



OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

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Attendance

Present: S. Ono (Chair), C. Eaton (Acting Secretary), A. Alnaar, P. Arthur, P. Barker, H. Berringer, G. Binsted, D. Buszard, M. Campbell, R. Campbell, D. Carter, C. Comben, I. Cull, G. DiLabio, T. Ebl, J. Eikenaar, B. Frank, J. Gustar, J. Hossain, J. Jakobi, R. Lawrence, S. Lawrence, M. Legault, Y. Lucet, B. Marcolin, S. McNeil, A. Mukherjee-Reed, S. O’Leary, F. Pena, M. Reekie, K. Ragoonaden, D. Roberts, B. Rutherford, R. Sadiq, B. Traister, C. Yan, S. Chong, K. DesRoches, G. Jayathilake, H. Kang, J. Lafontaine, L. Mudde, J. Naqvi, G. Newry, S. Sandhu, A. Shields, V. Tamandong.

Regrets: S. Alam, J. Cioe, L. Gordon, M. Hoorfar, R. Lalonde, J. Olson, R. Sugden, G. Wetterstrand (LOA), P Wylie, D. Efretuei,

Call to Order

The Chair of Senate, Dr Santa J. Ono called the first regular meeting of the Senate to order at 3:33 pm.

Senate Membership

New Members

The Acting Secretary, Mr Christopher Eaton, introduced the following new members to Senate:

Dr Gino DiLabio, Dean *pro tem.* of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences, to replace Dr Barbara Rutherford (End of Term).

Dr Jennifer Jakobi, Dean *pro tem.* of the College of Graduate Studies, to replace Dr Dwayne Tannant (End of Term).

Dr Karen Ragoonaden (Education), Representative of the Joint Faculties, to replace Dr Jim Johnson (Rule 12) until 31 August 2020 and thereafter until replaced.

Dr Barbara Rutherford, Representative of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences, to replace Dr Jason Loeppky (Resigned) until 31 August 2020 and thereafter until replaced.

Dr Claire (Yu) Yan (Applied Science), Representative of the Joint Faculties, to replace Dr Jon Corbett (Resigned) until 31 August 2020 and thereafter until replaced.

RESIGNATIONS



Dr Ono said many institutions have had rapid changes in demographics. For the Vancouver campus those changes have plateaued but they have not yet for the Okanagan.

Dr R. Lawrence asked if the President could speak on the Trek Endowment allocation for the Okanagan, and thanked him for his leadership on that matter.

Dr Ono said that this was just the beginning of what we could do as a university. This was discussed at the most recent Board meeting and there was support for the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost's vision to support graduate students. He hoped it could be implemented quickly. He also noted the support expressed by the Board for the interdisciplinary research building that was under development.

Senator Chong asked what the status was of the joint scholarship program with McGill.

Dr Ono said that this was the Peterson-Wesbook Schools program, and that this was recently launched.

Remarks from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Dr Deborah Buszard, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal spoke, noting that she attended the annual UBC Board of Governors meeting in the Okanagan campus earlier in the week, and the celebration of the Campus' commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, a very special occasion. She noted that the Okanagan campus would be following up on the five commitments made. The actions include: Development of an Indigenous culture orientation program for all faculty and staff, establishing a senior advisor on Indigenous affairs for the Okanagan campus, developing activities that support the revitalization of Indigenous language fluency, advancing Indigenous teaching and research, and expanding health and wellness services to better support Aboriginal students.

Dr Buszard said that she was very pleased to announce that UBC's Board had allocated the proceeds from \$100 million of the Trek Endowment (roughly \$4 million annually) to the Okanagan campus. This will initially be spend as follows:

- Needs-based undergraduate financial aid: \$1.5 million
- Indigenous student career readiness: \$600 000.
- Indigenous graduate student pathways: \$750 000.
- Research graduate students and trainees: \$1.5-2 million.

She noted that the \$100 million capital allocation remains within Trek Endowment and in the longer term will be used to launch matching funding campaign.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor also noted that recently, Okanagan students won the opportunity to launch a science experiment into the stratosphere with help from the Canadian Space Agency. Shortly after beginning their studies at UBCO last year, the students formed a team -- the Atmospheric Cloud Chamber of the Okanagan -- and over the winter competed against other



university teams in the Canadian Stratospheric Balloon Experiment Design Challenge. Their research may provide a new way to examine how climate change is affecting the planet. She congratulated students Leonardo Caffarello, Javier Perez Tobia, Hector Carrillo Estrada, Giulia Rossi, and Philip Noah Eibl, as well as their faculty supervisor, Dr Jonathan Holzman. She noted that the team has received a grant from the UBC Tuum Est Student Initiative Fund and was awarded funding by the Space Agency to travel to the launch site.

From the Board of Governors

Dr Ono confirmed that the following matters listed on the agenda were approved by the Board of Governors as required under the *University Act*:

March 2019

New awards

Curriculum proposals from the faculties of Applied Science, Creative and Critical Studies, Education, and Health and Social Development.

April 2019

New awards

Curriculum proposals from the faculties of Applied Science, Arts & Sciences, Creative & Critical Studies Education, and Management.

New Programs: Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science, Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing.

May 2019

New awards

New program: Minor in Geospatial Information Science

Curriculum proposals from the faculties of Applied Science, Arts & Sciences, and Creative & Critical Studies.

Establishment of the Canadian Institute for Inclusion and Citizenship

Candidates for Degrees

Jassim Naqvi
Jennifer Jakobi

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That the candidates for degrees and diplomas, as recommended by the faculties, be granted the degrees for which they were recommended, effective September 2019, and that a committee comprised of the Registrar, the dean of the relevant faculty, and the Chair of Senate be empowered to make any necessary adjustments

Approved



Academic Policy Committee

Senator McNeil presented on behalf of the Chair of the Committee, Dr Jan Cioe.

ANNUAL WORK PLAN.

Dr McNeil advised that over the course of the next year, the Committee planned to focus its attention on the following 7 areas:

Division of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences

Fall Break Duration

Academic Concessions policy

Religious Holiday policy

Syllabus policy

Quality assurance process for courses

Teaching stream and Grad Studies Faculty Council

Admission and Awards Committee

The Acting Chair of the Senate Admissions and Awards Committee, Ms Tamara Ebl, presented

REVISION TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER AND DOCTORAL DEGREES

<p>Tamara Ebl Catherine Comben</p>	}	<p><i>That Senate approve the revised English Language Proficiency admissions requirements for Master’s and Doctoral Degrees.</i></p>
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Approved

NEW AND REVISED AWARDS



See Appendix A: awards report

Tamara Ebl
Barbara Rutherford

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That Senate accept the new and revised awards as listed and forward them to the Board of Governors for approval; and that a letter of thanks be sent to the donors.

Approved

ANNUAL REPORT ON MATTERS OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Ms Ebl reported on the three areas where her Committee had exercised authority on behalf of the Senate: Appeals on applications for admission, readmission, and transfer; editorial changes to existing admission requirements; and approval of student mobility agreements. She advised that 29 student appeals were filed with 7 were allowed, and that no editorial changes nor mobility agreements were approved, all for the period from 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2019.

Senator McNeil asked what the nature was of most of the appeals.

The Acting Registrar replied that a majority were students who did poorly on their final year of secondary school English.

Agenda Committee

AMENDMENT TO RULES AND PROCEDURES OF SENATE

Peter Arthur
Tamara Ebl

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That the Rules and Procedures of Senate be amended to add a new Section 17 (b) (vii) to read “Provost’s remarks: the Provost may report on issues of interest to the Senate. Members of the Senate shall have the opportunity to pose questions regarding matters of interest to the Senate”; and

That all subsequent and referential section numbers in the Rules and Procedures of Senate be amended accordingly.

Approved



Joint Report of the Admission and Awards and Curriculum Committees

The Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee, Dr Peter Arthur, presented.

REVISED BACHELOR OF MEDIA STUDIES

See Appendix B: BMS Revisions

Peter Arthur Bryce Traister	}	<i>That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for approval the removal of the reference to the suspension of admission to the Bachelor of Media Studies for 2019 Winter, the revised admission requirements, program overview, academic regulations, degree requirements and related new courses for the Bachelor of Media Studies, as brought forward from the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies.</i>
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Dean Traister thanked the Senate committees involved for their quick review of the revisions to the program.

Approved

Nominating Committee

The Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee, Dr Jannik Einenaar, presented.

PRESIDENT’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE-PRINCIPAL (RESEARCH AND INNOVATION)

Jannik Eikenaar Peter Arthur	}	<i>That Dr Francisco Pena be appointed to the President’s Advisory Committee for the Consideration of the Extension of Appointment of the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation) (UBC Okanagan).</i>
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Approved

COMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS

Jannik Eikenaar Sean Lawrence	}	<i>That Dr Gino DiLabio, Dr Claire Yen, and Dr Jennifer Gustar be appointed to the Senate Academic Policy Committee until 31 August 2020</i>
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and thereafter until replaced Dr Barbara Rutherford and fill two vacancies; and That Dr Barbara Rutherford and Dr Karen Ragoonaden be appointed to the Senate Learning & Research Committee until 31 August 2020 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Dr Jon Corbett and Dr Jason Loepky.

Approved

TRIENNIAL REVIEW

Dr Eikenar noted that Rule 22(f) of the *Rules and Procedures of Senate* directs that “The terms of reference of Senate committees shall be reviewed by the Nominating Committee during the third year of each Senate.” And that traditionally, the membership and rules of the Senate are also reviewed concurrently, in concert with the Senate Agenda Committee. He informed Senate that as in past years, the Nominating Committee will issue both a broad call for feedback and suggestions, as well as specific calls to senate committees. A notice soliciting comments will also be placed on the Senate website. Suggestions regarding Senate committees that do not arise from those committee will be sent to the committee in question for their comments prior to any recommendations being made to Senate. He thanked in advance those who provide comments and suggestions throughout this process.

Other Business

NOTICE OF MOTION

Senator Traister gave the following notice of motion:

That the Senate Curriculum Guideline of the Okanagan Academic Senate be amended to remove the requirement that a “detailed weekly schedule with topics to be covered” be presented for Category One and Category Two considerations of course proposals by the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee.

Adjournment

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.



Appendix A: Awards Report

NEW AWARDS:

Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust Bursary

Bursaries of \$2,000 each have been made available annually through a gift from Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust to domestic undergraduate students at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Bursaries will be given to students who have graduated from a British Columbia secondary school in the following school districts in the Southern Interior: 5, 6, 8, 10, 19, 20, 23, 51, 53, 58, 67, 73 or 83. The bursaries will be adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First awards available for the 2019/20 Winter Session)

Transoft Solutions Inc Bursary in Civil Engineering

Two bursaries of \$2,000 each have been made available annually through a gift from Transoft Solutions Inc. to third- or fourth-year female domestic students in the civil engineering program in the School of Engineering in the Faculty of Applied Science at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The bursaries will be adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First awards available for the 2019/20 Winter Session)

The Josef Zagrodney Prize

A \$1,000 prize has been made available annually through a gift from family and friends to a graduating student majoring in philosophy in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The prize will be given to the student with the highest cumulative average in philosophy courses required for graduation. The prize will be adjudicated by the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences. (First award available for the 2019/20 Winter Session)

UBC Okanagan Heat Women's Cross Country Award

One or more awards, which may range from a minimum value of \$500 each to the maximum allowable under athletic association regulations, are offered to outstanding members of the women's cross country team in any year of study. Awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics and Recreation Department at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus to outstanding students who have demonstrated excellent leadership skills and maintained good academic standing. (First award available for the 2019/20 Winter Session)

UBC Okanagan Heat Men's Cross Country Award

One or more awards, which may range from a minimum value of \$500 each to the maximum allowable under athletic association regulations, are offered to outstanding members of the men's cross country team in any year of study. Awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics and Recreation Department at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus to outstanding students who have demonstrated excellent leadership skills and maintained good academic standing. (First award available for the 2019/20 Winter Session)



UBC Okanagan Heat Women's Golf Award

One or more awards, which may range from a minimum value of \$500 each to the maximum allowable under athletic association regulations, are offered to outstanding members of the women's golf team in any year of study. Awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics and Recreation Department at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus to outstanding students who have demonstrated excellent leadership skills and maintained good academic standing. (First award available for the 2019/20 Winter Session)

UBC Okanagan Heat Men's Golf Award

One or more awards, which may range from a minimum value of \$500 each to the maximum allowable under athletic association regulations, are offered to outstanding members of the men's golf team in any year of study. Awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics and Recreation Department at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus to outstanding students who have demonstrated excellent leadership skills and maintained good academic standing. (First award available for the 2019/20 Winter Session)

Lashley & Mary Haggman Memory Research Award

Awards totaling \$6,500 have been made available through an endowment established by the Estate of Lashley and Mary Haggman to assist faculty members and graduate students, in either the Faculty of Health and Social Development or the departments of computer science and psychology in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus, in conducting research on memory or memory-related issues. The awards will be adjudicated by the Office of Research Services. (First awards available for the 2019/20 Winter Session)

REVISED AWARDS:

Existing Award Title: UBC Okanagan **Indigenous Aboriginal Entrance Award**

Existing description:

Two entrance awards of \$20,000 each (payable at \$5,000 per year) **have been made available through an endowment** are offered to **for** two first-year **Indigenous** Aboriginal students at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The awards will be given to students who have demonstrated significant financial need, an exceptional work ethic, as well as academic strength. Subject to the recipient continuing to maintain his or her academic standing, the award will be renewable for the second, third, and fourth



years of study. The awards are made on the recommendation of the adjudication committee.

Amended Award Title: UBC Okanagan Indigenous Entrance Award

Amended Description:

Two entrance awards of \$20,000 each (payable at \$5,000 per year) have been made available through an endowment for two first-year Indigenous students at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The awards will be given to students who have demonstrated significant financial need, an exceptional work ethic, as well as academic strength. Subject to the recipient continuing to maintain his or her academic standing, the award will be renewable for the second, third, and fourth years of study. The awards are made on the recommendation of the adjudication committee.



Appendix B: BMS Revisions

FROM THE FACULTY OF CREATIVE AND CRITICAL STUDIES

Bachelor of Media Studies Admission Requirements
Bachelor of Media Studies Program Requirements for Canadian Secondary School Applicants
Bachelor of Media Studies Program Overview
Bachelor of Media Studies Academic Regulations
Bachelor of Media Studies Degree Requirements
DIHU 220 (3) Research with Media in the Humanities
MDST 110 (3) Introduction to Computational Art and Design I
MDST 120 (3) Introduction to Computational Art and Design II
MDST 210 (3) Creative Coding
MDST 220 (3) Research with Media in the Humanities
MDST 311 (3) Computational Poetics