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OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 10 OCTOBER 2007

Attendance

Present: Deputy Vice-Chancellor Dr. D. Owram (Vice-Chair), Dr. A. S. Abd-El-Aziz, Mr. R. Adl, Mr. P. Arthur, Dr. J. Bassett-Smith, Dean B. Bauer, Dean R. Belton, Dean J. Bottorff, Dr. W. Broughton, Ms. M. Burton, Dr. E. Butz, Dean R. Campbell, Dr. J. Castricano, Mr. R. Chavarie, Dr. J. Cioe, 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, Dr. S. McCoubrey, Mr. B. Silzer (Registrar & Secretary), Dr. C. McFadyen, Ms. N. Neumann, Dr. S. Reid, Dr. M. Ungureanu, Dr. M. Williams, Ms. M. Wilson, Dr. P. Wrzesniewski

By Invitation: Ms. A. Lindsay, Associate Registrar, Student Systems, From Enrolment Services: Ms. L. M. Collins, Mr. C. Eaton, Ms. K. Ross, Ms. G. Vallée, Mr. F. Vogt

Regrets: President Stephen Toope, Mr. G. August, Ms. S. Barnard, Ms. L. Driscoll, Dr. M. Duran-Cogan, Chancellor Dr. A. McEachern, Ms. M. Patapoff, Mr. O. Penner, Dr. C. Scarff, Mr. C. Wilson, Ms. G. Zilm

Recording Secretary: Ms. N. Limbos-Bomberg

Call to Order

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Doug Owram called the meeting to order.

Agenda

The Agenda was accepted by consent.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting, 12 September 2007

Moved: *Dr. Cioe*
Seconded: *Dr. Abd-El-Aziz*

That the minutes of the Okanagan Senate Meeting of 12 September 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

Vice-Chair's Remarks and Related Questions

Vice-Chair Dr. Owram noted the recent Ministry of Education announcement by Kelowna-Lake Country MLA Al Horning on UBC Okanagan's two new degree programs: Western Canada's first interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts degree in Cultural Studies and new Master's and Doctoral degrees in Environmental Sciences.

With regards to capital building projects, Dr. Owram reported that due to the Terasen Gas strike, gas hook-ups are delayed in the residence town homes. Other buildings are on track: the Engineering Management building (September 2008) and the University Centre (January 2009). Arts/Science Building II is waiting on final sign-off from the government before construction can begin; however, site preparations have started with a September 2008 expected completion date. Lastly, many attended the opening of the flyover 1 October 2007 and will note that landscaping is slowly filling in throughout campus. Dr. Owram hoped that by next September these construction projects will present a new UBC Okanagan campus.

From the Board of Governors

Confirmation that the following recommendations of Okanagan Senate were approved:

17 February 2006 Meeting of Senate

The establishment of the School of Engineering within the Faculty of Applied Science.

Curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Applied Science, Arts and Sciences, Creative and Critical Studies, Health and Social Development and the College of Graduate Studies

New awards.

23 May 2007 Meeting of Senate

Curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Applied Science, Arts & Sciences, Creative & Critical Studies and Education.

New awards.

12 September 2007 Meeting of Senate

Curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Arts & Sciences and Management.

Nominating Committee

Student Senator Attendance at Committee Meetings

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Chair Dr. Lalonde reminded all Student Senators to identify scheduling challenges to their Committee Chair in an attempt to resolve barriers that may be prohibiting them from attending these important meetings.

As well, Dr. Lalonde requested nominations to fill one Faculty Member of Dean vacancy on the Nominating Committee noting that self-nominations are welcome.

Policies & Procedures Committee

Granting of Graduate Degrees in November 2007

On behalf of the Policies and Procedures Committee, Chair Dr. Keyes presented the following motion as an interim measure enabling the first class of graduate students to graduate in November 2007. Dr. Keyes noted for Senate that in response to issues surrounding the granting of graduate degrees the Deputy Vice-Chancellor has convened a special task force chaired by the AVP, Academic and Research Dr. Abd-El-Aziz that will report to the Policies and Procedures Committee and then Senate in January 2008.

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

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

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.*

Discussion

Dr. Cioe noted that in light of the recent Ministry of Education announcement, one November 2007 graduate student may wish to graduate under the Environment Sciences Masters degree instead of the IGS. In response to a suggestion to amend the above motion for this possibility, Ms. Collins recommended rather to proceed with the motion as drafted, inquire further with the student as to his wishes and make any necessary amendments in November when Senate will be approving degrees. Responding to a question from the floor, Ms. Collins noted that, as an agenda item, Policies and Procedures will review the motion assuring it to be as explicit as necessary to comply with whatever directives Senate approves at this meeting.

Dr. Abd-El-Aziz noted the membership and process of the task force struck to consider the issue of granting graduate degrees: among others, membership includes both Chairs of the Policies and Procedures and Curriculum Committees (Dr. Keyes and Dr. Gustar) as well as possibly Graduate students; the task force will consult with Faculty, the College of Graduate Studies' Graduate Council and will offer an open forum for general campus input. The task force will generate a series of recommendations, submit them to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for consideration and then on to Senate for discussion, deliberation and decision.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Curriculum Committee

Curriculum Proposal from the Faculty of Management

On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Gustar presented a curriculum proposal from the Faculty of Management.

Moved: *Dr. Gustar*
Seconded: *Dean Stuart*

That Senate approves the new undergraduate program option brought forward by the Faculty of Management as set out in the attached package.

Discussion

Dr. Cioe requested clarification on the credits earned by the co-op placement. Dean Stuart explained that students earn three credits a term for every work term they complete (they must complete three work terms with the option of a fourth) but the credits are over and above the degree requirements of management degree.

Dean Bauer inquired if the 70% average was intended to include all courses or strictly management courses. Senate approved one editorial amendment approved by consent: "…based on all courses taken while registered in the Bachelor of Management Program, up to an including year two" (underlined text is new).

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Admissions and Awards Committee

New Awards

On behalf of the Admissions and Awards Committee, Chair Dr. McCoubrey presented the following new awards for approval.

Moved: *Dr. McCoubrey*
Seconded: *Dr. Gustar*

That Senate accept the new awards as listed and forward them to the Board of Governors for approval, and that letters of thanks be sent to the donors.

Discussion

Dr. Cioe asked for clarification on the recommending body for on awards when not specified. Dr. McCoubrey noted that these awards are automatically given at the source by Awards, Fees and Finance and are written as thus for reasons of flexibility.

In response to an inquiry from the floor, Dean Belton noted that an anonymous Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies donation funded the Creative Writing Prize.

A question arose as to the need to capitalize the letter 'd' when referring to the Edmonton and Calgary districts in the James R. Conway Scholarship. Dr.

Owram noted that greater metropolitan areas are defined by census as so yes, both instances should be capitalized. This amendment was approved by consent.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Report from the Registrar

Special Presentation: Kuali Student Project

Mr. Brian Silzer introduced himself as Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Services & Registrar and Ms. Audrey Lindsay, Associate Registrar, Student Systems, and offered a short presentation on the next generation student system: the Kuali Student Service System.

In Summary

The Kuali Student Service System program will create a next generation student system that will use a service-oriented architecture to provide cost effective, scalable support for students and other users that reflects their individual challenges and goals and simplifies or eliminates administrative tasks. In addition to meeting all of the needs of a traditional student system, Kuali Student will improve support for new learning activities and programs, and make it easier to innovate and change activities, programs and processes.

Founders include the University of British Columbia, the University of California, Berkeley, the University of Maryland, College Park, Florida State University, and San Joaquin Delta College. Partners include the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Carnegie Mellon University.

See Richard Spencer/Ted Dodds ECAR article entitled 'Next Generation Administrative Systems: Philosophy, Principles, and Technology' (attached).

For more information please visit www.kuali.org.

Question and Answer

In response to a question from the floor, Mr. Silzer noted that open source refers to programs for which the licenses allow users to: 1) freely access, install, and run the software for any purpose; 2) modify the original software; 3) redistribute copies of the original or modified programs; and 4) share modifications with the community. This is in sharp contrast to use of commercially developed software for which a licensing fee is required and user modifications are not permitted, or when changes are made by the campus IT staff, they are not supported. Community source describes a model for the purposeful coordinating of work in a community. It is based on many of the principles of open source development efforts, but community source efforts rely more explicitly on defined roles, responsibilities, and funded commitments by community members than some open source development models.

Ms. Lindsay noted that the project began July 2007 and expects to last five years with delivery mid-stream as noted in the presentation. Ms. Silzer added that

implementation will be approached on a modular basis with specific focuses, phasing in a new program while phasing out an old one. Ms. Lindsay noted that UBC has a long history of phasing programs in over time and it has the most updated system among the other founding partners; these two factors should make implementation easier.

In response to a question about funding sources, Mr. Silzer replied that it is not fully determined; at this time all funds are sources from UBC as a whole and many services at UBC do not come at a price per campus but are rather based on cost-sharing.

Dr. Cioe observed that 7 to 10 years seemed to be the average life-span of large project systems and the current system is in its ninth year. Mr. Silzer noted that the project partners are of high caliber and the different approach – that of modular building blocks – enabled upgrades as required and assured the long-term sustainability of the system.

Mr. Chavarie inquired after security in an open-source system and was assured that hardware firewalls would protect the system despite its "community-based" shareware architecture.

On behalf of Senate, Dr. Owram thanked Mr. Silzer and Ms. Audrey for their presentation and suggested that further inquiries into the Kuali Student Service System be directed to Ms. Lindsay.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

The following regular meeting was scheduled to be held on Wednesday 7 November 2007 at 3:30pm to 5:30pm in Library 317.

*Note that the 2007-2008 Senate & Committee Meeting Schedule is available on the Okanagan Senate website at:
http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/senate/schedule.cfm.