



# OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

**DRAFT**

## 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



Mr Eaton informed the Senate of the resignations of Senators Sidhu and Corbett.

**VICE-CHAIR**

With respect to the call for nominations issued with the agenda, Mr Eaton announced that no further nominations were received by the deadline and thus Professor Deborah Buszard was acclaimed as elected vice-chair of the Senate until the May 2020 meeting of Senate.

**Minutes of 16 May 2019**

Jassim Naqvi  
Peter Arthur

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*That the Minutes of the Meeting of 16 May be adopted as corrected:*

*Corrections:*

*Mukherjee in place of Mukherkee and Cioe in place of Cloe on page 3.*

**Remarks from the Chair**

Dr Ono welcomed senators to the start of the academic year and opened his remarks by speaking to his strategic priorities for the year, noting that these included academic renewal & graduate student engagement, research excellence & innovation, sustainability, leveraging our physical presence, and the Indigenous Strategic Plan.

Dr Ono noted that the selection committee for the next Deputy Vice-Chancellor for the Okanagan campus had met earlier in the day. He thanked everyone for their participation in that important process for the campus and University.

Senator Ebl said that in previous meetings Senate discussed support for faculty members in their support for international students and the administration was to look further into that matter. She asked what progress was being made there.

Dr Ono said that an international strategy is being developed that can be used as a framework for such a conversation. That strategy will touch on numbers and support for international students, but also how it can have a positive effect on our own students studying internationally and work collaboratively with other institutions internationally.

Ms Ebl suggested specific consideration of classroom dynamics for both students and teachers in that environment.



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

} *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)

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### **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