



OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 26 APRIL 2018

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Attendance

Present: Prof. D. Buszsard (Vice-Chair), Dr S. Alam, Mr U. Anyaoha, Dr P. Arthur, Dr P. Barker, Dean G. Binstead, Mr M. Campbell, Dr R. Campbell, Dr D. Carter, Mr Y. Chen, Mr S. Chong, Dr J. Cioe, Ms C. Comben, Dr J. Corbett, Ms T. Ebl, Dr J. Eikenaar, Dean B. Frank, Ms L. Fraser, Dean M. Grant, Dr J. Gustar, Ms M. Harper, Dr M. Hoorfar, Dr J. Hossain, Dr J. Jakobi, Dr R. Lalonde, Dr R. Lawrence, Dr S. Lawrence, Dr M. Legault, Dr Y. Lucet, Ms B. MacBean, Dr B. Marcolin, Dr C. Mathieson, Dr S. O'Leary, Mr F. Pena, Dr M. Reekie, Dr D. Roberts, Ms R. Snider, Mr J. Traplin, Dr G. Wetterstrand, Dr P. Wylie.

Regrets: Ms H. Berringer, Mr I. Cull, Chancellor L. Gordon, Ms M. Harper, Dr J. Johnson, Mr J. Loepky, Mr S. McNeil, Ms K. Morgan, Mr J. Naqvi, Dean J. Olson, Dr R. Sadiq, Dean R. Sugden, Mr V. Tamandong, Dean W. Tettey, Dean B. Traister.

Clerk: Mr C. Eaton

Call to Order

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

Senate Membership

The Acting Registrar, Mr Alfred Vogt, announced that the following students had been elected to Senate for terms from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 and thereafter until replaced:

Mr. Venedict Tamondong, Representative of the Students of the Faculty of Applied Science

Mr. Shao Yuan Chong, Representative of the Students of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Ms. Rachele Snider, Representative of the Students of the Faculty of Health and Social Development

Ms. Yueting Chen, Representative of the Students of the Faculty of Management

Mr. Uchenna Anyaoha, Graduate Student Representative

Ms. Megan Harper, Graduate Student Representative (continuing)

Ms. Lois Fraser, Representative of the Students At-large

Mr. Calvin Jacob, Representative of the Students At-large

Ms. Brittney MacBean, Representative of the Students At-large

Ms. Kristen Morgan, Representative of the Students At-large (Continuing)

Mr. Jassim Naqvi, Representative of the Students At-large

Mr. Jackson Traplin, Representative of the Students At-large



Mr Vogt also advised that there was a vacancy for two (2) students on the Senate Nominating Committee.

Minutes of 29 March 2018

Jan Cioe } *That the Minutes of the Meeting of 29 March 2018*
Peter Arthur } *be adopted as presented.*

Approved

Business Arising

The Acting Secretary, Mr Eaton, advised that Senator Ebl’s request for undergraduate student outcomes was noted at the last meeting and would be available at an upcoming meeting of Senate.

Strategic Plan

Cynthia Mathieson } *That Senate ratify the amendments to the Strategic*
Jan Cioe } *Plan.*

Approved

Remarks from the President

In his absence, the following remarks were received from the President via pre-recorded video:

Dr Ono advised Senate that the Strategic Plan has now been endorsed by the Board of Governors and the administration was beginning to work towards its implementation. He thanked Senators for their input into the plan.

The President noted his thanks to the Honourable Ross Fitzpatrick and Linda Fitzpatrick for their recent donation of \$1.25 Million to the Okanagan campus. Due to their gift, the new Teaching and Learning Centre will feature an expansive ground floor hall with flexible multi-use space, to be named the D Ross Fitzpatrick Great Hall.



On 9 April 2018 UBC officially opened the Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre at the Vancouver campus and Dr Ono noted that he delivered an apology on behalf of UBC for the university’s role in the residential school system. Dr Ono expressed his hope that this centre would be an importance place to undertake the work of rethinking our actions and relations with indigenous peoples. He also noted the appointment of Professor Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond has Professor of Law and the director of the centre.

Remarks from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Dr Buszard announced the recent long-service awards for the Okanagan campus; including Rose Gresswell with 40 years of combined service to UBC’s Okanagan campus, Okanagan University-College, and Okanagan College. Other honorees included Paramjit Gill, Marvin Krank, Robert Lalonde, Robert Campbell, Martin Blum, Christopher Gordon, Dixon Skooraj, Diane Stoliker, Bonny Taylor, Blythe Nilson and Michael Gesi.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor noted that at its last meeting the Board approved tendering for two new buildings on campus Skeena (a traditional residence) and Nechako (a residence plus student service building).

Senator Cioe asked if there were any discussions at the Board regarding research and teaching space at the Board for the Okanagan campus.

Dr Buszard said that they were planning a presentation at the next board at future opportunities for building at the Okanagan campus.

Academic Policy Committee

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

FACULTIES OF EDUCATION MERGER

Jan Cioe
Peter Arthur

} *That the Senates approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the following, to be effective July 1, 2018:*

That the Faculty of Education on the Okanagan Campus merge with the Faculty of Education on the Vancouver Campus to become one cross-campus Faculty of Education;

That the University establish an Okanagan Division and a Vancouver Division within the expanded Faculty of Education;



That pursuant to Section 3.1 of the University Act, the Board of Governors specify that the Okanagan Senate has responsibility for the Okanagan Division of the Faculty of Education;
That the University establish a School within the Okanagan Division of the Faculty of Education named the “Okanagan School of Education” and that all courses, programs, and faculty previously assigned to the Okanagan Faculty of Education be assigned to the newly established School; and,
That all remaining units, faculty, courses and programs previously assigned to the Vancouver Faculty of Education be assigned to the Vancouver Division of the UBC Faculty of Education.

Senator Jakobi asked why a school was being established rather than just having it remain a division.

Dean Blye Frank spoke. He noted that the Faculty of Education was asked to think about and explore options. Several different options were considered, and the faculty preferred to be a merged Faculty of Education with an Okanagan school. Dean Frank noted that Schools have more autonomy than a department or divisions under UBC’s structure.

Senator Janiki asked how the budget would work.

Dean Frank said that there was a “firewall” between the campus budgets and that would not change under the present circumstances. The Okanagan School will manage its budget and Vancouver will do likewise. There will be budget requests and transfers from time to time.

Senator Lalonde spoke against the motion. He suggested that this would be a major change that would set a precedent. This would be the first time that this Senate voted to disestablish an existing faculty. He noted that a motivation cited in the proposal was a budget deficit, but he saw nothing in the document that directly addressed that issue. The benefits cited seemed largely generic and did not need a single academic entity to occur. Finally, there would be divided governance between Vancouver and Okanagan. Although they are defined in practice there will be grey areas and issues may fall between cracks or be sources of tension.

Dean Frank said that this was not driven by a structural deficit and the faculty does not have one presently. The proposal came from a desire for capacity building around research and teaching.



Dean Binsted noted that there were benefits to both academically and administratively. Units had obligations at a Faculty Level that were a challenge for such a small faculty as the FOE was.

Senator Wylie spoke against the proposal. He suggested that the Faculty wasn't given a free choice to stay with the status quo. In a memo of September 2017, Dean Frank suggested in a memorandum that 17 faculty members was not sufficient to remain a faculty. The Senator suggested that if this was just an issue of size, the Faculty of Management was smaller. He further asked why Senate was not consulted earlier or more frequently. Senator Wylie then asked if UBC would allow Management to merge with Sauder in Vancouver if they asked, or if the Okanagan-based economists wished to join Vancouver's School of Economics. Do we aspire to dismantle our faculties? Finally, Dr Wylie noted that in 2006 there was an external review that had positive findings, and it noted that although the faculty was small it should remain autonomous. He suggested that his concern was primarily with process and the faculty wasn't given a fair choice. He also suggested that the proposed school would have too much administration.

Senator Cioe spoke in favour of the proposal. He suggested that the process was entirely appropriate. The proposal came up from the faculty as it should have. All options were discussed and the idea of that status quo was not preferred. Cross-faculties have problems but Applied Science has shown how one can work. He respected the capacity of faculty members and senators to resolve issues. The Committee was unanimous in support, and recognized that from consultation that some were in favour and some not. Senator Lalonde's concern of a slippery slope would have been headed but the Committee did not view that as a new model. The Faculty of Education in Vancouver is the preeminent education faculty in Canada and they being willing and encouraging this process speaks to their collegiality.

Dean Grant spoke in favour of the proposal as she felt it would encourage research collaboration and positively impact graduate education.

Dr Crichton spoke of the examination of Governance models noting that the faculty had unanimously supported the school option.

Senator Alam noted that the School of Engineering never felt like they were under undue control from Applied Science in Vancouver.

Senator Janiki said that in four years the proposal had gone through appropriate process and was strongly recommended.

Senator Mathieson noted that the new form of the program looks spectacular. We are now at a pivot point, this campus has been reactive. This is a proactive attempt to proactively leverage the education faculty.



Senator S Lawrence spoke, noting the importance of collegial governance as what makes us a real university. He did not view this as an attack of collegial governance as it came from the Faculty nor did it threaten the powers of Senate as the matter was before Senate today.

Senator Lalonde said that the only problem identified was budget.

Senator Cioe said that this was to address administrative efficiencies and further collegiality and sharing. The structures in Vancouver can help with both research and teaching at the Okanagan.

Senator Lalonde said if that was true it would be true for any unit. Small universities can thrive in Canada and do manage to solve their problems.

Senator Wylie said he still has not heard what the issue is with the status quo and the synergies mentioned would be true for any unit.

Senator Cioe said that the status quo was discussed and was part of the process.

Dean Frank said that the number of directors was due to them having a large teaching and admin load in addition to being directors.

Mr Eaton clarified that the School council would be under the policies of the Senate.

NB: Senators Lalonde and Wylie noted as opposed.

Approved

GRADUATE STUDENT VACATION POLICY

Jan Cioe } *That the Graduate Student Vacation Policy be*
Miriam Grant } *approved and added to the Academic Calendar.*

Senator Lalonde asked what oversight would be applied to ensure the 3 weeks are offered.

Dr Cioe said that in this context a reporting relationship was established between graduate students and their supervisors and both were expected to abide by the policy.

Approved



Curriculum Committee

APRIL CURRICULUM REPORT

See Appendix B: Curriculum Report

Peter Arthur	}	<i>That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for approval the new courses and revised program brought forward by the faculties of Arts and Sciences and Creative and Critical Studies.</i>
Deborah Roberts		

Senator Cioe noted his appreciation for the interesting and timely courses proposed.

Approved

CURRICULUM GUIDELINES

Dr Arthur noted that the Curriculum Committee had reviewed its procedures and at this time was proposing changes; he noted however that changes will likely be needed as a result of the DQAB process and as part of its annual review in June.

Dean Binsted said that he was the seconder for the referral and asked what consultation with faculties has occurred.

Senator Arthur said that the Curriculum Committee had members from every faculty on it, appointed by their faculties, who were consulted.

Dean Binsted said that did not seem within the spirit of the original motion.

Senator Arthur said that as a committee they did not feel that they had an opportunity for that level of consultation, but that they did have members from every faculty present.

Dr Cioe noted that the Curriculum Committee was structured atypically in that it has Senators and faculty representatives as members. SCC members from faculties are assumed to be able to speak for their faculties. The Dean who raised the original issue was a member of the Committee and could have attended as well.



By general consent, the following motion was added from the floor:

Gordon Binsted Miriam Grant	}	<i>That the Senate Curriculum Committee be directed to consult more extensively with the Faculties on their guidelines and report back to Senate in September with results of their work and the process undertaken.</i>
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Approved

Other Business

INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE STUDIES (IGS) IN MANAGEMENT APPLICATION FEES

Robert Lalonde Peter Wylie	}	<i>That the Okanagan Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that any application fees remitted by applicants to the IGS program in the Faculty of Management (FOM) over the interval from October 2015 to February 2018 be returned to those individuals.</i>
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Senator Lalonde suggested that for a number of years the Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (IGS) program did not admit students to management but noted that there was not official moratorium. He suggested that if students applying were rejected for reasons other than their academic quality, and if they paid a fee, then that money should be returned.

Senator Grant noted that we pull data by the academic year. Over the past 3 academic year, IGS admission officers were made for Management; those offers were declined. 42% of applicants were inadmissible and work has to be done to assess student eligibility. In examining the data, the graduate committee did its work appropriately.

Senator Binsted said that faculty-level administrative concerns should be addressed at the faculty councils and that there did not seem to be a problem here.

Senator Jakobi noted the email sent outside of the normal protocols.

Senator Wylie noted that he wasn't allowed to distribute his document by the Agenda Committee and noted a variety of concerns with applicant cases. He suggested that the College of Graduate Studies and the Faculty of Management had agreed to suspend admission. This was a token gesture of support.



The Vice-Chair asked Senator Wylie to be mindful of privacy laws and not to discuss matters that may disclose personal information.

Senator Cioe said that the content of that document was not within the jurisdiction of Senate, rather it spoke to faculty association and HR issues. He suggested that Senate had clear data from COGS that offers had been made to applicants.

Senator Wylie said that admissions and the organization of the faculty was a senate matter.

Not Approved

NOTICE OF MOTION

Senator Wylie gave the following notice of motion:

“That Senate conduct a full investigation, by whatever means deemed most suitable, into the management of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies Program in the Faculty of Management, 2010-18.”

COURSE SCHEDULE

Senator Wylie asked why the Okanagan course scheduled was published a month or two later than the Vancouver schedule each year.

Mr Vogt said that Vancouver published an unstable schedule earlier, the Okanagan campus chose to publish later when the schedule was more stable.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Senator Chong noticed the dearth of international scholarships available to students.

Senator Anyaoha noted the difference in international graduate student awards between Vancouver and Okanagan.

By general consent, this issue was referred to the Senate Admissions & Awards Committee with a direction for them to report back at the September meeting of Senate with information on the structure and amount of financial aid available to international students.

Adjournment

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.



Appendix A: Awards Report

New Awards:

Bette Mushta Aboriginal Nursing Award

A \$6,500 award is offered by Don Mushta to a third-year Aboriginal 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 a student with assessed financial need and demonstrated academic excellence. The award is made on the recommendation of the School of Nursing. (First award available for the 2018 Winter Session)

Roger W. Gale Centennial Scholars Entrance Award

A \$10,000 major entrance award (payable at \$5,000 per year) and renewable for a second year subject to the student maintaining academic standing, is offered by Roger W. Gale to a first-year student entering the Bachelor of Arts program in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. This award is made on the recommendation of the adjudication committee. (First award available for the 2019 Winter Session)

BugMaster Pest Control Bursary

A \$1,000 bursary is offered by BugMaster Pest Control to a third-year student in the Bachelor of Science program in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts & Sciences at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference is given to a student majoring in biology, with demonstrated assessed financial need, and who has an interest in studying entomology. The bursary is adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2018 Winter Session)

BugMaster Pest Control Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship is offered by BugMaster Pest Control to a third-year student in the Bachelor of Science program in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts & Sciences at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference is given to a student majoring in biology with an interest in studying entomology. The scholarship is adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2018 Winter Session)

Human Kinetics Student Association Achievement Award

Two \$1,500 awards are offered by the Human Kinetics Student Association to support a third- and fourth-year student in the human kinetics program in the School of Health and Exercise Sciences in the Faculty of Health and Social Development at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference is given to a student who excels academically in the



program and has demonstrated community impact through on- and off-campus initiatives in health benefitting the community. The award is made on the recommendation of the School of Health and Exercise Sciences. (First award available for the 2017 Winter Session)



Appendix B: Curriculum Report

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

COSC 490 (3) Student Directed Seminar (new course)

GWST 235 (3) Laughing Feminisms: Gender and Humour (new course)

GWST 435 (3) Women and Religion (new course)

INDG 102 (3) Introduction to Indigeneity: Ways of Knowing (new course)

B.Sc. Major in Freshwater Science (revised program requirements)

FACULTY OF CREATIVE AND CRITICAL STUDIES

WRLD 360 (3) Literature and Power (new course)