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**April 27, 2011**

**To: Okanagan Senate**  
**From: Admissions and Awards Committee**  
**Subject: New and Revised Awards (approval)**

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The Admissions and Awards Committee is pleased to recommend the following:

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

**Sigurdson Family Bursary:** Bursaries totalling \$7,000 have been endowed by Lois Sigurdson for students at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. (First awards available for the 2011/12 Winter Session)

### **Previously-Approved Awards with Changes in Terms or Funding Source:**

#### New proposed:

#### **UBC Okanagan Campus International Community Achievement Award**

Awards of \$3,000 each are offered by the International Student Initiative (ISI) to continuing international students at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus who have demonstrated leadership in one or more of the following areas: community service, international engagement, intercultural understanding, promotion of diversity, intellectual pursuits, and artistic or athletic endeavours. The award is made on the recommendation of International Student Development in consultation with the International Student Initiative and Faculties at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. (First awards available for the 2010/11 Winter Session)

Current existing:**UBC Okanagan International Community Achievement Award**

Three awards of \$3,000 each are offered by the International Student Initiative to continuing international students at The University of British Columbia Okanagan who have demonstrated leadership in one or more of the following areas: community service, cross-cultural relations, promotion of diversity, intellectual pursuits, and artistic or athletic endeavours. The award is made on the recommendation of Student Development in consultation with the International Student Initiative and Faculties at The University of British Columbia Okanagan. (First awards available for the 2008/09 Winter Session)

How amended:

The previous wording limited the number of awards to three per year. By removing the reference to the number of awards, ISI will have the ability to offer awards commensurate with changes to international student enrolments and the related source of funding for the award. The population of international undergraduate students is currently growing; therefore ISI would like to be able to double or triple the number of awards each year. Conversely, should the population of international students decline, the number of awards offered each year would have to be reduced.

Rationale:

The ISI would like to:

- continue to recognize the contributions made by international undergraduate students to the Okanagan campus and community;
- tie the award more closely to the ideals of Place and Promise by including *international engagement and inter-cultural understanding* as ways for students to demonstrate leadership;
- clarify that the award is made on the recommendation of International Student Development (a specialized sub-unit within Student Development dedicated to supporting international students) in consultation with ISI and the Faculties.

Funding for the award is generated by international undergraduate student tuition fees, a portion of which (8% as of 2011/12) is set aside for international student financial support.

For the Committee

Dr. Sharon McCoubrey

Chair, Admissions and Awards Committee