



OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 23 NOVEMBER 2017

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Attendance

Present: Prof. D. Buszard (Vice-Chair) Dr K. Ross (Secretary), Mr A. Aghshahi, Dr S. Alam, Dr P. Arthur, Ms H. Berringer, Dr R. Campbell, Dr D. Cartern, Dr J. Cioe, Ms C. Comben, Dr K. DesRoches, Ms T. Ebl, Dr J. Eikenaar, Dean M. Grant, Dr J. Gustar, Ms G. Hardy-Legault, Ms M. Harper, Dr M. Hoorfar, Dr J. Hossain, Dr R. Lawrence, Dr M. Legault, Dr Y. Lucet, Dr C. Mathieson, Ms K. Morgan, Dr S. O’Leary, Dr F. Pena, Dr D. Roberts, Dean R. Sugden, Acting Dean E. Taylor, Dean W. Tettey, Ms H. Tjioe, Ms J. Tom, Dean B. Traister, Dr G. Wetterstrand, Dr P. Wylie.

Regrets: Dr P. Barker, Mr M. Campbell, Dr J. Corbett, Mr I. Cull, Dean *Pro Tem.* B. Frank, Chancellor L. Gordon, Dr J. Jakobi, Dr J. Johnson, Mr D. Kandie, Dr R. Lalonde, Mr K. Lee, Ms E. Lewis, Ms K. Lu, Dr J. Loepky, Ms M. Ly, Ms B. MacKenzie-Dale, Dr B. Marcolin, Mr S. McNeil, Dean *Pro Tem.* J. Olson, Dr S. Ono, Dr M. Reekie.

Clerk: Mr C. Eaton, Dr K. Ross.

Call to Order

The Vice-Chair of Senate, Professor Deborah Buszard called the third regular meeting of the Okanagan Senate for the 2017-2018 Academic Year to order at 3:34 pm

By general consent the agenda was amended to move ahead the presentation by the Dean of Medicine to directly follow the remarks by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

Minutes of 26 October 2017

Peter Wylie } *That the Minutes of the Meeting of 28 September*
Jan Cioe } *2017 be adopted as corrected.*

Corrections: Typographical errors on pages 3 and 5; Senator Ebl was correctly noted as having been present for the September meeting.

Dr Mathieson’s remarks regarding Canvas should have reflected instructor permission.



Approved

Business Arising from the Minutes

BACHELOR OF ARTS REVIEW

Associate Dean Marianne Legault presented on the recent external review of the Bachelor of Arts program that had been requested by the Provost. She summarized it briefly, noting that the key recommendation from that review was that the BA needed to be modernized. In consideration of that recommendation, the Provost requested that the faculties of Arts & Sciences and Creative & Critical Studies examine how to bring the degree into the 21st century. To that end, a steering committee co-chaired by herself and Dr Bernard Momer has been coordinating a proposal for a revised BA to be brought before the faculties of Arts & Sciences and Creative & Critical Studies by fall of 2019.

Dr Legault advised that this steering committee had completed an environmental scan and has consulted with UBC Vancouver's Faculty of Arts who are going through a similar exercise. We are working to develop learning outcomes and a degree framework. The committee hoped to submit a final report of what a new degree could look like by July 2018. We will be consulting further this year, and then having campus-wide and community stakeholder conversations next spring and fall. We hope to start to propose curricular changes starting in August 2018. If we design a new BA we need to publicize it properly and thus we hope to have a media release in January 2019 for a unique a modern BA.

Senator McNeil noted the timeline, and suggested that our best students were applying now as the deadline is December 1st. January would be a month late for those students.

Dr Legault said she appreciated this but they could not hurry the process.

Senator Cioe asked which committees these proposals would be sent to for Senate approval.

The Acting Secretary, Mr Christopher Eaton, replied the Curriculum Committee, and possibly the Academic Policy Committee and the Admissions & Awards Committee if any general academic requirements or admissions requirements were proposed to be adjusted to coordinate with the new curriculum.

Dr Cioe suggested that consultation could be done more expediently at the senate committees if a more robust consultative process was undertaken by the proponents.

Dr Mathieson said that all of the deans stated that the Arts program and courses were significant to UBC Okanagan and they would like to see broad support for any changes.



Dean Tettey said that they wanted to ensure that the views of the other faculties inform the Bachelor of Arts review.

Remarks from the President

The Vice-Chair noted that a link to the President's video remarks would be circulated to all senators following the meeting and entered into the minutes of Senate as a report.

UNITED STATES UNCERTAINTY

Recently Dr Ono returned from a meeting of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities in the United States. They are in the midst of dealing with uncertainty around both immigration and tax reform. It is clear that universities are a target of tax reforms with one administrator stating that "universities have a target on their back" with both endowments, faculty, and tuition waivers being subject to more taxation. US immigration reform is a challenge to US institutions as there is a Republican-led push to reduce the number of J-visas and permanent residency "Green-cards" along with reducing or even removing the "exceptional ability" provisions in US immigration law. With the Canada 150 chairs program and others, Canadian institutions are in a position to benefit from this uncertainty and there is a considerable interest from top talent both amongst graduate students, and faculty and staff, towards Canada.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE.

We have now established working groups that are working intensively and we will update you as their work progresses.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Dr Ono advised that over the summer there were some challenging events at some American universities where the lines between the principle of freedom of expression vs concerns around hate speech were blurred in a harmful way. A number of faculty members reached out to his office and suggested a dialogue or conversation on Stephen Toope's statement on Freedom of Expression from 2009. Further, there were also a number of flyers distributed across the Vancouver campus and there was a dialogue on if this was offensive or appropriate.

At the encouragement of faculty, Dr Ono advised that he has turned to Neil Guppy, Senior Advisor to the Provosts and Professor of Sociology on Vancouver campus, and convened a group to review that statement. Many of you will be familiar with the University of Chicago's Statement that focused with intensity on academic freedom as one approach a university may take. As a Chicago alumnus, Dr Ono noted that he had been asked why UBC would not use Chicago's statement: simply put, we are not UC, we are UBC. Dr Ono opined that he felt it was important that we have a statement that works in UBC's contexts. At the core, this has to do with both academic freedom and freedom of expression, and both of these are integral to any institution.



Dr Ono suggested that UBC needed to decide on a path forward and that he hoped that those members of the group who developed the most recent draft will continue to be engaged and consider input and revisions to develop a final document that will best serve our institution.

Remarks from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Professor Buszard reminded the Senate that there will be another round of consultation on November 30th for the strategic plan. There will be an event for faculty with the president followed by an open house/town hall to welcome input from the campus.

Faculty of Medicine

Dr Buszard welcomed Dean Dermot Kelleher to Senate. She noted the operations of the Faculty of Medicine on the Okanagan campus and the growth in its linkages with the Okanagan and in particular the Faculty of Health & Social Development.

Dean Kelleher framed his presentation with what his Faculty viewed as their contract with society, and emphasized that the Faculty's people were a platform for excellence.

Dean Kelleher described the organization of the Faculty, including:

- 4 academic campuses
- Partnerships with health authorities
- 11 clinical campuses
- 17 affiliated regional centers
- 65 community educational faculties.
- Six institutes and 15 centers.

In consideration of the Faculty's priorities, the dean outlined the following:

- Transformational priorities: Excellence and Equity with Engagement and Effectiveness
- Education: Goal: teaching development and mentoring of practitioners and scientists who can work together effectively in an evolving system.
- Creation of Office of Education Innovation.
- Research Goal: Knowledge creation, translation and exchange to gain insight and promote improved outcomes for patient and public health.

Dean Kelleher described the following research priorities of the Faculty:

- Cancer
- Brain and mental health, Heart and lung health,



- Population health, and chronic disease.

Overarching themes are life science, life course and aging, and prevention and complex disease management.

Of particular relevance to the southern interior, Dean Kelleher highlighted the Reichwald Family UBC Southern Medical Program Chair in Preventative Medicine. Endowed by the Reichwald family, the chair will focus on an academic research program that advances our understanding of chronic diseases and establishes new community-based prevention programs.

With relation to UBC's Okanagan campus, although the Faculty of Medicine was a Vancouver entity, Dean Kelleher stated that there is a real potential for collaboration and alignment between Medicine and the faculties of Health and Social Development and Applied Science.

The Dean then described the faculty's complex organization and partnerships. In terms of partnerships, Medicine is probably the most complex faculty in the world and has the largest number of clinical faculty with nearly 7000. The Faculty is also actively engaged with indigenous communities; a formal advisory council will be established, and the Faculty has set up a working group to explore and develop a faculty response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's call to action. An example of an early success the dean highlighted was the First Nations Health Authority/UBC Cancer Chair.

Finally, Dean Kelleher noted the importance of effective communication to the public on the faculty, its activities, and to that end, the establishment of PATHWAYS magazine.

Senator Cioe thanked the Dean for his presentation and noted the linkages between Medicine and Arts & Sciences, such as the work of Henry Miller. There is an issue with involvement; the Clinical Psychology program is about to be accredited and there was a conversation regarding the involvement of Psychiatry. At that time, we were asked to wait until there were Psychiatry residents in the Okanagan.

Dean Kelleher said that this concern was well founded and that he would look into the matter.

Dr Buszard expressed that she was excited by the possible linkages between health and many other fields at the Okanagan campus.

Update on Freedom of Expression Statement

Dr Buszard noted that a group led by Dr Neil Guppy has been considering a draft statement on freedom of expression and this is being presented broadly to both Senates and the UBC community for their thoughts and feedback. There is also an opportunity to provide feedback now at Senate or directly to Dr Guppy's group online.



Senator Cioe said that this was an important issue and the difficulty is finding the balance. There have been times when universities have capitulated when they shouldn't have. He stated that yes, there is hate speech but he re-iterated that we shouldn't go too far to have a definition that people being offended for any reason is contrary to policy.

Senator S. Lawrence drew a distinction between academic discussion and polemics.

Dr Buszard opined that if we became a place where difficult topics cannot be discussed than we will have lost our purpose in society.

Senator McNeil noted that we had policies that governed speech of members of our community but we don't have these things for guests that we invite to our campuses. Very often these issues don't come from members of our community but from people invited to our forums. He suggested that the University should apply our own standards to those invited.

Senator Cioe said that respectful environments were culturally determined; noting that he didn't want to be stifled and asked who gives people the right to curtail the rights of others. He suggested that emotional rhetoric was an effective teaching tool. Hate speech was a clear line, but everything up to that edge should be allowed because this is what students will experience in the real world.

Dean Traister said that it can be confusing for visitors who are participating in campus as to what the expectations are for a reasonable academic debate. It is also difficult for students to understand the differences. He suggested that we make these expectations clearer.

Candidates for Degrees

Miriam Grant
Deborah Roberts

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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 November 2017, and that a committee comprised of the Registrar, the relevant dean(s), and the Chair of Senate be empowered to make any necessary adjustments

Approved

ADMISSION & AWARDS COMMITTEE

See Appendix A: Awards Report

REVISED AWARDS



Marianne Legault
Catherine Comben

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

By general consent, the word “identify” was amended to “identified” in the second award, all instances of the University’s formal name were changed to capitalize the “The” in “The University of British Columbia,” and the John Paul Boutin Electrical Engineering Bursary was clarified to note that it was available to a student in 3rd and a student in 4th year.

Approved as Amended

Nominating Committee

POLICY 22

Dr Eikenaar advised that the Nominating Committee has considered the referral made at the previous meeting regarding Policy 22 and its applicability for those acting in the roles of or exercising some or all of the powers conferred upon heads of academic units for those faculties without academic units.

The Committee agrees that collegial processes should be used as much as possible in the selection of academic administrators, and is also aware of the variances across both faculties and positions with regards to responsibilities, terms, and other aspects of appointments. Because of that variability, the Committee does not find that a full extension of Policy 22 to all such positions is possible; however, the Committee does agree that abiding by its principles for all such appointments is preferable. Therefore, the Senate Nominating Committee makes the following recommendation to the Vice-President Academic and Research in her capacity as the responsible executive for policy 22 for faculties of the Okanagan campus:

That the Senate Nominating Committee recommend that the procedures as set out in Policy 22 be applied, in so much as is reasonable in each circumstance, for the appointment of all academic administrators in non-departmentalized faculties who exercise some or all of the powers or responsibilities normally assigned to heads in departmentalized faculties under policies, regulations, or other obligations of the University.

Dr Buszard noted that she accepted the Committee’s recommendation.



Report from the Provost

REVIEWS OF ACADEMIC UNITS FOR 2016-2017

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY, FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCES

FACULTY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT

The Provost, Dr Cynthia Mathieson, presented summaries of the reviews of academic units completed over the past year, and noted that the full reports were filed with the Secretary and available to Senators for review.

In response to a question from Senator Wylie, Dr Mathieson confirmed that the recommendations would be posted online. She apologized for the delay, noting that the office's website was under revision.

Dean Tetley noted the inconsistency in format of the reports.

IN CAMERA – Learning and Research Committee

The Senate resolved in camera to consider candidates for honorary degrees.

Adjournment

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.



Appendix A: Awards Report

Revised Award:

(Previously-approved awards with changes in terms or funding source):

Proposed Award Title: IODE Silver Star Achievement Award

Amended Description:

To commemorate its services and achievements for over 50 years, awards totalling \$1,300 have been endowed by IODE Silver Star for second, third or fourth year students at The University of British Columbia Okanagan. Preference is given to students who have demonstrated academic achievement as well as assessed financial need.

Rationale: University wishes to ease administrative burden.

Proposed Award Title: Sharron Simpson Family Community Impact Awards

The Sharron Simpson Family Community Impact Awards

A gift of \$50,000 from UBC alumna and donor Sharron Simpson to UBC's Okanagan campus will create the Sharron Simpson Family Community Impact Awards program. \$12,500 will be available in each of four years to support awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500. The donor wishes the awards to encourage and enhance real world learning experiences, contribute to a sense of enjoyment and fun in the pursuit of education, and give students an opportunity to make an impact to both the campus and external community.

Goals of the Sharron Simpson Family Community Impact Awards:

- Provide funding to support student led initiatives that link to community service learning;
- Promote student leadership;
- Enhance curricular and extracurricular learning;
- Allow students to pursue a passion

Adjudication

The Sharron Simpson Family Community Impact Awards will be modeled after the UBC Okanagan Tuum Est Student Initiative Fund and adjudicated by the Student Experience Office. The Awards program will have its own visual identity and be housed on the Student Experience website. Students will apply online and be asked to provide information about the initiative, how it meets the criteria for the award, timelines, who their mentors/collaborators are and a budget. Unlike Tuum Est, funding will not be issued on a reimbursement of receipts. Award funding will be advanced upon approval of applications. Applications will be adjudicated a minimum of twice a year. Students will be asked to report back on their experience and this information will be shared with the donor.

Note



International travel and research opportunities will be eligible for consideration by the Sharron Simpson Family Community Impact Awards application process. Requests to attend conferences will not be considered.

Rationale: The donor wishes to clarify what is eligible for consideration.

Proposed Award Title: John Paul Boutin Electrical Engineering Bursary

Amended Description:

Two bursaries of \$1,100 each has been endowed by John Paul Boutin to support a third- and a fourth-year student in the Electrical Engineering Program 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 in each year of study.

Rationale: Donor wishes to expand support to third- and fourth-year students.