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Memo to: Okanagan Senate

From: Policies and Procedures Committee

RE: Granting of Graduate Degrees in November 2007 (approval)

As UBC Okanagan prepares to grant its first graduate degrees in November 2007, the Policies & Procedures Committee has undertaken discussion aimed to clarify the respective responsibilities of the College of Graduate Studies and the disciplinary Faculties with respect to adjudicating candidates for graduation and making recommendations thereon to the Senate. At this time, there remains significant disagreement on these issues, such that the Senate will need to clarify more permanently in future. Senators should anticipate more discussion about graduate studies during the spring of 2008.

The Committee recognizes, however, the more immediate need to graduate – in November 2007 – a group of candidates for the degrees of Master of Education, Master of Arts in Education, and Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (IGS). The Committee notes that there is not unanimous agreement among all constituents on the interim arrangement, but recommends it as a sensible way forward at the present time.

The Committee therefore recommends the following interim arrangement for the granting of graduate degrees at UBC Okanagan in November 2007:

1. The Faculty of Education has delegated to the College of Graduate Studies the responsibility of recommending candidates to the Senate at its November 2007 meeting, and also the responsibility that the name of the College and the signature of the Dean of Graduate Studies, and not those of the Faculty of Education, will appear on the corresponding degree parchments.

2. The Faculty of Arts & Sciences has delegated to the College of Graduate Studies the responsibility of recommending IGS candidates to the Senate at its November 2007 meeting, and also the responsibility that the name of the College and the signature of the Dean of Graduate Studies, and not those of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences, will appear on the corresponding degree parchments.
3. The relevant recommendation to Senate at its November 2007 meeting will be through the following motion: “that the College of Graduate Studies, upon the request of and with the concurrence of the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, recommends to the Senate that the candidates for the degrees of...”
4. It is recognized that the above actions are not to be construed as setting a practice or a precedent for future considerations and approvals relating to the awarding of graduate degrees at UBC Okanagan.

Motion: *That the Senate approve the interim arrangement for the granting of graduate degrees in November 2007, as recommended by the Policies & Procedures Committee.*

Respectfully submitted
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Chair, Policies and Procedures Committee