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**To: Okanagan Senate**

**From: Academic Policy Committee**

**Re: Granting of Graduate Degrees in May 2009 (approval)**

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Senators may recall that in October 2007 and April 2008, the Senate approved interim arrangements to grant graduate degrees. At the time, it was anticipated that further discussion in 2008 would 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. The Academic Policy Committee recognizes that while the Review of the College of Graduate Studies has been completed, discussions are still ongoing as to what actions should be taken, if any, as a result of that review. To allow time for those discussions to conclude, the Committee proposes an additional interim arrangement to grant graduate degrees for 2009.

In June 2009, a group of candidates is expected to graduate with the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Applied Science, Master of Arts in Education, Master of Arts, Master of Fine Arts, and Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies, Master of Education, Master of Science, Master of Nursing, and Master of Social Work.

The Committee therefore recommends that as the Faculties of Arts and Sciences, Creative and Critical Studies, Education, and Health and Social Development have each delegated to the College of Graduate Studies the responsibility of recommending candidates to the Senate for the granting of their respective graduate degrees at its May 2009 meeting; the name of the College shall appear as the recommending body on corresponding degree parchments and the Dean of the College shall sign such parchments in addition to the Chancellor, President and Registrar. The Master of Applied Science shall not be affected by this proposal.

In approving this recommendation the Committee submits that the above arrangement is not to be construed to set a practice or precedent for future matters in this regard so as to

allow the Senate latitude in determining the future organization of graduate education at UBC Okanagan.

**Motion:**        *That the Senate approve the interim arrangement set out in this report.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Jan Cioe  
Chair, Academic Policy Committee