



Okanagan Senate

Minutes of 27 March 2013

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Attendance

Present: Prof S. J. Toope (President), Ms L. M. Collins (Secretary), Dr L. Allan, Dr P. Arthur, Mr K. Aziz, Ms S. Baez, Mr J. Baxter, Dean G. Binsted, Dean L. Bosetti, Dr. E. A. Broome, Mr S. Bullock, Prof. D. Buszard, Dr K. Carlaw, Dr J. Cioe, Mr I. Cull, Dr F. de Scally, Dr R. R. Dods, Dr M. Grant, Ms F. Helfrand, Dr K. Hewage, Dr S. Hilton, Dr J. Johnson, Mr T. Krupa, Dr C. Labun, Ms J. Lawson, Dr Y. Lucet, Dr B. Marcolin, Dean C. Mathieson, Dr A. Milani, Dr B. Nilson, Ms L. Patterson, Dr A. Phillion, Dr W. Pue, Mr J. Al Ramahi, Mr M. Redekopp, Dr D. Roberts, Dr C. Robinson, Dr. C. Scarff, Dean R. Sugden, Dr D. Tannant, Dean W. Tettey, Mr C. Tse, Dr P. van Donkelaar, Dr G. Wetterstrand, Dr S. Yannacopoulos.

Regrets: Mr R. Adl, Dr. P Balcaen, Ms M. Burton, Ms M. Campos, Dean E. Hall, Mr K. Nolan, Mr C. Li, Ms S. Morgan-Silvester Mr R. Sharma, Mr T. Smith.

Guests: Ms N. Hager

Recording Secretary: Mr C. Eaton

Call to Order

The President called the seventh regular meeting of the Senate for the 2012/2013 Academic Year to order.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Jan Cioe } That the Minutes of the Meeting of 27 February
Peter Arthur } 2013 be adopted as presented.

Approved.

Business Arising From the Minutes

The Registrar noted that a student senator had raised the issue of meeting conflicts for Senators. She suggested that the Senate Agenda Committee could consider the issue of moving Senate meetings to a time more convenient for Senators. She advised that currently, Senate meetings were scheduled directly following University Time and in the least used lecture block.

President's Remarks

The President updated Senate on the results of the federal budget, noting that there were no cuts made to the granting councils and some money that was to be cut was restored. The President described this as a positive signal along with confirmed investments in the Canada Foundation for Innovation, Genome Canada, and \$20M new money for the UBC-based MITACS program, including a three-year extension for the MITACS accelerate program and \$13M for the MITACS Global Links program. Finally, the federal budget provided for a small amount of money to be made available to support Canadian students who want to study outside of Canada.

Professor Toope noted that there was a positive reference in the budget to working with the AUCC on indirect costs of research; the AUCC and G15 have been working for a decade to have the Government better understand this issue. Currently, we receive a 19% top up; in the US this was 40% and in Australia it was 50%. The President suggested that many believe that this is one area where a better concentration of resources – lab facilities, lighting, libraries, etc. – would help us be in a stronger academic position. Regretfully, the specific proposal brought forward by UBC, McGill, and U of T in this area was not accepted.

The President advised that the Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) program had changed structurally; at the masters level, the quota for applications has been changed to a quota per university for awards. He noted that UBC did not yet know what the formula would be for allocations, but in principle this seems positive for UBC. Doctoral awards would also be reconsidered but the President explained that he was not sure what will be changed yet.

Senator Dods noted that the CGS changes would likely increase costs for universities as we now had to adjudicate these scholarships ourselves; the President agreed.

Senator Cioe asked how CGS awards would be allocated between the campuses.

The President confirmed that UBC would be able to determine the allocations internally.

Senator Cioe suggested that the 1-year award was fundamentally flawed; in the Social Sciences students are not generally able to complete in 1 year. He further suggested that these awards also came too late in the process to be of help in the recruitment of students.

The President replied that he had raised this problem with Government, and it also existed for PhD programs. The government has suggested that 2-year awards would simply result in fewer awards in total. UBC has some issues for graduate funding and the President hoped that this circumstance would help us reconsider how we structure our graduate student funding.

Senator Phillion noted that right now master's student funding is allocated to students, not to universities. He asked what if students took that money and went elsewhere?

The President agreed that this could be a problem; we are not sure how things will be structured yet.

Finally, Professor Toope noted that Provost Wesley Pue had decided to return to his professorship in Law at the Vancouver campus. The President thanked him for his work at the Okanagan campus and wished him the best in that transition.

Certificates of Appreciation for Student Senators Completing their Terms on 31 March 2013

The President and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor thanked the student representatives to Senate for their involvement over the past year and presented them with certificates of appreciation. It was noted that some students had been re-elected.

Deputy Vice-Chancellors Remarks

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor noted that the Agenda Committee has discussed moving Senate meetings to a better location. She asked that Senators contact the Secretary with any suggestions.

Professor Buszard advised that we have almost completed our process to fund a campus Ombuds officer. Hopefully they will be in office for next semester.

Senator Cioe asked if the Ombuds officer's role would be limited to students

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor replied that at present this would be the case; the President advised that there may be a reconsideration of this over the next few months.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor noted enthusiasm expressed in the region for funding from the Building Canada Fund in funding research in partnership with local community.

Prof. Buszard congratulated colleagues for a successful research week, Rule Out Racism Week, and Women in Science and Engineering's celebration.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor also expressed her thanks to Wes Pue for his work as Provost over the past two years.

Admission & Awards Committee

The Committee Chair, Dr Spiro Yannacopoulos, presented.

NEW AND REVISED AWARDS

See Appendix A: Awards Summary

Spiro Yannacopoulos } *That Senate accept the new and revised awards*
Jan Cioe } *as listed and forward them to the Board of*
Governors for approval; and that a letter of
thanks be sent to the donors.

Approved

Curriculum Committee

The Committee Chair, Dr Dwayne Tannant, presented.

MARCH CURRICULUM REPORT

Dwayne Tannant } *That Senate approve the degree parchment*
Jan Cioe } *revisions brought forward from the Faculty of*
Applied Science and the revised programs
brought forward from Faculty of Arts and
Sciences as set out in the attached proposals.

Dr Tannant briefly explained the revised programs and the Faculty of Applied Science's parchment change proposal.

Senator Johnson asked if the graduate student degree parchments would be changed as well.

Dr Tannant apologized for examples not being prepared for the graduate degrees; he noted that the masters-level parchments would also be changed as specified in the proposal.

Dr Tannant explained that the program change proposed was to update the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Majors in Computer Science to reflect changes in the field.

Approved

Nominating Committee

The Committee Chair, Mr Curtis Tse, presented.

UBC OKANAGAN MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Curtis Tse } *That Senate appoint Dr Peter Arthur to serve as*
Dwayne Tannant } *the faculty representative and Mr Simon Bullock*
to serve as the student representative to the UBC
Okanagan Master Plan Steering Committee until

such time as the Committee's work is completed.

Approved

Other Business

On behalf of the students, Senator Tse expressed his thanks to the Provost for his work and presented him with a gift.

Senator Cioe noted and expressed his concern that ADM026 – the theatre - was no longer available for classroom teaching.

The Deputy Registrar replied that there was some limited access due to its theatre usage. If it is not used for theatre uses, some courses are scheduled there.

Senator Cioe noted that this resulted in non-standard blocks. We need classrooms of this size of teaching and this poses a major problem.

The Provost suggested that in our space planning exercises we needed to find a space for the theatre program to perform. As a result of an analysis last year, the decision was made to use that space as a theatre and that we had sufficient remaining space. He and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor agreed to review the use of this space.

Senator Tettey noted that this room was also used for teaching in performance-focused programs, not just for performances.

Senator Al Ramahi asked if any progress had been made on considering the dissemination of teaching evaluation results.

Senator Arthur replied that this had recently been discussed at the TEQ committee and Senate Learning & Research Committee and wider consultation was desired. He noted that tomorrow an open forum would be held at the University Centre ballroom that would help further discussions.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Appendix A: Awards Summary

New Awards:

Jody Rud Memorial Award in Social Work

A \$1,000 award has been endowed by the family and friends of Jody Rud for a student in any Masters of Social Work Program in the School of Social Work in the Faculty of Health and Social Development at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus, with preference given to students with an emphasis on drug and alcohol addiction or homelessness. Consideration will be given to students who demonstrate a combination of academic achievement and volunteerism, community involvement, or campus leadership. The award is made on the recommendation of the School. Jody will be remembered for his compassionate nature and his dedication to making a difference in the lives of others. (First award available for the 2013/14 Winter Session)

Richard S. Hallisey Scholarship in Engineering

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in honour of alumnus Richard S. Hallisey to a third- or fourth-year student in the School of Engineering in the Faculty of Applied Science at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Consideration will be given to students who demonstrate a combination of academic achievement and community involvement or campus leadership. The award is made on the recommendation of the School. (First award available for the 2013/14 Winter Session)

Corbishley Bursary in Engineering

A \$5,000 bursary is offered by Douglas Corbishley to a third-year student in the School of Engineering in the Faculty of Applied Science at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus, with the possibility of renewal for an additional year provided the student continues to demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to students who have graduated from a high school in the Okanagan Valley. The award is adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2013/14 Winter Session)

MacKay LLP and CAEF Achievement Award in Accounting

A \$2,500 award is offered by MacKay LLP Kelowna and the Chartered Accountants Education Fund (CAEF) of British Columbia to a third-year student in the Bachelor of Management Program in the Faculty of Management at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Consideration will be given to students pursuing a career in chartered accounting who have excelled in third-year accounting courses and have demonstrated a strong involvement in professional and extracurricular activities. Equal consideration is to be given to academic and non-academic criteria. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty. (First award available for the 2012/13 Winter Session)

Previously-approved awards with changes in terms or funding source:

Current Existing:

Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP Award in Legal Studies

A \$1,000 award is offered by Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP to a student graduating with a Major in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, with the Law Emphasis Option, in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The award is made on the recommendation of the School to a student who shows great promise in the field of law. (First award available for the 2010/11 Winter Session)

Proposed:

Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP Award for Legal Studies

A \$1,000 award is offered by Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP to a student graduating from the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The award is made on the recommendation of the School to a student who shows great promise in the field of law. (First award available for the 2013/14 Winter Session)

Rationale:

As approved by the donor, the proposed revisions are intended to broaden the pool of eligible students.