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OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 4 APRIL 2007

Attendance

Present: President Stephen Toope (Chair)

Dr. Alaa S. Abd-El-Aziz (AVP and COO, Academic and Research,), Mr. R. Adl, Mr. P. Arthur, Mr. G. August, Ms. S. Barnard, Dean B. Bauer, Dean R. Belton, Dean J. Bottorff, Ms. M. Burton, Dean R. Campbell, Dr. J. Castricano, Mr. R. Chavarie, Dr. J. Cioe, Dr. R. Currie, Ms. L. Driscoll, Dr. M. Duran-Cogan, Mr. R. Gandha, Dr. J. Gustar, Dean M. Isaacson, Ms. E. Johnston, Dr. D. Keyes, Dr. R. Klukas, Mr. M. Koovisk, Dean M. Krank, Dr. A. Labun, Dr. R. Lalonde, Mr. G. Lepp, Mr. D. Lubbers, Ms. V. Lymberopoulos, Ms. N. Neumann, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Dr. D. Owram, Ms. M. Patapoff, Dr. S. Reid, Dr. C. Scarff, Dr. D. Senese, Dr. M. Ungureanu, Dr. M. Williams, Mr. C. Wilson, Dr. P. Wrzesniewski, Dr. P. Wylie

By Invitation: From Enrolment Services: Ms. L. M. Collins, Mr. C. Eaton, Mr. F. Vogt (Registrar & Secretary)

Regrets: Dr. J. Bassett-Smith, Dr. W. Broughton, Dr. E. Butz, Ms. S. Grass, Dr. S. McCoubrey, Chancellor Dr. A. McEachern, Mr. B. Silzer, Ms. G. Zilm

Recording Secretary: Ms. Nathalie Limbos-Bomberg

Call to Order

President Toope called the meeting to order.

Senate Membership

On behalf of the Secretary to Senate, Mr. Vogt welcomed new and returning Student Senators asking each member to introduce themselves. Members of the Senate applauded to welcome all Student Senators.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved: *Dr. Cioe*
Seconded: *Dean Belton*

That the minutes of the Okanagan Senate Meeting of 7 March 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes

BRIDGES Transitions Inc. Award in Education
Acting Committee Chair Dr. Labun reported that, as a practice, all awards are intended for undergraduate students unless otherwise specified.

Dr. Labun presented the award with modification for approval.

Addition in bold:

> **BRIDGES Transitions Inc. Award in Education:** A $500 award is offered by Bridges Transitions Inc. to **an undergraduate** student in the Faculty of Education at The University of British Columbia Okanagan who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and leadership. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty. (First award available for the 2007/08 Winter Session)

By general consent the Senate accepted the modification to the award terms, and directed that the changed award be forwarded to the Board of Governors for approval.

Chair's Remarks and Related Questions

Chair President Toope congratulated UBC Vancouver Professor of Microbiology and Immunology Dr. Robert Hancock on being awarded the 2007 Killam Prize in Life Sciences.

Dr. Cioe congratulated the President on his speaking engagement that evening with CBC Radio One's Daybreak host Marion Barschel. The President thanked Dr. Cioe and commented on the interview's informal and engaging conversational format.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor's Remarks

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Dr. Doug Owram updated the Senate as follows:

- Progress on the hiring plans of thirty-five new faculty members
- Challenge of new student recruitment target of 900 students due to demographics

Dr. Cioe commented on the recent release of MacLean's magazine's annual university issue and its critique of UBC as a large university. Dr. Cioe inquired after any interest on

the part of UBC in stressing the Okanagan's community-based campus, intimate learning environment and access to faculty as part of the messaging campaign. Dr. Cioe also inquired after an overall media strategy to deal specifically with national articles. Dr. Owram confirmed the inclusion of this messaging and related UBC Okanagan's future success to marketing these strengths.

In response to a question about demographics, Dr. Owram commented on the shrinking pool of seventeen year-old students from which to draw qualified new recruits. When asked of the future trend of this demographic, Dr. Owram responded that numbers in the seventeen year-old age group will continue to decline for several years.

Mr. Gandha supported Dr. Owram's new student recruitment strategy as effective and commented on his own work as a student ambassador with the University in phone campaigns and outreach to major city schools. President Toope affirmed the importance of personal contact strategies in attracting not only students, but higher-level faculty such as professors and deans.

Dr. Duran-Cogan inquired if UBC targeted the United States. Dr. Owram acknowledged the importance of the international market.

Policies & Procedures Committee

Candidate for Emeritus Status

On behalf of the Policies and Procedures Committee, Dr. Keyes thanked Dean Isaacson for his past service as Chair.

Committee Chair Dr. Keyes presented a proposal to modify the Emeritus Policy in consideration of OUC retirement patterns and added that the overall policy continues to be reviewed by the Policies and Procedures Committee.

Moved: *Dr. Keyes*
Seconded: *Dr. Williams*

That the policy on Emeritus Status, as approved by the Okanagan Senate in May 12, 2006 be modified as follows:

…

Those individuals who retired from Okanagan University College between ~~January 1, 2004~~ **December 31, 2003** and June 30, 2005 and who held a faculty appointment in a degree program or librarian appointment at OUC for a minimum of three years may apply to accept emeritus status.

Discussion
Dr. Reid voiced his concern over changing a policy to accommodate one person and inquired if December 31 was an arranged date for all Okanagan University College retirements or if there were a series of dates for retirement. Dr. Labun asked further if the spirit of the original policy was to include retirees from the 2004 calendar year only. Dr. Cioe clarified for all that practice was for OUC professors to retire at the end of their term with December 31 marking the end of term. Dr. Keyes stated that the Committee selected December 31 purposefully to capture that group of retirees.

Ms. Collins further clarified that Okanagan University College ceased operations before the question of Emeritus Status could be considered and perhaps additional names may come forward to the Policies and Procedures Committee for individual consideration.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Dr. Keyes presented the motion to consider a specific case.

Moved: *Dr. Keyes*
Seconded: *Dean Krank*

That Dr. Derek B. Muggeridge be granted emeritus status at the rank of Professor Emeritus of Physics & Astronomy.

Discussion
Dean Isaacson asked if it was a problem that there was not a one-to-one ratio at UBC for Physics and Astronomy. Ms. Collins stated that it is a transitional issue, one that would not likely recur very often in future.

The motion was put and CARRIED with one abstention.

Curriculum Committee

New and Changed Graduate and Undergraduate Curriculum Proposals

Committee Chair Dr. Gustar presented curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Arts and Sciences, Creative & Critical Studies, the College of Graduate Studies, and the Faculty of Management

Moved: *Dr. Gustar*
Seconded: *Dr. Duran-Cogan*

That the Senate approve the new and changed undergraduate courses and programs brought forward by the Faculties of Arts and Sciences, Creative and Critical Studies and Management.

Discussion
Dr. Gustar was asked to explain the discontinuation of the Bachelor of Arts Honours Designation. Dean Krank added to Dr. Gustar's summary that some students in psychology, for example, may wish to return for an honours designation and perhaps a proposal to develop a mechanism for this recognition will come before Senate in the future.

Dr. Labun raised a question of style in several of the Management proposals, as well as a request for a grammatical correction. By consent the corrections will be made in the final version.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Admissions and Awards Committee

Faculty of Health and Social Development: Admission to Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Immunization Requirement

Moved: *Dr. Labun*
Seconded: *Mr. Koovisk*

That the Senate approve the Admission to Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Immunization Requirement.

Discussion
Dr. Reid expressed concern over the inconsistent format of the proposal and was supported in this observation by Dr. Cioe who stated that the Curriculum Committee struggled with this issue regularly. President Toope asked that the Senate Secretariat will take this under advisement and will work together with the Committees for one style of presentation.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

New Awards

New Awards

Acting Committee Chair Dr. Labun presented eleven new awards for approval.

Moved: *Dr. Labun*
Seconded: *Dr. Gustar*

That the new awards be accepted as listed and forwarded to the Board of Governors for approval, and that letters of thanks be sent to the donors.

Discussion
Mr. Gandga inquired after the absence of specific donors for the series of athletic awards. Dr. Labun explained that this format was common and allowed for funding to come from multiple donors and/or from budget. Mr. Lubbers expressed concern over announcing an award without a pre-determined funding source. Dr. Owram clarified that funds for these types of awards are raised from a variety of sources, including internal fundraising, and while money may come from general purpose operating he has yet to receive such a budget request. Ms. Neumann inquired if funding would be equally divided among men's and women's athletic teams. Dr. Owram responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Neumann inquired if the A.W. Hunt, Q.C. Student Emergency Assistance Fund was available to graduate students. Dr. Labun stated that the award was eligible to "students in any program or faculty". Ms. Neumann reiterated her earlier request for clarification on undergraduate and graduate eligibility for awards. The Senate agreed that future proposals were to clearly indicate eligibility.

In response to a question about the basis for the ALPINE Helicopters Scholarship, Dr. Labun stated that all awards are given on the basis on academic merit.

The motion, was put and CARRIED.

Admission to UBC Okanagan: Applicants Following Secondary School Curricula in Canada, Outside of BC/Yukon

Moved: *Dr. Labun*
Seconded: *Dr. Scarff*

That the Senate approve the Admission to UBC Okanagan: Applicants Following Secondary School Curricula in Canada, Outside of BC/Yukon.

Discussion
Dean Belton noted a grammatical correction. President Toope clarified that the R-score was used in Quebec to measure relative quality of CEGEP programs.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. The following regular meeting was scheduled to be held on April 25, 2007.