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THE OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES – **Draft**

Wednesday April 28, 2010

3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

SCI 333 | UBC OKANAGAN CAMPUS

Attendance

Present: Dr. D. Oworm (Vice-Chair), Mr. F. Vogt (Acting Secretary), Dr. A. Abdel-Aziz (Provost and Vice-Principal), Dr. P. Arthur, Mr. D. Berry, Ms. M. Burton, Mr. N. Cadger, Dean R. Campbell, Dr. J. Castricano, Dr. J. Cioe, Dr. F. de Scally, Dr. M. Duran-Cogan, Dr. J. Holzman, Mr. A. Hu, Dr. J. Johnson, Dr. G. Jones, Dr. D. Keyes, Dean M. Krank, Dr. R. Lalonde, Ms. E. Landry, Ms. S. Larose, Dr. G. Lovegrove, Dr. S. McCoubrey, Dr. H. Najjaran, Dr. B. Nilson, Dr. B. O'Connor, Ms. L. Patterson, Dr. M. Rheault, Dr. C. Robinson, Ms. L. Super, Acting Dean E. Taylor, Mr. D. Vineberg, Mr. C. Wain, Ms. A. Weiss, Dr. S. Yannacopoulos, Ms. G. Zilm

Guests: Mr. C. Eaton, Ms. M. Kruiswyk, Ms. K. Ross

Regrets: Dean T. Aboulnasr, Dr. P. Balcaen, Dean R. Belton, Dr. J. Cheng, Ms. L. Driscoll, Dr. C. Hodge, Mr. S. Joseph, Dr. A. Joy, Ms. M. Laviolette, Ms. S. Morgan-Silvester (Chancellor), Dr. R. Mack, Acting Dean C. Mathieson, Dean D. Muzyka, Mr. C. Norman, Dr. G. Pandher, Mr. B. Paton, Mr. J. Ridge, Dr. B. Schulz-Cruz, Professor S. J. Toope (President and Vice-Chancellor)

Recording Secretary: Ms. N. Hager

Call to Order

In the absence of the President, Vice-Chair Dr. Owram called to order the eighth regular meeting of the Senate for the 2009/2010 academic year.

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Owram proposed that several items would be added under Other Business, and the assembly accepted those changes to the agenda by unanimous consent.

Senate Membership

Introduction of 2010-2011 Student Senators

The Acting Secretary introduced Student Senators serving a one-year term beginning April 1, 2010 and ending March 31, 2011 and thereafter until successors are elected:

- Representatives of the Students At-large: Mr. Alex Hu (returning), Ms. Samantha Larose, Mr. Cecil Norman, Mr. Brendan Paton, Mr. Calvin Wain, Ms. Ana Weiss;
- Representative of the Graduate Students: Ms. Laura Super;
- Representative of the Students of the Faculty of Applied Science: Ms. Emily Landry;
- Representative of the Students of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Mr. Steven Joseph (returning);
- Representative of the Students of the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies: Mr. Daniel Vineberg (returning);
- Representative of the Students of the Faculty of Health and Social Development: Ms. Michelle Laviolette; and
- Representative of the Students of the Faculty of Management: Mr. Dan Berry.

Declaration of Vacancy

The Acting Secretary declared a vacancy for one (1) student representative for the Faculty of Education for a one-year term ending March 31, 2011 and thereafter until a successor is elected.

Call for Nominations

The Acting Secretary issued a first call for nominations for two (2) student representatives to serve on the Nominating Committee until March 31, 2011 and thereafter until successors are elected.

The Acting Secretary issued a second call for nominations for one (1) faculty representative to replace Dr. Carol Scarff to serve on the Nominating Committee until August 31, 2011 and thereafter until a successor is elected.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting, March 24, 2010

Moved: Dr. Krank

Seconded: Dr. Cioe

That the minutes of the Okanagan Senate meeting of March 24, 2010 be adopted as presented.

The motion was put and carried.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor's Remarks

Public Anthropology Community Action Project

Dr. Owram reported that first-year Arts student Cody Decker placed third out of 2,000 competitors in the Public Anthropology Community Action project. Students in the Anthropology 100 introductory course taught by Diana French, Associate Professor in Community, Culture and Global Studies, were challenged to write an opinion-editorial piece suitable for newspaper publication. A link to the Public Anthropology website and the student opinion pieces can be found at www.people.ok.ubc.ca/publicaffairs/news/anthro.

UBC Okanagan Heat Application to CWUAA

Dr. Owram confirmed that UBC Okanagan Heat had made an application for probationary membership in the highest level of Canadian varsity athletics, the Canada West Universities Athletic Association (CWUAA). The application included men's and women's basketball and volleyball; additional sports might be added at a later date. Dr. Owram described the various factors at play, including travel schedules, team rivalries, and the overall size of the league.

Dr. Cioe inquired how UBC's two campuses were being considered for the purpose of membership in the CWUAA. Dr. Owram responded that UBC Okanagan was under consideration entirely separately from UBC Vancouver.

From the Board of Governors

The Senate received for information confirmation that the following items approved by the Okanagan Senate had been subsequently approved by the Board of Governors as required under the *University Act*.

Senate Meeting of February 24, 2010

Curriculum Proposals from the Faculties of Applied Science, Arts and Sciences, Creative and Critical Studies, Education, Health and Social Development, and Management.

Senate Meeting of March 24, 2010

Curriculum Proposals from the Faculties of Arts and Sciences and Creative and Critical Studies

Revised Awards

Academic Policy Committee

Committee Chair Dr. Jan Cioe presented the report.

Policy O-4: Governance of the College of Graduate Studies

Moved: Dr. Cioe

Seconded: Dean Krank

That Senate approve Policy O-4: Governance of the College of Graduate Studies.

Discussion

Dr. Cioe summarized that in September 2009, after several months of consultation and discussion, the Academic Policy Committee presented a proposal for the administrative organization of the College of Graduate Studies that was rejected by Senate. The Committee subsequently worked closely with the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies to draft Policy O-4: Governance of College of Graduate Studies.

Dr. Cioe drew attention to the fact that sections of the College's Calendar entry were proposed for deletion in favour of their inclusion in Policy O-4 and gave the example of the detailed appendix entitled 'Coordination of Responsibilities for Graduate Education Matters' which itemized the distribution of responsibilities between the faculties and the College.

Dean Krank expressed his support for Policy O-4. He noted the policy development's extensive process of consultation and compromise to address the main issues identified in the report of an external review of the College received

by Senate in April 2008. Dean Krank described Policy O-4 as a true collegial governance model for the College of Graduate Studies.

Dr. Yannacopoulos proposed the following three amendments:

1. Removal of the following clause (shown stricken) from section 2 of the policy: “The College of Graduate Studies shall administer the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program on behalf of those faculties participating ~~as if it were a faculty...~~”;
2. For consistency, and based on existing language within the policy, addition of the phrase “or their appointed representative” to section 3a of the policy (shown underlined): “The College of Graduate Studies shall consist of the President, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Provost, the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, Deans of Faculties or their appointed representative...”; and
3. Addition of faculty representatives to membership of the Graduate Council as outlined in section 5(a)(i), namely, one representative for each of the three engineering divisions within Applied Science.

Disposition of Proposed Amendment 1

On the first amendment request Dr. Cioe explained that the administration of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program (IGS) as described in the Calendar (see www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,285,983,0: “The College of Graduate Studies is responsible for the UBC Okanagan Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies program”) required clarification as currently the Director of the IGS program reported to the Provost and worked in conjunction with the Dean of College of Graduate Studies. Mr. Eaton was recognized by the assembly. He explained that the phrase “as if it were a faculty” was included on the basis that every program was anticipated to belong to a faculty and as such, for the purpose of the IGS program, the College of Graduate Studies could act as if it were its faculty. Mr. Eaton added that there was not the intention to represent the College as a faculty for any other purpose. The amendment was withdrawn.

Disposition of Proposed Amendment 2

On the second amendment request, the assembly consented to the addition of the phrase “or their appointed representative” to section 3a of the policy.

Disposition of Proposed Amendment 3

Speaking to the third amendment request, Dean Campbell questioned the inconsistent representation as proposed in policy section 5(a)(i) noting that

faculty membership was at times apportioned via units, and sometimes via departments. Dr. Cioe noted that the pragmatics of a manageable council and the principle of fair representation guided the proposed representation, and that the Academic Policy Committee was open to alternative approaches. The assembly discussed the faculty member representation proposed for Applied Science, Health and Social Development, and Education, and options for various models of representation.

Amendment: Section 5(a)(i) of Policy O-4: Governance of the College of Graduate Studies

Moved: Dr. de Scally

Seconded: Dean Krank

That pending approval of Policy O-4: Governance of the College of Graduate Studies, Senate direct the Academic Policy Committee to review policy O-4 sections 5(a)(i) (specifically the sections relating to the apportionment of faculty member representation on the Graduate Council) and make a recommendation thereon to Senate.

Discussion on amendment

The assembly debated the motion to refer and one alternative, namely, to extract section 5(a)(i) from the policy and consider the remainder of the policy for approval.

Dr. Yannacopoulos supported Senate debate on this issue, but expressed his opinion that it was problematic for Senate to approve only sections of a policy. Dean Krank supported this comment and observed that the partial approval of Policy O-4 without the pertinent section relating to the membership of the Graduate Council would effectively result in an unusable policy. Dean Krank reminded Senate of the policy's wide consultation, including various discussions at meetings the Dean's Council.

Dr. Robinson spoke in favour of a re-examination of the membership of the Graduate Council, noting that the Faculty of Health and Social Development's representation was not in keeping with its large number of graduate students.

Dr. Castricano spoke in favour of the main motion, noting the urgent need for the establishment of the Graduate Council within the College of Graduate Studies.

Dr. Cioe committed the Academic Policy Committee to a review of the faculty member representation apportionment sections of the policy for submission to the Senate, possibly to be completed as early as May 2010.

The motion to amend was put and carried.

Discussion on the main motion

Dr. Yannacopoulos raised the issue of parchment signing as included in the policy appendix entitled 'Coordination of Responsibilities for Graduate Education Matters'. He requested that in consideration of teaching faculty's commitment and investment, the dean of the faculty be added as a signatory to all graduate degree parchments.

Motion to Amend to Clarify Parchment Signatories

Moved: Dr. Yannacopoulos

Seconded: Dr. Lovegrove

That the dean of the faculty be added as a signatory on parchments, in addition to the current Dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

Discussion on the amendment: Parchment Signatories

Dr. Cioe spoke in support of the amendment. Dean Krank expressed some indifference, remarking that more critical than parchment signing was the convocation audit and final check of degree qualifications. Dr. Yannacopoulos clarified that he was in support of convocation audits as the sole responsibility of the College of Graduate Studies.

Raising aspects of the unique nature of Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (IGS) as an example, Dr. Abd-El-Aziz cautioned Senate around considering a change to Policy O-4 from the floor that might carry unintended consequences.

The assembly discussed various nuances of the IGS program with regards to parchment signing.

Dean Krank spoke in favour of the amendment and noted that parchment signatories could be revisited in the future should a need arise.

The motion to add the dean of the faculty as a signatory on parchment signing was put and carried.

Motion to Amend Graduate Council Meeting Frequency

Moved: Dean Krank

Seconded: Dean Campbell

That section 5 (c)(i) of Policy O-4 be amended to add the words "during the Winter Session" after the word "monthly".

Dean Krank explained that like Senate, the College meets only during the Winter Session, not during the Summer Session. Dr. Owrap observed that Senate met during the month of May, and that the proposed amendment would see the

College removed from obligation to meet during the months of May, June, July, and August. Dean Krank offered that Policy O-4 included a provision for the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, or a quorum of the Graduate Council, to call a special meeting as required.

Dr. Cioe argued that the Academic Policy Committee had discussed this issue and had agreed that as graduate students were enrolled twelve months a year, the College's Faculty Council should as well operate on a twelve month basis. Mr. Eaton confirmed that the policy did not preclude the cancellation of meetings for lack of business.

The motion to amend was withdrawn.

The motion to approve Policy O-4: Governance of the College of Graduate Studies as amended was put and carried.

Policy O-300: Academic Standing

Moved: Dr. Cioe

Seconded: Dr. Yannacopoulos

That Senate approve Policy O-300: Academic Standing.

Discussion

Mr. Vogt clarified that the Registrar's Office evaluated students for academic standing at the end of each term.

The motion was put and carried.

Oral Update on Policy O-2: Governance of Faculties

Dr. Cioe reported that a revised version of Policy O-2 would be circulated for a second round of consultation with feedback and comments from the first consultation incorporated.

Admissions and Awards Committee

Committee Chair Dr. Sharon McCoubrey presented the report.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students

A proposal had been received to replace the current *TREK Excellence Scholarship* with the *Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students*. The following is an excerpt from the memorandum:

In the spring of 2004, UBC Vancouver replaced the existing Undergraduate Scholars Program (USP) with a new scholarship program comprising of two awards: 1) the *President's Entrance Scholarship (PES)*; and 2) the *Trek Excellence Scholarship (TES)*. These two awards automatically extended to the Okanagan campus when it came online in 2005 and UBC Okanagan students began receiving both awards beginning in the 2005-2006 academic year.

Since 2005, a need has been identified to develop a scholarship specifically designed to recognize and reinvest in UBC Okanagan's continuing students and encourage retention. The *Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students* is proposed to replace the *TREK Excellence Scholarship* as a cost-similar award available to domestic continuing students. Its criteria are based upon a fixed level of achievement (at or above 80% on a minimum 24 credits) allowing students to set their academic goals at the beginning of the year with certainty of the reward (this is in contrast to the existing TREK Excellence scholarship, where the students do not have all the information necessary to determine their eligibility and only realize their qualification when the award is granted). The award values are:

- \$1,500 for 90% or higher
- \$1,000 for 85% to 89.99%
- \$500 for 80% to 84.99%

Proposed for approval:

Deputy Vice Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students

Scholarships ranging in value from \$500 to \$1500 are offered by The University of British Columbia Okanagan to continuing domestic students entering second, third or fourth year at The University of British Columbia Okanagan. These scholarships recognize the value of continuing students and their academic achievement. (First awards available for the 2009/2010 Winter Session)

Proposed for discontinuation:

Trek Excellence Scholarships (TES)

The Trek Excellence Scholarships for domestic students are \$1,500 awards given to the top 5% of students in each undergraduate year of each faculty and school.

Moved: Dr. McCoubrey
Seconded: Dr. Robinson

That Senate accept the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students award as listed and forward it to the Board of Governors for approval; and

That Senate discontinue the Trek Excellence Scholarships (TES) award and forward notice of this discontinuance to the Board of Governors for approval, with such discontinuance to be effective upon the date of approval of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students award.

Note: The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students award will be offered from the 2009/2010 Winter Session and thereafter and the Trek Excellence Scholarship will be discontinued at that time.

Discussion

Dr. McCoubrey summarized the proposal as one which addressed the ongoing challenge of retention, and allowed students to know much earlier in an academic year if they were eligible for an award (versus upon completion of the Winter Session).

Dr. Cioe proposed an amendment to the criteria for the award (shown underlined): that the current phrase “at or above 80% on a minimum of 24 credits” be amended to read “at or above 80% on 80% of a full course load”.

Proposed Amendment to Criteria for Award

Moved: Dr. Cioe

Seconded: Dr. Yannacopoulos

That the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students award criteria be amended to replace the current phrase “at or above 80% on a minimum of 24 credits” with the proposed “at or above 80% on 80% of a full course load”.

Discussion on the Amendment

Mr. Vogt was asked if a “full course load” was determined for all programs. He replied that the term was applicable to most programs.

Dr. Robinson noted that in the School of Nursing not all students registered for a full course load due to transfer credit, and asked if the proposed amendment would disadvantage nursing students. Dr. McCoubrey assured Senate that the Committee had discussed programs with a heavy course load as well as those with a standard timetable.

Ms. Landry spoke in support of the original award criteria, that in her opinion it was equitable for all students. Dr. Cioe disagreed and observed that while Engineering students took a standard six courses per term, many Arts and Sciences students were able to register for less than five credits and could thereby increase their likelihood of a higher overall average and subsequent eligibility for the award.

The motion to amend the award criteria was put and carried.

Discussion on the main motion

Dr. Rheault questioned the fiscal responsibility of the award and its sustainability over time. Dr. Owrap assured Senate of UBC Okanagan's financial commitment to the award.

Various Senators made suggestions for alternative award criteria to address concerns over fairness and the practice of grade inflation. Ms. Super supported Dr. Lalonde's suggestion for an award criteria based on comparative percentages within each faculty. Dr. Owrap explained the structuring of the *Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students*. It deliberately moved away from student-to-student competition in favour of competition against the standard and recognition of a fixed level of achievement. Dr. McCoubrey added that the ability for students to know their academic goal in advance of their academic year was key.

Dr. Yannacopoulos spoke in favour of the proposal as a positive initiative to retain strong students.

Dr. Owrap confirmed that the full award criteria and terms would be forwarded to the Board of Governors for approval.

The motion to approve the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for Continuing Students award as amended was put and carried.

Admissions Proposals

Canadian Aboriginal Applicants

A proposal had been received to revise the current policy for admission of Canadian Aboriginal applicants to UBC Okanagan first-year degree programs.

Moved: Dr. McCoubrey

Seconded: Dr. Cioe

That Senate approve the proposed changes to Canadian Aboriginal Applicants.

Discussion

Dr. McCoubrey explained that the revised admission requirement of "18 university-level credits with a minimum 60% in each course and a 60% or C average overall" was proposed to ensure that applicants with more than 18 credits had both a 60% in each course of the 18 university-level credits, and a minimum 60% average overall.

The motion was put and carried.

Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies – Bachelor of Fine Arts Program: Visual Arts and Interdisciplinary Performance

A proposal had been received to change the admission requirements for Interdisciplinary Performance from a letter of intent to an audition, and change the Visual Arts portfolio and Interdisciplinary Performance audition dates to March 15 (from March 31).

Moved: Dr. McCoubrey

Seconded: Dr. Rheault

That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies – Bachelor of Fine Arts Program: Visual Arts and Interdisciplinary Performance.

The motion was put and carried.

College of Graduate Studies – School of Engineering: Master of Applied Science (M.A.Sc.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

A proposal had been received to amend the English requirements in the Master of Applied Science (M.A.Sc.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

Moved: Dr. McCoubrey

Seconded: Dr. Yannacopoulos

That Senate approve the proposed changes to the College of Graduate Studies – School of Engineering: Master of Applied Science (M.A.Sc.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

The motion was put and carried.

School of Social Work: Introduction

A proposal had been received to remove reference to the second year of the Bachelor of Social Work program.

Moved: Dr. McCoubrey

Seconded: Dr. Robinson

That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Calendar entry for the School of Social Work: Introduction.

Discussion

In response to a request for clarification from Dr. Cioe, Mr. Vogt explained that the proposal addressed UBC Okanagan's movement away from granting as much advanced standing for college diplomas in the Bachelor of Social Work.

The motion was put and carried.

Curriculum Committee

Committee Chair Dean Campbell presented the report.

See also, 'Appendix A: Curriculum Summary.'

Moved: Dean Campbell

Seconded: Dr. Cioe

That Senate approve the new and revised courses, programs, and policies brought forward by the Faculties of Arts and Sciences, Creative and Critical Studies, and Education as set out in the attached proposals.

The motion was put and carried.

Nominating Committee

Committee Member Dr. Cioe presented the report.

Student Senator Committee Placements

Moved: Dr. Cioe

Seconded: Ms. Patterson

That the following standing committee appointments be made, effective until 31 March 2011 and thereafter until successors are appointed:

Academic Building and Resources Mr. Steven Joseph
 Mr. Dan Berry*

*Academic Policy Mr. Daniel Vineberg
 Ms. Laura Super
 Ms. Michelle Laviolette*

*Admissions and Awards Mr. Alex Hu
 Mr. Brendan Paton*

*Agenda Ms. Emily Landry
 Mr. Calvin Wain*

*Appeals of Standing and Discipline Mr. Dan Berry
 Ms. Samantha Larose
 Held vacant for Education Representative*

*Curriculum Mr. Steven Joseph
 Ms. Ana Weiss*

Learning and Research

*Ms. Laura Super
Mr. Cecil Norman*

**The membership of this committee is the same as the membership of the Okanagan Sub-Committee of the Budget Committee of the Council of Senates.*

The motion was put and carried.

Council of Senates Membership Adjustment: Convocation Representative

Moved: Dr. Cioe

Seconded: Ms. Patterson

That Senate elect Dr. Robert Mack to the Council of Senates as convocation representative for a term of three (3) years and thereafter until replaced.

The motion was put and carried.

2009-2010 Annual Report from the Institute for Healthy Living and Chronic Disease Prevention

The assembly recognized Dr. Joan Bottorff, Director of the Institute for Healthy Living and Chronic Disease Prevention, to present the Institute's Annual Report for information. The following is an extract from the Annual Report:

The mission of the Institute for Healthy Living and Chronic Disease Prevention is to create and use new knowledge to enhance healthy living and chronic disease prevention through the development of interdisciplinary and community-based collaborations.

[...]

The Institute for Healthy Living and Chronic Disease Prevention is an innovative and collaborative research institute that places UBCO in the forefront of community-based health promoting research through advancing research methods, building research capacity and fostering the use of knowledge in ways that benefit individuals, families and communities and reduce the burden of chronic disease.

Dr. Bottorff reported that the Institute for Healthy Living and Chronic Disease Prevention (IHLCDP) was in its first year of operation: launched in May 2008 it received institute status from the Okanagan Senate in April 2009. The focus of the last year has been on designing and launching collaborative research initiatives, building partnerships with UBC Okanagan academics and community organizations and researchers, and on providing research training opportunities; to this end the IHLCDP Advisory Committee was formed to advise the Director and assist in developing the Institute.

Dr. Bottorff addressed funding for the Institute, and the new initiatives supported by this funding. A seminar series entitled “Partnerships in Research” was supported by the Interior Health Authority and the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research. In addition, a number of successful workshops were held, and the Institute participated in UBC’s Research Week funded by CIHR. Dr. Bottorff was pleased to report that the Institute welcomed 32 associates including academics, community members, health practitioners, and policy makers interested in healthy living and chronic disease prevention, and had established a website (see www.web.ubc.ca/okanagan/provost-research/faculty/ihlcdp.html).

Discussion

Dr. Cioe remarked on the strong evidence of accomplishment in the Institute’s first year of operation. He inquired to what extent the decline in endowments offered through the Michael Smith Foundation had affected the Institute. Dr. Bottorff responded that the Foundation had yet to announce what initiatives it would support in the coming year.

2008-2009 Report from the University Librarian

Chief Librarian for the UBC Okanagan Library Ms. Melody Burton presented the 2008-2009 Report of the University Librarian to Senate for information on behalf of Ingrid Parent, University Librarian (also available online at www.library.ubc.ca/home/UBC_RS_2009_fa.pdf).

Highlights in brief:

- The UBC Okanagan Library ranked second in terms of library transactions with over half a million visits (compared to the first ranking Koerner Library at UBC Vancouver);
- Over 3,300 students took part in a library session or workshop – over half the student body;
- Much content had been purchased and was available through the library portal; and
- Digital content requests increased eclipsing print circulation: 62 million page retrievals compared to 2.5 million print.

Discussion

Dr. Owram reported that while funding remained undetermined, the UBC Okanagan Library expansion ranked at the top of the future capital projects list. Ms. Burton expressed gratitude for the on-going support of the President, the

Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal, and all senior administrators and leaders in identifying the urgent need for expanded and renewed library facilities.

In response to a question from Dr. Rheault, Ms. Burton clarified that the new medical library followed the University of Victoria's decentralized model.

Ms. Burton confirmed that a Bloomberg terminal (a computer system that enables financial professionals to monitor and analyze real-time financial market data movements and place trades) would soon be added to the Library's resources.

Other Business

Oral Report from the Learning and Research Committee - Writing Support for Graduate Students

Committee Chair Dr. Peter Arthur reported that the Learning and Research Committee had met several times with various stakeholders (including the College of Graduate Studies) and had identified the need to support graduate student writing. The Committee had resolved to strike a sub-committee to prepare a proposal identifying short, medium, and long term solutions for Senate's consideration and endorsement and subsequent submission to senior administration for consideration.

Dr. Arthur invited questions and requested that any input be forwarded to the Secretariat.

Institute Proposal for Species at Risk and Habitat Studies (SARAHs)

Dr. Lalonde reported that at its April meeting the Learning and Research Committee had considered the Species at Risk and Habitat Studies (SARAHs) institute proposal and had approved its recommendation to Senate. He inquired why the SARAHs proposal had not been included on the Senate agenda for Senate consideration.

The Vice-Chair of Senate recognized Ms. Rachael L'Orsa, former Student Senator and current Chair of the Agenda Committee. Ms. L'Orsa explained that as a result of concerns over a possible overlap in sustainability mandates between the SARAHs institute proposal and those of existing institutes, specifically the Institute for Health Living and Chronic Disease Prevention and the Okanagan Sustainability Institute, the Agenda Committee had resolved to postpone the SARAHs institute proposal until Senate could receive both existing institutes' annual reports. As the Institute for Health Living and Chronic Disease Prevention had already presented its annual report, and the annual report of the Okanagan Sustainability Institute was expected next month, the Agenda

Committee anticipated the SARAHS institute proposal coming forward for Senate's consideration in May.

Ms. Hager from the Secretariat was recognized. She noted that the Chair of the Learning and Research Committee anticipated considering the new issue of possible overlap in sustainability mandates between existing and proposed UBC Okanagan institutes at an upcoming Committee meeting attended by both the Director of the Okanagan Sustainability Institute and the Director of the current SARAHS Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The following and final regular meeting of the Senate for the 2009-2010 academic year was scheduled for Wednesday May 19, 2010 at 3:30pm to 5:30pm in Science 333.

Appendix A: Curriculum Summary

From the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

1. The following new policy:
 - a. Academic Standing
2. The following new courses:
 - a. BIOL 358 (3) Plant Ecophysiology
 - b. CHEM 322 (3) Methods in Forensic Chemical Analysis

From the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies

1. The following new policy:
 - a. Academic Standing
2. The following new courses:
 - a. ARTH 375 (3) Encountering India: The Age of the Mughals
 - b. ENGL 341/CULT 341 (3) Globalization, Literature, and Culture
 - c. ENGL 437/CULT 437 (3-9) d Postcolonial Studies

From the Faculty of Education

1. The following new courses:
 - a. EDUC 530 (3) Educating for Humanity: Citizenship through Service Learning; EDUC 560 (3/6) d Directed Studies in Education

From the Faculties of Arts and Sciences and Creative and Critical Studies (joint proposal)

1. The following revised degree requirement:
 - a. B.A. Language Other Than English Requirement