



## OKANAGAN SENATE

### MINUTES OF 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

**Present:** Dr M. Piper, Dr K. Ross (Secretary), Mr B. Ali, Ms L. Allan, Dr P. Arthur, Dr L. Berg, Ms H. Berringer, Dean *Pro Tem*. G. Binested, Mr D. Bual, Dr R. Campbell, Dr J. Castricano, Ms C. Comben, Dr J. Corbett, Dean *Pro Tem*. R. Eggleston, Ms E. Gallaccio, Dean M. Grant, Dr J. Johnson, Dr D. Keyes, Dr C. Labun, Dr R. Lalonde, Dr R. Lawrence, Dr S. Lawrence, Dr M. Legault, Ms N. Legg, Dr Y. Lucet, Dr V. Magnat, Ms L. Marshall, Dr C. Mathieson, Dr S. McNeil, Ms L. Oleksewich, Mr D. Oyelese, Dr R. Sadiq, Ms S. Sneg, Dean R. Sudgen, Dean W. Tettey, Ms J. Vinek, Dr D. Walker, Dr P. Wylie, Mr T. Zhang

**Regrets:** Mr I. Cull, Dr M. Evans, Ms A. Fleming, Dr D. Koslowsky, Mr J. McEwan, Dean M. Parlange, Dr J. Stites Mor, Dr G. Wetterstrand, Dr P. Wylie.

**Via Videoconference:** Chancellor L. Gordon.

**Recording Secretary:** Mr C. Eaton

#### Call to Order

The Chair of Senate, Dr Martha Cook Piper, called the first regular meeting of the Okanagan Senate for the 2015-2016 academic year to order at 3:36 pm.

#### Amendment to Agenda

Dr Piper advised that the Provost had requested that the proposal to disestablish the Okanagan Sustainability Institute be postponed to the next meeting of Senate as some background material had not been distributed as intended.

*By general consent, the agenda was amended to strike the report from the Senate Admissions Committee on disestablishing the Okanagan Sustainability Institute.*

#### Senate Membership

Professor Buszard introduced Dr Piper to Senate.

Dr Piper announced the following changes to membership of Senate:

- Dr Philip Barker to fill a vacancy, Vice-Principal Research
- Dean *Pro Tem*. Robert Eggleston to replace Dean Wisdom Tettey, Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies



years it was extremely young, and to have our peers while at such a young age was an incredibly accomplishment.

In summation, the President opined that UBC was poised and at a critical point. She suggested that our first 100 years have been remarkable; our next 100 must be even more exceptional.

Senator Johnson asked when the vacancies announced under Senate Membership would be filled.

The Associate Registrar, Mr Eaton, advised that any needed bi-elections would be called shortly, although the *University Act* did set out rather lengthy timelines for that process. He further invited Senator Johnson to view the electoral register next time he was in Vancouver.

### **Remarks from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor**

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor welcomed Philip Barker as Vice-Provost, Research, and Rob Einarson as Associate Vice-President Finance & Operations to the Okanagan. She advised that the latter would be presented to Senate on financial matters later this year. She further thanked Gordon Binsted and Curtis Morcom for their acting roles.

Professor Buszard advised Senate that the faculties of Creative & Critical Studies and the I K Barber School of Arts and Sciences (the Faculty of Arts & Sciences) were in a conversation regarding possible academic reconfigurations between their two faculties.

Professor Buszard noted that on Monday there would be a ceremonial resigning of the Memorandum of Understanding between UBC and the Okanagan nation, in commemoration of the 10 year anniversary of the Okanagan campus and the signing of the original MOU in 2005. She expressed the strong support for the University expressed at a Council meeting of the Okanagan Nation chiefs where the uniqueness of this MOU was specifically noted.

Finally, The Deputy Vice-Chancellor reminded Senators that the Board of Governors would be on campus for their annual Okanagan meeting on the following Tuesday.

### **Candidates for Degrees**

Miriam Grant  
Robert Lalonde

} *That the candidates for degrees, as recommended by the faculties and the College of Graduate Studies, be granted the degrees for which they were recommended, effective September 2015, and that a committee composed of the Registrar, the appropriate Dean(s) or their appointed designates, and the Chair of the Okanagan Senate, be empowered to make any necessary adjustments. (2/3 majority required)*

**Approved**

### **Admission & Awards Committee**

The Chair of the Senate Admission & Awards Committee Dr Legault, presented.

#### **BACHELOR OF HUMAN KINETICS ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Marianne Legault                    }  
Catherine Comben                    }     *That Senate approve the admissions proposal for  
Bachelor of Human Kinetics for entry to the 2016  
Winter Session and thereafter.*

**Approved**

#### **NEW AWARDS**

*See Appendix A: Awards Report*

Marianne Legault                    }  
Wisdom Tettey                        }     *That Senate accept the new 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**

### **Nominating Committee**

The Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee, Dr Daniel Keyes, presented.

#### **COMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS**

Daniel Keyes                         }  
Rehan Sadiq                         }     *That Ms Jeanette Vinek be appointed to the Senate  
Academic Policy Committee to replace Dr Spiro  
Yannacopoulos;*

*That Mr Baber Ali be appointed to the Budget  
Committee of the Council of Senates (Academic  
Building & Resources Committee of the Okanagan  
Senate) to replace Ms Alliance Babunga;*

*That Mr Terry Zhang be appointed to the Agenda Committee to replace Ms Lauren Marshall; and*

*That Ms Lauren Marshall be appointed to the Learning & Research Committee to replace Mr Babar Ali*

**Approved**

#### **PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Daniel Keyes  
Marianne Legault

} *That, pursuant to Section 27 (2) (f) of the University Act, Senate approve the procedures for the recommendation and selection of candidates for the President of the University as set out in the attached document.*

Senator Keyes advised that the proposal to be considered was approved by both nominating committees earlier in the month.

Chancellor Gordon highlighted 2 material changes to the committee – balance has been restored between Senate and Board representatives, and the search committee now has control over its own search consultant.

The Chancellor advised that he agreed with the committees' proposal to develop a more institutionalized policy around presidential searches.

Dean Tetley asked why the Board representation was external.

The Chancellor replied that it was because internal governors generally had other opportunities for representation.

**Approved**

#### **Report from the President**

##### **2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OMBUDSPERSON FOR STUDENTS**

Ms Shirley Nakata, Ombudsperson for Students, and Maria Mazotta, Ombuds Officer, presented.

Ms Nakata advised that the two key focus areas of the office were fairness, and effective conflict engagement. As outlined in her written report, caseload has been increasing for both offices,

with over 100 files last year at the Okanagan campus. She advised that the bulk of the office's business was academic in nature with the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest category being interpersonal issues.

Ms Mazotta further noted that 85 cases had already been filed with the office this year, which indicates the caseload will be higher yet again in 2015. She noted that the Okanagan had seen a significant decrease in the proportion of graduate students, from 37% to 16%, but still higher than the 8.3% of the student body that is graduate students. In contrast, she advised that Vancouver has had a steady 40% graduate study client base over the past 6 years.

Ms Nakata then went over the key recommendations in her report:

- Load up on front end
- Provide decision makers with maps of resources
- Create templates
- Establish basic fairness best practices.

Senator Sneg asked if we knew what was considered a mental health concern in our statistics.

Ms Mazotta replied that we did not have a formal statistic as she was not a clinician and could not diagnose people with having mental health issues.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Report from the Provost**

#### **CURRICULUM REFORM IN THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

The Provost advised that last year, Susan Crichton presented and had a conversation with Senate about plans for curriculum in the faculty. She asked Gordon Binsted to speak to more recent developments.

Senator Binsted noted that the Faculty of Education had consulted widely and reviewed curricular structures around BC and Canada. As a result of that process, the Faculty has determined that a post-baccalaureate Bachelor of Education program is considered the most competitive and the best to integrate with our current structure. Further, the student and market demands were considered, as was a program size and structure that could be supported by those markets. He noted that the existing programs were above the provincial norm of 60 credits and a decision was made to restructure to that norm. The newly-imagined program is being developed to be 5 semesters/16 months in length and to work well with district hiring. Dr Binsted advised that this structure has approval in principal from the Faculty, and a framework will go to Senate Curriculum in the next month; if that framework is acceptable, the faculty will work on the details for January.

### **Other Business**

Senator Keyes asked the Provost for a status report on reviews of academic units.

The Provost replied that she was reviewing this matter and hoped to report later this fall.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm.

## **Appendix A: Awards Report**

### *New Awards:*

#### **Malcolm Metcalfe Graduate Scholarship in Engineering**

A \$1,000 scholarship has been endowed by Malcolm Metcalfe to support a graduate student at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in the graduate degree program in engineering (electrical specialization), with a focus on electric power systems, who has demonstrated academic and research excellence. The award is made on the recommendation of the College of Graduate Studies in consultation with the School of Engineering. (First award available for the 2015 Winter Session)

#### **Kelowna Jaycees – JCI (Junior Chamber International) Scholarship in Management**

A \$1,000 scholarship is offered by Kelowna Jaycees to a second-year student in the Bachelor of Management Program in the Faculty of Management at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference will be given to the student with the highest sessional grade point average in first year. (First award available for the 2015 Winter Session)

#### **K. Joe Steele Bursary in Engineering**

A \$2,000 bursary is offered by Joe Steele to a student in the School of Engineering in the Faculty of Applied Science at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference is given to the student with the greatest financial need. (First award available in the 2015 Winter Session)

#### **Canadian Western Bank Scholarship in Management**

Two scholarships of \$1,250 each are offered by Canadian Western Bank to fourth-year students in the Bachelor of Management program in the Faculty of Management at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The scholarships will be awarded to the students with the highest sessional grade point average from third year and who have demonstrated an interest in finance by enrolling in at least two upper-level management finance courses in their fourth year. (First award available in the 2015 Winter Session)

#### **Louise Goldsmith Orava Memorial Award in Nursing**

An \$8,000 award (payable at \$2,000 per year) is offered by Dr. R. Norman Orava, in memory of Louise Goldsmith Orava and in recognition of her career as a registered nurse. The award is available to a first-year student in the School of Nursing in the Faculty of Health and Social Development at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference is given to the student with high academic achievement who also demonstrates assessed financial need. Subject to maintaining continued academic standing, recipients will have their award renewed for a further three years of study. (First award available in the 2015 Winter Session)

#### **UBC Okanagan Extracurricular Leadership Awards**

One or more award[s], which may range from \$500 each to the maximum allowable under athletic association regulations, are offered to one or more outstanding students at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus, in any year of study, with preference being given to those who have demonstrated excellent leadership skills in the past academic year in student government, service, sport, or the arts. Adhering to athletic association regulations, awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics & Recreation Department to outstanding students who have demonstrated leadership skills and maintained good academic standing. (First awards available for the 2015 Winter Session).