



OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 30 APRIL 2020

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Attendance

Present: S. Ono, D. Buszard (Vice-Chair), A. Mukherjee-Reed, H. Berringer, S. Bates, J. Jakobi, P. Barker, J. Olson, G. DiLabio, B. Traister, B. Frank, G. Binsted, R. Sugden, P. Arthur, D. Carter, J. Eikenaar, M. Hoorfar, J. Hossain, R. Lalonde, R. Lawrence, S. Lawrence, Y. Lucet, S. McNeil, S. O'Leary, K. Ragoonaden, C. Yan, S. Alam, D. Roberts, J. Cioe, B. Rutherford, G. Wetterstrand, M. Reekie, T. Ebl, B. Marcolin, C. Comben, R. Herzeberg, D. Jarrouj, L. Fu, K. Morgan, J. Naqvi, R. Petillion, M. Pillin, B Heerema, S. Cannon, K. DesRoches, R. Metcalfe, G. Singh, J. Gustar, R. Cambell, M. Hoorfar

Regrets: J. Naqvi, S. Bates, F. Pena, M Campbell, A. Alnaar, V. Tamandong

Clerk: C. Eaton

Call to Order

The Chair of Senate, Dr Santa Ono called the eight regular meeting of the Senate to order at 3:34 pm.

Membership

Registrar introduced the new student members of Senate

Brendan Heerema, Faculty of Applied Science
Sage Cannon, Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies
Robin Metcalfe, Faculty of Health & Social Development
Gursagar Singh, Student, Faculty of Management
Riley Petillion, Graduate Student Representative
Maya Pilin, Graduate Student Representative
Domitius Jarrouj, Representative of the Students At-large
Rhys Hrzeberg, Representative of the Students At-large
Jia Fu Lee, Representative of the Students At-large
Kristen Morgan, Representative of the Students At-large (Continuing)
Jassim Naqvi, Representative of the Students At-large (Continuing)
Venedict Tamandong, Representative of the Students At-large (Continuing)

Minutes of 28 March 2020

Peter Arthur	}	<i>That the Minutes of the Meeting of 28 March be adopted as corrected.</i>
Jan Cioe		



Corrections: Senator Hoorfar was present in person

Approved

Remarks from the President

The President, Dr Ono, noted that over the past several weeks the UBC executive, deans, faculty, staff and students have manoeuvred an almost unprecedented jolt to the system in the form of COVID-19. Certainly, this is a global challenge that does not affect UBC alone. But that does not negate the tremendous impact this pandemic has had on our university. He noted that undoubtedly, COVID-19 will have impacts on this university for many months if not years to come.

Dr Ono reminded the Senate of what UBC has done over the past several weeks. Over the space of several days the University moved to largely online instruction and curtailed all but COVID-19 and other essential research. We have already made and communicated difficult decisions regarding closure of events to ensure the safety of our community. This has greatly impacted almost every member of our community.

Dr Ono said that he felt especially for the class of 2020 whose anticipation for a typical and much deserved celebration of their hard work at a university was stalled abruptly.

The President stated that UBC's decisions were made with full consultation and alignment with provincial leaders as well as public health officials. During those weeks and as we speak, the University also has played a thought leadership role in the provincial and federal responses to COVID-19. The University has also been responsive to both provincial and federal requests for support with respect to supplies, space and volunteer support. Our clinical faculty have been on the front lines of the battle and the battle is not yet over.

The President noted that two groups: the Crisis Management Team (CMT) and Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) have been in constant operation during the duration of this emergency.

Dr Ono noted that Provosts of the University have been meeting regularly with the Deans of the university and this has been crucial for decisions such as the transition to on line. They have also discussed other important matters such as the tenure clock and grading policies impacted by the transition. Our Vice-President for Human Resources, Vice-President Research and Innovation and Vice-President students have also played key roles in developing our response.

Together with the Vice-President External Relations, the President advised that he has been focused on UBC's interaction with Provincial and Federal government leaders. We have been in



contact with the provincial ministries such as the ministries of Advanced Education and Health, the Chief Public Health Officer and the Deputy Premier in aligning our decisions with their guidelines and in articulating the need for support of our students and employees. And we have been in touch with multiple federal ministers to articulate impacts on our students, researchers and trainees. These regular contacts have already resulted in support from both the provincial and federal governments and are ongoing, and these efforts have borne fruit with the announcement of a nine billion dollar student aid package in recognition of the economic impact of COVID-19.

In terms of student support, the President referenced the proposed Canada Emergency Student Benefit would provide \$1,250 per month for eligible students. Eligible students with dependants or disabilities would be eligible for \$1,750 per month. The government has said these benefits are available from May through August. In addition, the Canada Student Service Grant will provide up to \$5,000 for students who choose voluntary national service and serve their communities. The government will also extend federal graduate research scholarships and postdoctoral fellowships, and supplement existing federal research grants, to support students and post-doctoral fellows and enhance work opportunities for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

Dr Ono further advised that in parallel we are working on similar advocacy documents entailing impacts on research and innovation, the need for support in the massive task of transition of all of our curriculum to on line and to support our international students. We intend to submit these in the near future to relevant offices in Ottawa. Some supportive decisions have already been communicated, for example from the Tri-councils. More responses are anticipated in the near future.

Within UBC, three programs are being developed to support our students:

- First, we have created a President's Student Emergency Fund that has been nucleated with funding from the province as well as new donor-funding.
- Second, we are working on an enhanced bursary program with a rapid online application process to gain support.
- Third, we are developing a mechanism to provide emergency funding to faculty to support trainees where funding has been interrupted. Some of this is already available and some is fast-tracked to become available shortly.

In closing, Dr Ono said that since we do not know the duration or magnitude of impact of COVID-19, we are in the midst of scenario planning and financial modelling to help us prepare for any eventuality. It is certain that there will be impacts on both revenues and expenditures and we must protect resources, so we can respond to the financial impact of the pandemic on UBC. Since our people are our greatest asset, this will mean careful analysis of our hiring plans, cancellation or postponement of discretionary spending and possible postponement of some of our capital projects. We will also look to cut any non-essential spending. Further, any federal support will have an impact on the bottom line, so information on such support will determine



what decisions we will have to make in the future. All of this information will need to be integrated over the coming weeks to months. It is a little bit too early to make decisions because they're still too many variables, but we are monitoring those variables carefully. And all and any decisions moving forward will be data driven.

Dr Ono committed to being directly involved in these decisions and will of course involve our Board and Senates in any major decisions. In making such decisions he said that he wanted UBC to be guided by these core principles:

- looking after the progress and wellbeing of our faculty, staff and students;
- protecting the academic core mission of the university; and
- being mindful of accessibility and affordability of a UBC education for our students. On top of that, it is essential that all of us practice flexibility and empathy as core central values during these unprecedented times.

Dr Ono noted that this situation represents an enormous amount of unexpected work for the entire university. He said that he was grateful for the support of the Senates and the entire university community during the past several weeks that has allowed us to respond to a fast moving, ever evolving crisis situation.

Senator Morgan asked if we knew what sessional or adjunct instructors may not be returning in September.

The President said that it was too early to make comments on human resources decisions. We will try to retain as many employees as possible. Some of our peers have made decisions to lay off thousands; we haven't done that. Our resources will be impacted significantly depending on what happens with student enrolment for September and our expenses. We will need to figure out how September may work, and if we do re-open, we will have to deal with new regulations for the sake of safety.

Remarks from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor for the Okanagan campus echoed the President's remarks and thanked the campus community. Students progressing and graduating is our most important goal and we have done this.

Dr Buszard said that UBC Okanagan was created in response to resounding calls from the community to establish a great university campus in our region. This bold experiment has been a tremendous success, and our success has only strengthened the community's appetite, particularly for more UBC programming and initiatives, both with the community, and in the community. Over time, the University has responded by establishing many community-based UBC spaces and partnerships, including:

- FCCS' partnership with the Rotary Centre for the Arts
- The Eco Culture Centre at Woodhaven Nature Conservancy Regional Park
- The UBC Innovation Library at the Okanagan Regional Library Kelowna Branch



- Partnership with YMCA of Okanagan, which hosts the *Small Steps for Big Changes* program
- The *Innovation UBC* Hub at the Innovation Centre; and
- The Southern Medical Program's Clinical Academic Campus at Kelowna General Hospital

Dr Buszard went on to note that a plan was initiated in 2017 by the City of Kelowna to increase the size of the Glenmore Landfill, which serves as a regional waste handling facility. This impacted Long-term plans for the landfill, which sits adjacent to UBC Okanagan's West Campus Lands, have it growing significantly over time and continuing to operate into the next century. With the City's plans came a new understanding of the long-term "nuisance impacts" of the expanded landfill on the surrounding areas, including a portion of the West Campus Lands, which have essentially been made unsuitable for future development or academic use. In light of this, the University has been in discussions with the City on a path forward since 2017.

In camera – Land Use Discussion.

Provost's Remarks

The Provost, Dr Ananya Mukherjee-Reed also echoed the President and Deputy Vice-Chancellor's remarks, and further highlighted the role of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor's Task Force on Infection Disease and Pandemic Planning at the Okanagan campus.

Dr Mukherjee-Reed noted that Summer Session would be proceeding online and that the campus was considering support for faculty and students, technical for faculty, and students. She advised that Ms Heather Berringer and Dr Michelle Lamberson are leading this effort.

Academic Policy Committee

The Chair of the Senate Academic Policy Committee, Dr Jan Cioe, presented.

NEW POLICY: J-136 – ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION FOR ALL STUDENTS' RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES AND FOR THE CULTURAL OBSERVANCES OF FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, AND INUIT STUDENTS

Jan Cioe	}	<i>That the Okanagan Senate approve Policy J-136 –</i>
Kristen Morgan		<i>Academic Accommodation for all Students' Religious Observances and for the Cultural Observances of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Students, as set out in the attached.</i>

Dr Cioe noted that key to this proposal was the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations regarding recognition of indigenous student spiritual matters. He noted that



there was a debate around other indigenous peoples from outside Canada; in those cases the expectation is that they would seek an academic concessions.

Senator Rutherford asked for clarification on “sincerely-held” religious beliefs.

Dr Cioe said that under this policy, we would will start from the position that the student is being genuine in asserting specific religious beliefs, but if it appears that the student is shifting beliefs in order to maximize accommodation, we will no longer accept the self-declaration.

Approved

Admission & Awards Committee

The Chair of the Seante Admission & Awards Committee, Ms Tamara Ebl, presented.

NEW AND REVISED REPORT

See Appendix A: Awards Report

Tamara Ebl	}	<i>That Senate accept the new and revised awards as set out in the enclosed proposal and forward to the Board of Governors for approval.</i>
Greg Wetterstrand		

Ms Ebl thanked the Development Office for their work in finding financial support for students in these difficult times.

Approved

Curriculum Committee

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

APRIL CIRRCULUM

See Appendix B: Curriculum Report

Peter Arthur	}	<i>That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for approval the discontinuation of a major, and the new and deleted courses brought forward from the Faculty of Creative and Critical</i>
Jan Cioe		



Studies, and the new and revised courses brought forward from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Approved

Joint Report of the Admission & Awards and Curriculum Committees

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

REVISED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM

Peter Arthur	}	<i>That Senate approve the revised admission and program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program brought forward from the Faculty of Health and Social Development.</i>
Deborha Roberts		

Approved

Report from the Registrar

CHANGE IN SENATE MEETING DATE

The Registrar, Dr Kate Ross, advised that the Senate Agenda Committee had resolved to change the date of the May meeting of Senate from 14 May 2020 to 28 May 2020.

Other Business

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Jannik Eikennar	}	<i>That the agenda be amended to include a motion on appointments to the Senate Committee on Appeals of Standing & Discipline.</i>
Kristen Morgan		

Approved



Student Committee Appointments

Jannik Eikennar
Kristen Morgan

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That Sage Cannon and Gursagar Singh be appointed to the Senate Committee on Appeals of Standing & Discipline until 31 March 2021 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Mr Hogan Kang and Ms Garielle Pintard-Newry.

Approved

Adjournment

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



Appendix A: Awards Report

Proposed Award: **Audain Travel Award**

A \$7,500 award has been made available annually through a gift from the Audain Foundation to either a BFA or MFA student in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference will be given to a student who has demonstrated artistic excellence and academic achievement. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies. (First award available for the 2020/21 Winter Session)

Proposed Award: **Excellence in Operations Research Award**

A \$3,000 award has been made available annually for a graduate student in the Irving K. Barber Faculty of Science at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference will be given to the student with the best report on an Operations Research project. The award will be adjudicated by the Irving K. Barber Faculty of Science in consultation with the College of Graduate Studies. (First award available for the 2020/21 Winter Session)

Proposed Award: **Silvia and Alfonso Vigilante Scholarship in Nursing**

A \$2,000 scholarship has been made available through an endowment established by Silvia and Alfonso Vigilante, along with matching funds from The University of British Columbia, for a second-, third- or fourth-year student in the School of Nursing in the Faculty of Health and Social Development at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. This scholarship is made possible by Silvia, in loving memory of Alfonso Vigilante who immigrated to Canada from Italy, raised a family and very much valued the importance of education and health care. The scholarship will be adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2020/21 Winter Session)

Proposed Award: **Rick and Yasmin Thorpe and Friends Entrance Scholarship**

Two entrance scholarships of \$2,500 each have been made available annually through a gift from Rick and Yasmin Thorpe and friends for first-year undergraduate students at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference will be given to direct-entry high school students graduating from Summerland Secondary School, Princess Margaret School, Penticton Secondary School, or Penticton Christian Community School. The scholarships will be adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2020/21 Winter Session)

Proposed Award: **Rick and Yasmin Thorpe and Friends Transfer Scholarship**

A \$1,250 scholarship has been made available annually through a gift from Rick and Yasmin Thorpe and friends for undergraduate students at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference will be given to a transfer student who graduated from Summerland Secondary School, Princess Margaret School, Penticton Secondary School, or Penticton Christian Community School. The scholarship will be adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2020/21 Winter Session)

Proposed Award: **UBC Okanagan Scholarship**

Scholarships totalling \$1,200 have been made available through an endowment established by alumni, friends, and the community for undergraduate students at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The scholarships will be adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2020/21 Winter Session)

Revisions:

**Previously approved award with changes in terms or funding source:**

Existing description (2019):

Award Title: Jessie Ravensborg Memorial Award in English

A \$1,200 2,400 award has been made available through an endowment established by Heather Lucier, family and friends, along with matching funds from The University of British Columbia, for is offered by family and friends in memory of Jessie Ravensborg to an undergraduate student pursuing a major, combined major, and or honours degree in English at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference is given to a student who has demonstrated assessed financial need and classroom leadership. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty.

Amended Description: Jessie Ravensborg Memorial Award in English

A \$2,400 award has been made available through an endowment established by Heather Lucier, family and friends, along with matching funds from The University of British Columbia, for an undergraduate student pursuing a major, combined major, and or honours degree in English at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference is given to a student who has demonstrated assessed financial need and classroom leadership. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty.

Rationale: Funds raised to date exceeds \$30,000 and the family has decided to endow this award

Existing Award – To be discontinued**Award Title: International Student Faculty Award (Okanagan)**

Awards of up to \$10,000 each are offered to continuing international undergraduate students at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Students selected for these awards must have completed 30 credits towards their bachelor degree or be entering the third year of their program. Students must demonstrate strong academic achievement and engagement in their faculty, as well as the potential to make a scholarly contribution within their chosen field of study. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of.

NEW AWARDS**a) Award Title: The Faculty of Science International Student Award**

Awards of up to \$10,000 each are offered to continuing international undergraduate students in the Faculty of Science at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. International students selected for these awards must have completed 30 credits towards their bachelor degree or be entering the second year of their program. Students must demonstrate strong academic achievement and engagement in their faculty, as well as the potential to make a scholarly contribution within their chosen field of study. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Science.

b) Award Title: The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences International Student Award

Awards of up to \$10,000 each are offered to continuing international undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. International students selected for these awards must have completed 30 credits towards their bachelor degree or be entering the second year of their program. Students must demonstrate strong academic achievement and engagement in their faculty, as well as the potential to make a



scholarly contribution within their chosen field of study. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

c) Award Title: The Faculty of Management International Student Award

Awards of up to \$10,000 each are offered to continuing international undergraduate students in the Faculty of Management at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus.

International students selected for these awards must have completed 30 credits towards their bachelor degree or be entering the second year of their program. Students must demonstrate strong academic achievement and engagement in their faculty, as well as the potential to make a scholarly contribution within their chosen field of study. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Management.

d) Award Title: The Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies International Student Award

Awards of up to \$10,000 each are offered to continuing international undergraduate students in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. International students selected for these awards must have completed 30 credits towards their bachelor degree or be entering the second year of their program. Students must demonstrate strong academic achievement and engagement in their faculty, as well as the potential to make a scholarly contribution within their chosen field of study. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies.

e) Award Title: The Faculty of Health and Social Development International Student Award

Awards of up to \$10,000 each are offered to continuing international undergraduate students in the Faculty of Health and Social Development at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. International students selected for these awards must have completed 30 credits towards their bachelor degree or be entering the second year of their program. Students must demonstrate strong academic achievement and engagement in their faculty, as well as the potential to make a scholarly contribution within their chosen field of study. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Health and Social Development.

ISI Award Amendments: These awards were initially created in 2012. The ISI would like to discontinue the original awards and create 5 new awards that include the title of the Faculty or School through which the award is offered. This will allow for award tracking at a Faculty or School level, and will align our business processes with those of the ISI in Vancouver. Please note that a new award was created for the School of Engineering (as described below) in 2016.

Dr. Spiro Yannacopoulos International Engineering Student Memorial Award

Awards of up to \$10,000 each are offered to continuing international undergraduate students in the School of Engineering in the Faculty of Applied Science at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. This award is offered in the memory of Dr. Spiro Yannacopoulos and his 10 years of service to the School on Engineering on UBC's Okanagan campus.

International students selected for these awards must have completed 30 credits towards their bachelor degree or be entering the second year of their program. Students must demonstrate strong academic achievement and engagement in their faculty, as well as the potential to make a scholarly contribution within their chosen field of study. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the School of Engineering within the Faculty of Applied Science.



New Awards

Award Title: Go Global Pathfinder Award

Awards of up to \$5,000 each have been made available annually for domestic undergraduate or graduate students as well as international graduate students from any faculty who face barriers to participating in Go Global programming. Students who receive the Go Global Pathfinder Award will not be eligible to receive other Go Global awards toward the same exchange opportunity.

The awards are made on the recommendation of Go Global. (First award available for the 2020/2021 winter session).

Award Title: Go Global Pathfinder International Student Award

Awards of up to \$5,000 each have been made available annually for international undergraduate students from any faculty who face barriers to participating in Go Global programming. Students who receive the Go Global Pathfinder Award will not be eligible to receive other Go Global awards toward the same exchange opportunity. The awards are made on the recommendation of Go Global in consultation with the International Student Initiative. (First award available for the 2020/2021 winter session).

Rationale for Proposed Changes

Go Global will be establishing two Pathfinder awards, one for domestic students and one for international students.



Appendix B: Curriculum Report

FACULTY OF CREATIVE AND CRITICAL STUDIES

- i. Major in Spanish
- ii. ARTH 110 (3) Visual Cultures of the Tarot
- iii. ARTH 411, DIHU 411 (3) Digital Media for Interpretive Centres
- iv. ARTH 420 (3) Curating Contemporary Art
- v. ARTH 451 (3) Politics and Exhibition and Representation
- vi. JPST 365 (3) Gender and Japanese Language
- vii. JPST 370 (3) Japanese Food Culture

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

- viii. ANTH 345 (3) Living in the Anthropocene
- ix. COSC 304 (3) Introduction to Databases
- x. COSC 329 (3) Learning Analytics
- xi. ECON 310 (3) Writing Economics for the Media