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Date: November 18, 2005
To: Senate
From: Mr. Brian Silzer
Subject: **University Counsel: Status of Policy as Approved by the Senate**

The Senate Secretariat is often asked for advice on those academic policies and precedents that currently apply to the UBC Okanagan. University Counsel Hubert Lai was consulted for a legal opinion on the status of policy approved by, and precedents established by, the University Senate prior to the creation of UBC Okanagan and the Vancouver and Okanagan Senates. Mr. Lai has advised that anything previously passed by the University Senate would, by default, apply to the entire University, and therefore to the Okanagan Senate. Now that the UBC Okanagan Senate has been constituted, it is able to pass its own motions, that modify or reverse any academic policies or precedents insofar as they apply to UBC Okanagan.

Several examples of UBC Policy Abstracts that currently apply by default to UBC Okanagan are published on the following Senate website <http://www.students.ubc.ca/senate/policies.cfm>. Other precedents are located in the Minutes of Senate available at: <http://www.students.ubc.ca/senate>.

Sincerely,

Brian Silzer
Secretary to the Senate