



OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 25 OCTOBER 2018

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Attendance

Present: Prof. D. Buzard (Vice-Chair), Dr K. Ross (Secretary), Dr S. Alam, Dr P. Arthur, Ms H. Berringer, Dean G. Binsted, Mr M. Campbell, Mr Y. Chen, Ms C. Comben, Dr J. Corbett, Ms B. Dawson, Ms T. Ebl, Dr J. Eikenaar, Ms L. Fraser, Dr J. Gustar, Ms M. Harper, Dr J. Jakobi, Dr J. Johnson, Dr P. Lasserre, Dr R. Lawrence, Dr S. Lawrence, Dr M. Legault, Ms B. MacBean, Dr B. Marcolin, Dr S. McNeil, Ms K. Morgan, Dr F. Pena, Mr A. Pipke, Dr M. Reekie, Dean *Pro Tem*. B. Rutherford, Ms R. Snider, Dean R. Sugden, Mr V. Tamandong, Dean *Pro Tem*. D. Tannant, Dean B. Traister, Mr J. Traplin, Dr G. Wetterstrand, Dr P. Wylie.

Regrets: Prof S. J. Ono (Chair), Mr U. Anyaoha, Dr P. Barker, Ms D. Carter, Mr S. Chong, Dr J. Cioe, Mr I. Cull, Dean B. Frank, Chancellor L. Gordon, Dr M. Hoorfar, Dr J. Hossain, Dr R. Lalonde, Dr J. Loepky (LOA), Dr Y. Lucet, Mr J. Naqvi, Dr S. O’Leary, Dean J. Olson, Dr D. Roberts, Dr R. Sadiq,

Clerk: Mr C. Eaton

Call to Order

The Vice-Chair of the Senate, Professor Deborah Buszard, called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm

Senate Membership

NEW MEMBER

The Registrar, Dr Kathleen Ross, welcomed Mr Andrew Pipke to Senate as a student member for the Faculty of Applied Science until 31 March 2019 and thereafter until replaced to fill a vacancy.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The registrar announced that as a result of the call for nominations issued at the last meeting Dean Bryce Traister and Dr Stephen O’Leary were acclaimed as elected to the Senate Nominating Committee until 31 August 2020 and thereafter until replaced.



Minutes of September 2018

Peter Arthur Catherine Comben	}	<i>That the Minutes of the Meeting of 28 September 2018 be approved as presented.</i>
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Approved

Remarks from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

On behalf of Dr Ono, Professor Buszard advised that UBC had now created an Emeritus College to further the work of emeritus professors at UBC and build on the past work of the Association of Professors Emeriti in a new academic entity. She suggested that the Okanagan campus should consider how to work with that College to support local opportunities for emeritus engagement.

Second, Dr Buszard noted this month’s Joint Convocation ceremony between SFU and UBC to confer honorary degrees on His Highness the Aga Khan. Dr Buszard noted that the Okanagan Campus’ Susan Crichton has a long-standing relationship with the Aga Khan University in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. She expressed a hope that more can grow from that collaboration for UBC and the Okanagan campus.

Finally, Dr Buszard noted that earlier today she was in Penticton for a signing of a partnership agreement with Okanagan College for green construction initiatives.

Academic Policy Committee

Stephen McNeil Bryce Traister	}	<i>That the Senate approve and recommend to the Board that a new Department to be named the Department of Languages and World Literatures, be established in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies as of January 1st, 2019;</i>
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That the Senate approve and recommend to the Board that the Department of Critical Studies be renamed the Department of English and Cultural Studies, effective January 1st, 2019;

That Senate approve that the Major and Minor in, and Combined Major with Art History and Visual Culture be transferred from the Department of Critical Studies to the Department of Creative Studies, retroactively effective July 2018; and



That Senate approve that the Major and Minor in French, the Major in French and Spanish, the Major in Spanish, and the courses coded FREN, GERM, GREK, HEBR, JPST, LATN, SPAN, and WRLD be transferred to the newly established Department of Languages and World Literatures on January 1st, 2019.

A student senator asked why the proposal was effective 1 January instead of 1 September.

The Dean of Creative and Critical Studies, Dr Bryce Traister, replied that they were eager to get started and planning needed to begin early for teaching assignments and other activities. He further said that the Faculty was also hoping to make new appointments and those could be made to new departments if they were already established.

Senator Johnson asked why critical studies was being renamed.

The Dean replied that English and Cultural Studies were distinct programs that the Faculty would like to have that recognized in the department name.

Admission & Awards Committee

Dr Greg Wetterstrand, Chair of the Senate Admissions & Awards Committee, presented.

PHD STUDENTS PREVIOUSLY ADMITTED TO CANDIDACY

Greg Wetterstrand
Dwayne Tannant

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That Senate approve the revised readmission requirements for PhD students previously admitted to candidacy.

Approved



NEW AND REVISED AWARDS

See Appendix A: Awards Report

Greg Wetterstrand Dwayne Tannant	}	<i>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;</i>
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Approved

Curriculum Committee

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

OCTOBER CURRICULUM REPORT

See Appendix B: Curriculum Report

Peter Arthur Robert Campbell	}	<i>That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for approval the new course brought forward from the Faculty of Applied Science and the new course brought forward from the Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies.</i>
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Approved

Nominating Committee

The Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee, Dr Jannik Eikenaar, presented.

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH PROCEDURES

Jannik Eikenaar Peter Arthur	}	<i>That Senate approve the procedures for the recommendation and selection of candidates for President and Vice-Chancellor of The University of British Columbia as set out in the attached proposal.</i>
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Dr Eikenaar noted this document had been through many revisions and conversations and that the Board of Governors and Vancouver Senate had already approved this proposal, thus the Okanagan Senate’s approval was the last required under the *University Act*.

Senator S. Lawrence asked if a search consultant was required by these procedures.

The Acting Secretary, Mr Eaton, replied that one was required by the procedures.

Approved

Other Business

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT AND THE INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE STUDIES (IGS) PROGRAM

Peter Wylie Jennifer Gustar	}	<i>That Senate conduct a full investigation, by whatever means deemed most suitable, into the management of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (IGS) Program in the Faculty of Management (FOM), 2010-18.</i>
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Senator Wylie noted he had requested the past seven years of data for IGS admissions for management, and that the data he received showed that no offers of admission were made in the past 3 years. He noted that despite that data, last April, a former Dean of COGS advised Senate that offers were made in the past year. He thus opined that without students or the Senate being informed, that admission in the IGS program for Management was suspended. He further noted that IGS in Management was missing from the Graduate Education Analysis and Research (GEAR) data from 2015-2018; the only program without data listed. He suggested that Senate needed an investigation into how and why this has been allowed to occur in violating of the academic governance of Senate and in the interests of transparency.

On behalf of the student members of Senate, Senator Morgan spoke in favour of the motion, with the suggestion that the words “into the management of” be dropped as unduly narrowing the motion.

Amendment: Strike the words into the management of. MORGAN/JOHNSON

Kristen Morgan James Johnson	}	<i>That “into the management” be struck from the proposal.</i>
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Senator Wylie said he did not see this as a major difference, it would just be a broader review of the same issue.



Dean Traister asked why the students were proposing a broader review.

Senator Morgan said that the students agreed to unduly narrow the mandate of a review.

Dean Traister said that he thought the original motion was a temporal overreach and the amendment would expand its reach further. As a result, he said could not support the amendment as it could be damaging.

Senators Eikenaar and Marcolin agreed with Dean Traister.

Senator Johnson spoke in favour of the amendment. He said he did not know what was going on in Management but he wanted to find out. He noted that Senate had approved many programs and this one may not be viable; if so, we should find out why that is.

Dean Sugden said that he did not understand this argument. He reminded Senate that there was no Management IGS program, There is an IGS program in which management participated. This was not about viability of graduate programs. He noted that when the Vantage program withdrew from Management there were comments on viability; that should not have been about Management, as it was about Vantage just as this was about IGS.

Senator Eikenaar asked if it would not fall within the College of Graduate Studies (COGS) to determine the viability of the program.

Senator Wylie said that faculties volunteered to participate in the IGS program, and Management oversaw admission of students into Management in the IGS.

The Provost *Pro Tem.*, Dr Lasserre, said that her understanding was the Faculties made a recommendation to COGS, but COGS itself approved.

Senator Marcolin spoke against the amendment, saying that a broader investigation would not give more clarity to admissions issues.

Amendment Not
Approved

Senator Marcolin said that in Management she had 4 doctoral and 1 masters student in IGS. In their programs, she worked with COGS much more than with the Faculty of Management.

Senator Corbett said that his department accepted co-supervision of an IGS student in Management so clearly there could not be a complete suspension. Management and Arts & Sciences IGS processes were different he noted, but he understood that faculties had that flexibility.



Senator R. Lawrence said that in his discipline, people could see things in different ways. The kinds of discussion Senate was having should be considered by an investigation. The question is not what happened, the question is if we should ask. He opined that we should.

Senator Wylie said that Senator Marcolin's comments could not be accurate as he know of a Faculty of Management faculty member who had her request to supervise graduate students denied by the Management Dean's Office. He suggested that the administration could offer to have an investigation and if so, the motion could be withdrawn.

The Vice-Chair said that she did not feel it would be appropriate to act without senate making a decision.

Dean Tannant said that as written, the motion was flawed as there was no IGS program in Management. He said that in the supporting documents there were statements that are meant to be taken as factual but he did not think that proper until an investigation occurred.

Senator Binsted said that one of the long-term weaknesses in IGS was the lack of a home faculty for students. There is clearly a faculty member who is upset with an issue; he asked why that person had not brought their concerns forward and why this wasn't being dealt with within Management.

Senator Sugden said that he was at a loss as to why this issue keeps returning to Senate yet has never come through the collegial processes within the Faculty of Management. He noted that these issues have not been raised within the faculty and he did not understand why the senate would involve itself when those options had not bene undertaken. He expressed a concerned with an environment developing where assertions can be taken as facts if repeated. It is a fact that there is not a Management graduate nor IGS program but we keep using that incorrect diction. He suggested that there were a large number of factual errors in peters document, one of these was the assertion that applications have not come to the appropriate committee. They have. There were not many, and there are legitimate workload issues for some faculty members that are management by the Management director in the place of a head. The Dean opined that due processes was not being followed and he was shocked that senate would entertain such ideas. He concluded by noting that not having admissions for a period is not a sign of bad governance, it could be a good sign given capacity issue sand ensuring a high quality student experience.

Senator Gustar said that it was incumbent upon the Senate when issues are raised by colleagues to conduct a fact finding mission.

Senator Jakobi said that IGS has just undergone a massive review and re-organization, and this issue did not come forward as part of that matter. She asked if the Senate was re-doing that review's work. Secondly, she said that the documentation that has come forward has always focused on an individual faculty member's circumstances. Senate does not deal with individual



cases; this case should be dealt with at the program level or that person could come forward to Senate.

Senator Johnson asked if there were records in GEAR by faculty.

Senator Tannant said yes there were. Students were tagged with a faculty, not by a program or theme.

Senator Morgan said that the students felt strongly that they needed to support this motion as allegations have been raised and there is insufficient evidence to support or refute them. We do not know what happened and we do not have a full, complete, centralized account.

The Registrar suggested that the motion be amended to read “That Senate conduct a full investigation, by whatever means deemed most suitable, into the admission of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (IGS) Program to the Faculty of Management (FOM), 2010-18” to clarify the nature of the proposed review.

Senator S. Lawrence said that there were obviously individual cases and we cannot discuss them on the floor for privacy reasons.

Sean Lawrence Kristen Morgan	}	<i>That Senate conduct a full investigation, by whatever means deemed most suitable, into the admission of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (IGS) Program to the Faculty of Management (FOM), 2010-18.</i>
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Approved

Senator Tannant clarified that COGS was asked for the data, and did provide the data. We have already participated in his investigation. We view our role in any investigative process as complete.

Senator Marcolin asked if this issue had been brought to Grad Studies. She noted that a previous Dean had said there was no issue with admissions.

Senator Wylie said that he did raise the issue in March with the associate deans of COGS.

The Vice-Chair asked if, before the Senate acted, if it would make sense to have the COGS Council consider this matter and any relevant data as there does not seem to have been a conversation at Graduate Council on this matter.



Dr Wylie said he had the data and documentation already; what he wanted to know was why things happened as they did. He confirmed for the Vice-Chair that he did not feel individual circumstances were germane to that question.

Not Approved

Abstentions – Senators Corbett, Ebl, Reekie, Pipke, R. Lawrence

Adjournment

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.



Appendix A: Awards Report

NEW AWARDS

Proposed Award: **Graduate Dean's Aboriginal Entrance Fellowship**

The Graduate Dean's Aboriginal Entrance Fellowship is a merit-based fellowship that is awarded to incoming full-time Canadian aboriginal graduate students entering a thesis-based graduate program. This includes Canadian First Nations, Métis, or Inuit students. Fellowships are awarded as a one-time award per degree program.

Proposed Award: **British Columbia Graduate Scholarship**

The British Columbia Graduate Scholarship is available to exceptional students entering a thesis-based graduate program on the UBC Okanagan campus.

Proposed Award: **International Four-Year Doctoral Partial Tuition Award**

The International Four-Year Doctoral Partial Tuition Award is only available to incoming international doctoral students who have a first-class admission GPA, or PhD transfer students with a first-class GPA at the time of transfer to their PhD program. The Award pays the tuition differential between international and domestic tuition for eligible students. The award provides funding for a total of four years (48 months) per awardee.

REVISED AWARDS

Revised Award: **International Doctoral Fellowship**

Existing description:

Amended Description:

The International Doctoral Fellowship (IDF) supports top international students who are beginning their UBCO doctoral programs. The fellowship provides funding for a total of four years: a \$25,000 stipend/year plus tuition for a maximum of four years from the College of Graduate Studies. The supervisor, department, or faculty of each recipient may also wish to provide additional funds (top-ups) consisting of awards, teaching assistantships, and/or research assistantships in any or all of the four years of the Fellowship.

Rationale: CoGS introduced the IDF last year. Due to the timing of Senate approval, the process and timelines were not ideal. In order to streamline the process and make the award more efficient as a recruitment tool, CoGS is proposing a nomination process similar to that used for the Graduate Dean's Entrance Scholarship.

Revised Award: **University Graduate Fellowship**



Award Title: University Graduate Fellowship

Amended Description:

The University Graduate Fellowship (UGF) is awarded to current graduate students who are making satisfactory progress, demonstrate academic excellence, and are registered in a full-time thesis-based program at UBC Okanagan.

Rationale: The new process of awarding UGF's was introduced last year. After the first year of the new process, it became apparent that there is not enough time for CoGS to review Progress Reports and notify graduate programs of the eligibility of nominated students. To ensure timely notification, CoGS would like to move the deadline forward from June 15 to June 1.

CoGS is also removing the GPA requirement and changing the eligibility criteria to match up with best practices in graduate studies nationally and internationally. This means that "academic excellence" is based not solely on GPA, but also takes into account quality of research and other academic achievements.

Only students with progress reports evaluated as satisfactory by the College of Graduate Studies are eligible for the UGF.

Revised Award: **Aboriginal Graduate Fellowship**

Amended description:

The Aboriginal Graduate Fellowship is a merit-based fellowship that is awarded to current Canadian Aboriginal graduate students who are engaged in a thesis-based full-time graduate degree program. This includes Canadian First Nations, Métis or Inuit students. Students are required to apply through the annual competition. Fellowships are awarded as a one-time award per degree program.

Rationale: CoGS is introducing a Graduate Dean's Aboriginal Entrance Fellowship, which will offer eight annual awards of \$10,000. The intent is to offer two distinct awards for Aboriginal students – Graduate Dean's Aboriginal Entrance Fellowship for incoming students, and the Aboriginal Graduate Fellowship for current students.

The previous Academic Standing for the Aboriginal Graduate Fellowship was a GPA of 76%. This criteria has been changed to a satisfactory progress report to allow programs more flexibility in assigning these awards.



Appendix B: Curriculum Report

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE

ENGR 434 (3): Global Impact of Engineering

FACULTY OF CREATIVE & CRITICAL STUDIES

THTR 311 (3/6) d: Dramatic Literature in Performance