



Okanagan Senate

Minutes of 16 May 2013

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Attendance

Present:	Prof S.J. Toope (President), Mr C. Eaton (Acting Secretary); Mr R. Adl; Dr P. Balcaen; Dr G. Binsted; Dr L. Bosetti; Dr E.A. Broome; Ms M. Burton; Mr J. Byron; Dr J. Cioe; Mr N. Dodds; Dr R.R. Dods; Ms A. Geddes; Dr K. Hewage; Dr S. Hilton; Dr C. Labun; Dr Y. Lucet; Dr B. Marcolin; Dr A. Milani; Dr B. Nilson; Dr D. Roberts; Dr C. Robinson; Dr C. Scarff; Ms S. Sneg; Dr P. van Donkelaar; Dr G. Wetterstrand; Dr S. Yannacopoulos
Regrets:	Dr L. Allan; Dr P. Arthur; Mr S. Bullock; Prof. D. Buszard; Dr K. Carlaw; Ms L. Collins; Mr I. Cull; Dr F. de Scally; Mr B. Edwards; Mr T. Ewila; Dr M. Grant; Dr E. Hall; Ms F. Helfand; Dr J. Johnson; Mr C. MacKay; Dr C. Mathieson; Ms S. Morgan-Silvester; Ms L. Patterson; Dr A. Phillion; Dr W. Pue; Dr R. Sugden; Dr D. Tannant; Dr W. Tettey; Mr C. Tse
Guests:	Ms K. Darling; Ms N. Hager; Dr P. Lasserre

Call to Order

The President called the ninth 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 24 April 2013
Gordon Binsted } be adopted as corrected:

Corrections: pose replaces post on page 12,
Robinson replaces Robinsom on page 1.

Approved.

Business Arising From the Minutes

ADM 026

The Provost explained that the theatre provided a valuable cultural contribution to campus and is essential to offer a performance arts program; AMD 026 is the only space suitable for that

purpose. He further explained that because a theatre can add complications due to props, setup, etc. its use for other purposes can be impeded and it was preferable to not view it as a sub-standard 200-seat classroom despite us having a need for such spaces. ADM 026 was available to be scheduled as a classroom when this did not conflict with its theatre primary purpose.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

The Acting Secretary advised that the “productivity lump sum” referenced in the budget was a 1% payment made to faculty members each July under Article 5 of the Faculty Association Collective Agreement. The President further commented that in previous years this amount was based on fundraising targets being met.

President’s Remarks

The President noted that 8 months ago the Research Universities Council of British Columbia (RUCBC) launched an “Opportunity Agenda” that garnered a great deal of attention. The agenda’s goal is to present a forward-looking and encouraging agenda for the role of post-secondary education in BC. There are three components:

- An increase in spaces, including specific space for graduate students;
- Access for students across the province including improvements to the Provincial loan scheme and student support; and
- A need to provide stable and predictable funding for research endeavors and their community connections.

Professor Toope reminded Senators that there was to be a 1.5% cut to this year’s budget that was scaled back to 0.5%. He advised that RUCBC will endeavour to convince Government that cuts now are not wise given the need for an educated workforce, noting that by 2020, there will be a massive gap in the workforce and this includes those who need university training such as engineers or those in health professions. We need to ensure that BC does not underperform economically due to a lack of British Columbians with needed skills.

Further regarding government relations, the President suggested that discussions may be reopened on the position of universities within the government reporting entity. He noted that in Ontario, they are accounted for separately from the provincial budget. Professor Toope noted that on the Okanagan campus, UBC needed to borrow to fund new student residences but could not do so for the past three years because it would affect the Provincial debt rating. The President further stated that the test for removal from the Government entity is if the Government “controls” a university. This would have important implications philosophically for the university in its relations with Government as it would require the Government to remove its right to appoint a majority of our board.

Professor Toope advised that York University has now been sued by the Access Copyright consortium. Like UBC, they withdrew from the access copyright agreement. The Association of Universities and College of Canada (AUCC) has decided to support York in its resistance to Access Copyright’s demands despite AUCC’s own model licencing agreement, and UBC will be strongly supportive of York. The President reminded Senate that our own copyright website – copyright.ubc.ca – has been updated; new material deal with copyright requirements, fair dealing

changes, and digital/physical classroom FAQs. He suggested that it was extremely important for all faculty to visit the website and soon CWL accounts will require persons to review the website and sign off on having reviewed its content whenever that is changed and on a regular (annual) basis.

Senator Cioe noted that Ken Steele of Academica group suggested that BC did not have that large of a university participation gap.

The President replied that there are regional variations. For example, there is a huge need presently in Surrey. For BC there will be a modest downturn in the short term but then a strong trend upwards. BC is actually below average for university participation at 46%.

Senator Cioe noted that we draw people from away to Kelowna; these persons being educated closer to their homes could cause a problem for our enrolment plans.

The President replied that the Okanagan seemed stable and we have potential for growth: Okanagan is below the rest of BC and BC is below the rest of Canada.

Deputy Vice-Chancellors Remarks

Principal Buszard informed Senate that our membership in CanadaWest was approved and we no longer are probationary members. She congratulated the Okanagan campus athletics staff for their work on this proposal and expressed her thanks to Governor Theresa Arsenault for her efforts on behalf of our CanadaWest membership, noting that she provided an excellent voice in support of the application.

Candidates for Degrees

<i>Carolyn Labun</i>	}	<i>That the candidates for degrees, as recommended by the faculties and the College of Graduate Studies, be granted the degrees for which there were recommended, effective June 2012, and that a committee composed of the registrar, the appropriate Dean(s) or their appointed designates, and the Chair of the Okanagan Senate, be empowered to make any necessary adjustments.</i>
<i>Deborah Roberts</i>		

NB: requires two-thirds majority required.

Approved

Admission & Awards Committee

The Committee Chair, Dr Spiro Yannacopoulos, presented.

NEW AWARDS

See Appendix A: Awards Summary

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

The Committee Chair noticed that we have seven new awards for consideration at this meeting and expressed his pride at featuring new awards for consideration at every Senate meeting this year.

The president made note of the Owrarn award, funded by the previous Deputy Vice-Chancellor Douglas Owrarn.

Approved

ANNUAL REPORT ON COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Senator Yannacopoulos presented the Committee’s annual report on appeals, noting that of the 13 appeals considered, 8 were allowed and 5 were dismissed.

Senator Cioe asked if there were any patterns in appeals submissions.

Senator Yannacopoulos replied that there did not seem to be one this year, although a few were based on Medical reasons and some others on procedural errors.

Joint Report of the Admission & Awards and Curriculum Committees

The Chair of the Admission & Awards Committee, Dr Spiro Yannacopoulos, presented.

DISCONTINUATION OF THE PRE-PHARMACY PROGRAM

Spiro Yannacopoulos } *That Senate approve the discontinuation of the*
E Allan Broome } *Pre-Pharmacy Program effective for the 2014*
 } *Winter Session.*

Senator Yannacopoulos advised that this program was never in high demand and that no students were currently enrolled.

Approved

Appeals of Standing & Discipline Committee

The Committee Chair, Ms Laura Patterson, presented its annual report. She noted for Senate the importance of ensuring the finality of standing decisions and this being communicated appropriately to students. She further advised that as noted in its report, the Committee was in the process of revising its pre-hearing and hearing procedures in conjunction with its Vancouver counterparts.

A student senator asked if the Committee planned to shorten the appeal initiations deadline.

Senator Patterson replied that the overall time granted would be the same, but 5 days would be moved from the earlier deadline to allow a rebuttal to the faculty's submission by the appellant. She suggested that the Committee wanted to better ensure timely decisions for those students who wish to have their standing issues resolved in time for the next possible session.

Curriculum Committee

MAY CURRICULUM REPORT

See Appendix B: Curriculum Summary

<i>Ramine Adl</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the new and revised courses and the revised program brought forward from the Faculty of Applied Science; the new and revised courses and programs brought forward from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences; and the new courses, the new course code and associated cross-listed courses, and the revised degree requirement brought forward from the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies as set out in the attached proposals.</i>
<i>Yves Lucet</i>		

Senator Adl briefly explained the nature of each of the proposed changes.

Senator Dods expressed her thanks to Drs Parkin and White for their work on the Women's and Gender studies program.

Senator Roberts asked why an Applied Science course was a pre-requisite for a BIOL444.

With permission of Senate, Dr Patricia Lassiere, Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science advised that the course in question was on dynamic modeling. The Acting Secretary agreed to look into this matter and report back to Senate.

Approved

Nominating Committee

Dr Deborah Roberts presented on behalf of the Committee

PROVOST SEARCH COMMITTEE

Deborah Roberts }
Gordon Binsted } *That Senate appoint Drs Jan Cioe, Miriam Grant, Dwayne Tannant, and Paul van Donkelaar to serve on the President's Advisory Committee for the Selection of a New Associate Vice-President Academic & Research (Provost, Okanagan) until such time as the Committee's work is completed.*

Senator Roberts explained the nature of the committee's deliberations.

Approved

APPOINTMENTS TO SENATE COMMITTEES

Deborah Roberts }
Jan Cioe } *That Senate approve that Senator Josh Byron be appointed to fill the convocation senator vacancies on the Academic Building & Resources Committee, and the Learning & Research Committee, until August 31, 2014.*

Approved

ADJUSTMENTS TO ADMISSION & AWARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Deborah Roberts }
Jan Cioe } *That Senate approve that the membership of the Senate's Admissions and Awards Committee be amended as set out in the attached document.*

Senator Roberts noted that the Faculty of Management had request that they be allowed to send an appointed representative to the Committee instead of designating their dean or an associate dean. Upon deliberation, the Nominating Committee proposes the ability to appoint designates to the committee should be accorded to all faculties.

Approved

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Ballots were distributed to Senators to allow for their selection of a representative to serve on the Presidential Search Committee; nominated were Senators Laura Patterson and Curtis Tse.

Report from the Provost

The Provost noted that the Dean of Graduate Studies has worked to expand access for the graduate collegium; graduate students are gaining salto access now. He expressed his thanks to Miriam Grant and Ian Cull for their work.

Senator Pue noted that this would be his last meeting as Provost. He expressed his thanks to Senate for its work for UBC, its support, collegiality, and friendship.

Senators extended a round of applause to Dr Pue for his work.

The President expressed his thanks to Dr Pue for his work on behalf of the entire University Community.

Senator Cioe noted that graduate students tended to have unusual schedules and asked why the collegium space could not be made accessible to students at all times.

The Provost advised that Dean Grant could advise further at a future meeting.

Senator Dods noted that this would be 20th year of this campus as it has moved from Okanagan College, to Okanagan University College, and now to the Okanagan Campus of UBC. She suggested that the campus should celebrate this anniversary.

Discussion Period

Senator Patterson noted that the Okanagan Senate had been in operation for seven years, and her committee had posed several questions in the distributed memorandum to help Senate evaluate its effectiveness and discuss any improvements that should be considered over the next year to help Senate serve its academic governance role.

The President described this as a form of self-evaluation that was common amongst governance boards.

Senator Bullock noted that students were not very aware of the Senate's functioning. He suggested that having senate elections at the same time as student union elections did not give candidates an opportunity to communicate or differentiate themselves. He asked if the University could help support the student union in running these elections on a different schedule.

Senator Cioe referenced the Pennock survey distributed. He suggested that we are nominally the optimal size for a senate, but we operate much like a larger senate and a lot of our work happens and is decided upon at committees of Senate. He suggested that a diversity of intellectual backgrounds present when the Senate considered items as a whole produced a better final

product. Secondly, he noted that senate was often presented with unworkable timeline and was forced to work in too compressed timelines and this stultifies discussions.

Senator Patterson suggested that the room used did not facilitate a good discussion and that Senate should consider moving to a better space.

Senator Sneg noted that the other British Columbian university senates had a budget committee; she asked why the Okanagan senate did not.

The President noted that there was a joint budget committee and that the Okanagan Senate did have a budget sub-committee.

Senator Roberts suggested that it would be helpful to have budget information presented to the full Senate on more than the current annual basis.

Senator Yannacopoulos suggested that we should invite non-senators to be present at meetings and be more open to the University community in Senate's work.

Senator Dods suggested that faculty members were already too pressed for time.

Carole Robinson asked if there were orientation sessions.

The President replied that there was an orientation at the start of each triennium, but that attendance was not very good. He advised that the Senate office was working on a better orientation plan for the next triennium and for the acclimatisation of those who start mid-term.

Senator Bullock expressed his support for this, noting that there was a student orientation but that more was needed.

Senator Cioe noted that junior faculty could be encouraged to use Senate as a source of service contributions to the University community. There was a time commitment but some committees were busier than others. He suggested that ensuring continuity and enough senior senators to assume Senate committee chairs was important.

Professor Buszard noted that we were entering the end of the triennium and this was our opportunity for changes. She expressed her surprise at the complete turnover system. This would give us gradual renewal and change.

Senator Roberts suggested that turnover at one time and then the committees being formed for all three years was problematic. She opined that we needed to ensure both continuity and new blood. People may also want to experience different committees from time to time.

Senator Bullock suggested a stronger connection between students and their faculties could help with having a stronger connection with Senate.

Senator Yannacopoulos encouraged senators to volunteer to chair committees and assured them that the support chairs received from the Secretary's staff was excellent.

Senator Cioe suggested that students could use technology to connect with their constituents.

Senator Bullock agreed with the benefits of technology; he noted that the student union would be working on a similar project and suggested that we could work with them.

Senator Van Donkelaar suggested that we could take some work from committees and have it decided on the senate floor. The perception is that decisions are made or at least very filtered before they get to Senate and that Senate itself had less interesting discussions as a result.

Professor Toope noted that balance between committee discussions and discussions of the whole Senate was important.

The President noted that the Vancouver Senate was trying to bring more "big picture" issues to the Senate. These kinds of issues could engage people in discussions and enliven Senate meetings.

Senator Roberts suggested that Committees could bring forward ideas for discussion instead of just specific recommendations.

Senator Dods suggested that having a more open understanding of the budget process would help us making informed decisions. The move to a more open budget is critical.

Senator Cioe replied that when issues came to Senate, a committee discussed it, comes to an answer, and then brings that to Senate. He suggested that another way of dealing with business would be to give Senate a chance to discuss an issue before a committee had its deliberations.

Senator Nilson asked if we could distinguish between substantive issues and those that are just "rubber stamping" given our limited time.

The President noted that some organizations use "consent" mechanisms.

Senator Roberts asked if the student senators had access to a mechanism to communicate with their constituents.

Presidential Search Committee

The Acting Secretary announced that Laura Patterson was elected to the Presidential Search Committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Appendix A: Awards Summary

Associated Engineering Scholarship in Engineering

A \$1,500 scholarship is offered by Associated Engineering to a student entering third- or fourth-year in the School of Engineering at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference is given to students in the Civil or Mechanical Engineering programs who demonstrate student leadership and have an interest in pursuing a career in engineering consulting. The award is made on the recommendation of the School. (First award available for the 2013/14 Winter Session)

Associated Engineering Scholarship in Sciences

A \$1,500 scholarship is offered by Associated Engineering to a student entering third- or fourth-year in the Bachelor of Science Program in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference is given to students majoring in Biology or Earth and Environmental Sciences who have an interest in pursuing a career in the consulting field of their chosen discipline. Candidates must demonstrate student leadership, have an interest in field research, and/or have a focus on conservation and natural environment management. The award is made on the recommendation of the School. (First award available for the 2013/14 Winter Session)

Doug and Deborah Owram Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship has been endowed by Dr. Doug and Mrs. Deborah Owram, along with friends and colleagues, for a student entering fourth year who is pursuing a major in Economics, History, or Political Science 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. (First award available for the 2013/14 Winter Session)

Echoridge Education Foundation Award in Medical Biochemistry

A \$500 award is offered by Echoridge Education Fund to a third-year student in the Bachelor of Science Program in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus who is majoring in Medical Biochemistry. The award is made on the recommendation of the School. (First award available for the 2013/14 Winter Session)

Gail Ferguson Memorial Athletic Award

A \$1,000 award is offered by Western Bus Lines in memory of Gail Ferguson to a second-year varsity athlete at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Adhering to athletic association regulations, the award is made on the recommendation of the Athletics & Recreation Department to an outstanding student who has demonstrated leadership skills and maintained good academic standing. (First award available for the 2013/14 Winter Session)

MacKay LLP and CAEF Leadership Award in Accounting

A \$2,500 award is offered by McKay 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. In addition to demonstrating a high level of academic achievement, candidates must also exemplify leadership by engaging in campus life and serving as a role model for their peers. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty to a student pursuing a career in chartered accounting. (First award available for the 2012/13 Winter Session)

Maury and Linda Williams Travel Award in History

Travel awards totalling \$1,000 are offered by Maury and Linda Williams to History majors and History honours students in the History Program in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus, to offset travel costs associated with presenting papers at academic conferences. Awards are also offered to History graduate students who have a topic that is clearly related to the discipline of History. To be considered, candidates must have had a paper accepted at an academic conference and they must submit a one page report on the conference to their supervising professor within two weeks of returning to campus. Awards are made on the recommendation of the History Program. (First award available 2013/14 Winter Session)

Appendix B: Curriculum Summary

From the Faculty of Applied Science

1. The following new and revised courses:
 - a. APSC 169 (3) Fundamentals of Sustainable Engineering Design
 - b. APSC 171 (3) Engineering Drawing and CAD/CAM
 - c. APSC 172 (3) Engineering Analysis I; APSC 173 (3) Engineering Analysis II
 - d. APSC 178 (4) Electricity, Magnetism, and Waves
 - e. APSC 179 (2) Linear Algebra for Engineers
 - f. APSC 182 (3) Matter and Energy I; APSC 183 (3) Matter and Energy II
2. The following revised program:
 - a. Bachelor of Applied Science Program, Program Overview

From the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

3. The following new and revised courses:
 - a. BIOL 414 (3) Ecological Methods; BIOL 514 (3) Ecological Methods
 - b. BIOL 444 (3) Dynamic Modelling of Human-Environment Systems/ EESC 444 (3) Dynamic Modelling of Human-Environment Systems; BIOL 544 (3) Dynamic Modelling of Human-Environment Systems/ ENVI 544 (3) Dynamic Modelling of Human-Environment Systems
 - c. COSC 101 (3) Digital Citizenship
 - d. COSC 331 (3) Principles of Computer Science
 - e. EESC 425 (3) Tectonics and Orogenesis
 - f. GEOG 427 (3) NeoGeography
 - g. HIST 310 (3/6) d Topics in the History of Medicine and Disease
 - h. HIST 336 (3) Eastern Europe During the Cold War
 - i. HIST 461 (3/6) d Topics in Urban History
 - j. HIST 381 (3/6) d Special Topics in Economic History; HIST 382 (3/6) d Special Topics in Political History; HIST 383 (3/6) d Special Topics in Social and Cultural History
 - k. HIST 430 (3/6) d Topics in the History of Migration
 - l. MATH 303 (3) Numerical Analysis
 - m. MATH 429 (3) Analysis III
4. The following new programs:
 - a. Minor in Mathematics
 - b. Major in Gender and Women's Studies
5. The following revised programs:
 - a. Biology Honours Program; Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Honours Program; Microbiology Honours Program; Zoology Honours Program
 - b. Minor in History
 - c. Minor in Mathematics and Statistics

From the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies

6. The following new courses:
 - a. ARTH 323 (3) Creative Activism: Art, Media, and Social Justice/ CULT 320 (3) Creative Activism: Art, Media, and Social Justice
 - b. CRWR 150 (3) Introduction to Writing Poetry and Non-fiction; CRWR 160 (3) Introduction to Writing Fiction and Drama
 - c. CRWR 470 (3/6) d Portfolio
 - d. CRWR 471 (6) Writing of the Novel
 - e. CRWR 472 (3) Editing and Publishing
 - f. CRWR 473 (3) Writing and Community Learning
 - g. CRWR 474 (3) Writing with Media
 - h. CRWR 580 (3/6) d Graduate Workshop in Creative Writing
 - i. ENGL 201 (6) Children's Literature and Publishing
 - j. ENGL 370 (3) Interdisciplinary Theory and Literature Studies: Feminism, Gender, Sexuality
 - k. SPAN 416 (3) Spanish Literature in Translation I; SPAN 417 (3) Spanish Literature in Translation II; SPAN 450 (3) Hispanic Drama; SPAN 455 (3) Hispanic Novel
 - l. VISA 251 (3) Printmaking: Etching and Intaglio Processes I; VISA 252 (3) Printmaking: Etching and Intaglio Processes II; VISA 258 (3) Printmaking: Linocut and Relief Processes I; VISA 259 (3) Printmaking: Linocut and Relief Processes II

7. The following new course code and associated new cross-listed courses:
 - a. DIHU: Digital Humanities
 - b. DIHU 200 (3) Introduction to the Digital Humanities/ ENGL 200 (3) Introduction to the Digital Humanities
 - c. DIHU 301 (3) The Self-Conscious Text/ENGL 305 (3) The Self-Conscious Text
 - d. DIHU 302 (3) The Programmed World/ ENGL 306 (3) The Programmed World

8. The following revised degree requirement:
 - a. Bachelor of Arts – Degree Requirement, Language Other than English