S. Pelech  
Seconded: L. Moss  
**Carried.**

**Business Arising** None.

**For Approval**

**Graduate Diploma in Pharmacy Leadership** As presented by P. Gerber, S. Jarvis-Selinger and G. Vallee:

*That the Committee approve and recommend to Senate for approval the admission requirements for the new Graduate Diploma in Pharmacy Leadership, effective for the 2024 Winter Session and thereafter.*

Moved: S. Jarvis-Selinger  
Seconded: I. Price

**Carried.**

The Chair invited Dr. Gerber to present the proposal for the admission requirements for the new Graduate Diploma in Pharmacy Leadership. P. Gerber provided an overview of the proposed program. She noted the re-engagement process that took place with stakeholders when preparing this proposal.

The graduate diploma will have one admission cycle per year. Admission will be on a competitive basis. Transfers from other schools will not be allowed, due to the unique curriculum of the graduate diploma.

A committee member asked for details about why the Master of Pharmacy Leadership degree program was not approved by the Ministry. In response, a brief explanation was provided regarding the Ministry's approval process.

Members of the Committee asked whether the program would be recognized by industry and whether the program would provide any strategic advantage to graduates. In response, it was noted that individuals who work in industry come from varied backgrounds, so it is common to have lesser-known post-nominals. The respondent went on to emphasize that having pharmacy-specific leadership skills would be of benefit to graduates. The program is positioned towards early- to mid-career pharmacists, with the first couple cohorts expected to be almost entirely domestic students.

The chair asked for more information about what is considered an accredited pharmacy program. In response it was noted that there is a clearly outlined process and criteria provided by the College of Pharmacists of BC. The Faculty will use their criteria and process.

The chair noted that a section of the calendar language, where taking a leave is noted, could benefit from added clarity regarding adjusted completion timelines for the program.

**Action item:**

**The proponent to work with B. Menard on revising the language.**

## **Discussions**

### **Vaccination Requirements**

As presented by S. Pelech:

The chair provided an overview of the presentation in context with the current Senate landscape.

S. Pelech provided an overview of the Ministry's requirements, and contrasted them with requirements in other jurisdictions. He went on to provide additional context regarding vaccination requirements at peer institutions in Canada. He noted that by UBC taking the position of the minority of peer institutions, in requiring vaccinations for COVID-19, that it is potentially exposing a small segment of our student population to severe health repercussions. He further went on to explain the revised statistics from the Ministry regarding deaths caused by COVID-19, versus the potential ailments caused by vaccination for COVID-19.

A member posed that discussion with the Ministry or the Provincial Health Officer would be the appropriate place for this topic, rather than the Senate Admissions Committee.

It was noted that the orders of the Provincial Health Officer are being challenged in court. S. Pelech noted that the Provincial Health Officer did not order that all students receive COVID-19 vaccinations. Further that the Board of Governors did not support the Vancouver Senate's recommendation that all students be required to receive COVID-19 vaccinations.

A committee member noted that it is the Committee's purview to approve Academic Calendar language that is clear and transparent. The member went on to note that the programs where vaccination is referenced include clinical rotations in medical facilities where students are required to have certain vaccinations.

A member noted that by not listing relevant vaccination requirements, it could result in students being admitted to highly competitive programs, but unable to complete the program because they cannot complete their clinical hours. Another member noted that if the Provincial Health Orders are not changing, but if UBC changes their admission requirements, it could result in students who cannot complete their program requirements.

The chair noted the opportunity to have this discussion is in line with the purview of Senate and its committees, to discuss topics of academic interest to the institution.

The Committee decided to not pursue any further action on this proposal.

**Action Item:**

**The chair and B. Menard to speak with S. Pelech about possible next steps.**

**Other Business**

B. Menard noted that the Category 2 proposals were approved by email, however, the proposal to revise the Admission and Transfer Requirements for the Bachelor of Science requires discussion.

The chair noted the impact that the proposed change to the B.Sc. will have on students and may not be understood by students. In response, J. Charbonneau noted that the change is intended to be in alignment with the IRP definition for attempted credits. S. Saini noted that the landscape has changed for how and where students attempt credits. Enrolment Services has discussions with the responsible associate deans when a question arises as there are no firm guidelines as to precisely how many withdrawals are permitted.

J. Charbonneau noted that there is currently no way to identify and track students without tracking Ws. The proposed change is meant to help identify and help to support students who are struggling.

**Action item:**

**J. Charbonneau to provide an updated proposal rationale to the Senate Office.**

A committee members asked for clarification regarding a component of the Doctor of Medicine proposal. Discussion ensued, but the Committee decided that no revisions or action were required.

**Next Meeting** Wednesday, April 26, 2023 from 10 am-12 pm

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.

**Student Appeal** The Committee considered five student appeals, which were all dismissed.