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**To:** Okanagan Senate  
**From:** Agenda Committee  
**Subject:** Leave of Absence Requests (approval)

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Part 2, Section 12 of the *Rules and Procedures of the Okanagan Senate* state:

“Any elected member may be granted a leave of absence for up to five consecutive ordinary meetings of Senate, except in the case of a student senator who may be granted a leave of absence for up to two consecutive ordinary meetings of Senate. Any absence without leave for more than five consecutive ordinary meetings, or two in the case of a student senator, shall result in a declaration of vacancy by the Secretary of Senate.”

Two Senators have requested a leave of absence from Senate for the following reasons:

1. Ms. Whitney Rotzien (Student Senator, Faculty of Arts and Sciences) notified the Secretariat of a non-academic obligation that conflicted with her ability to attend Okanagan Senate meetings in Winter Tem 1. She subsequently missed the September, October, and November 2009 regular meetings of Senate, but has indicated that she will be able to attend meetings of Senate in Term 2.
2. Mr. Gary August (Convocation Senator) missed the last six meetings of Senate (March, April, May, September, October, and November 2009). When notified that his seat would be declared vacant if indeed Senate records were correct, Mr. August noted that a foot injury in the spring prevented him from walking from the lower parking lot to the location of Senate meetings. The Secretariat has since provided both Convocation Senators with parking passes for Senate days, and Mr. August has confirmed his interest in continuing on Senate.

The Agenda Committee recommends the following to Senate:

*Motion:* That Senate approve a retroactive leave of absence to Ms. Whitney Rotzien for November 2009, and to Mr. Gary August for the months of March, April and May 2009.