THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA | OKANAGAN

OKANAGAN SENATE SECRETARIAT
Enrolment Services
Senate and Curriculum Services
3333 University Way
Kelowna, BC · V1V 1V7
Tel: (250) 807-9259 · Fax: (250) 807-8007
lisa.collins@ubc.ca
nathalie.bomberg@ubc.ca

31 August 2007

To: **Okanagan Senate**

From: **Policies & Procedures Committee**

Subject: **Honorary Degrees Processes (information)**

Please find attached for your information the July 2007 report of the dual-campus President's Advisory Committee (PAC) on Honorary Degrees. President Toope has accepted the PAC's recommendations in full and requested that the responsible Senate Committee at each campus transmit the report to their respective Senates. The Committee is pleased to forward the report to Senators, along with a few comments.

The Policies & Procedures (P&P) Committee would like to note in particular our support for the principle of maintaining the highest standards for the selection of candidates for honorary degrees. The P&P Committee is committed to recommending potential recipients of the highest calibre.

Senators will note the PAC recommendation that UBC Okanagan aim to grant one honorary degree each year. The P&P Committee respectfully suggests that, given that UBC Okanagan currently holds two graduation ceremonies, it might be beneficial to grant two honorary degrees in some years. In determining how many candidates to recommend for Senate approval each year, the P&P Committee must also plan for the possibility that some nominees will be unable to accept our invitation.

The Secretariat has opened this year's nominations period. A copy of the nomination form is attached. An electronic version of the form is available at http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/senate/honorary.cfm. Please note the deadline for nominations is October 19, 2007. The Policies & Procedures Committee expects to present candidates for Senate approval at the December 2007 Senate meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Keyes
Chair, Policies & Procedures Committee