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Okanagan Senate

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2006

Attendance

Present: President Stephen Toope (Chair), Mr. B. Silzer (Secretary), Mr. R. Adl, Mr. P. Arthur, Dean R. Belton, Dean J. Bottorff, Dr. E. Butz, Dean R. Campbell, Dr. J. Castricano, Dr. J. Cioe, Acting Dean R. Currie, Ms. K. Ficke, Ms. M. Ficke, Ms. S. Grass, Dr. J. Gustar, Dean M. Isaacson, Dr. D. Keyes, Dr. R. Klukas, Mr. M. Koovisk, Dean M. Krank, Dr. S. McCoubrey, Ms. N. Neumann, Dr. S. Reid, Dr. D. Salhani, Dr. D. Senese, Dr. M. Ungureanu, Mr. A. Webster, Dr. M. Williams, Dr. P. Wrzesniewski, Dr. P. Wylie, Dr. G. Zilm

By Invitation: Dr. A. Abd-El-Aziz (AVP, Academic and Research), Dr. F. de Scally (Director, Okanagan Sustainability Institute), Mr. C. Eaton (Enrolment Services), Mr. R. Johnson (Associate Professor of Education and Director, Athletics and Recreation), Ms. B. MacDonald (Okanagan Senate Secretariat), Dr. S. Stewart (School of Nursing)

Regrets: Mr. G. August, Dr. J. Bassett-Smith, Dean B. Bauer, Ms. M. Burton, Ms. L. Driscoll, Dr. M. Duran-Cogan, Mr. B. Ford, Mr. P. Garrick, Ms. E. Johnston, Dr. A. Labun, Dr. R. Lalonde, Dr. A. McEachern (Chancellor), Dr. D. Owram (Deputy Vice-Chancellor), Ms. D. Polson, Dr. C. Scarff

Recording Secretary: Ms. L. M. Collins

Call to Order

Senate Membership – Secretary Brian Silzer

New Members

Mr. Silzer announced for information that Mr. Aaron Webster had been appointed to the Senate as a student representative at-large.

Mr. Silzer presented a nomination from the UBC Students' Union Okanagan for Ms. Starleigh Grass as student representative for the Faculty of Education.

Moved: Dean Belton

Seconded: Dr. Gustar

That Ms. Starleigh Grass be appointed to the Senate as the student representative of the Faculty of Education until March 31, 2007 and thereafter until a successor is appointed.

CARRIED.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved: Dr. Salhani

Seconded: Dr. Williams

That the minutes of the Okanagan Senate Meeting of November 24, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes

2006/2007 UBC Okanagan Enrolment Report

President Toope reminded Senators that, at the November 24, 2006 meeting, Senators had raised questions about the difference between full time equivalent and head count enrolment statistics. He noted that most questions had been answered during the intervening period between meetings, and invited Senators to forward any remaining questions to Mr. Silzer as Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Services & Registrar.

Remarks from the Chair and Related Questions

Mandatory Retirement

President Toope noted that the Premier's Council on Aging and Seniors' Issues had recently delivered a report strongly recommending the cessation of mandatory retirement in the province. The Council was chaired by UBC Professor Emerita Patricia Baird. In response to the report, the BC Liberal Party indicated that it planned to introduce legislation to end mandatory retirement. Dr. Toope stated that the details of that legislation were as of yet unknown. The next phase included government consultation with British Columbia employers, unions, and other interested groups. President Toope expressed hope that all parties would reach agreement on a useful set of transitional measures.

In response to a question from Dr. Cioe, President Toope confirmed that it was not necessary to await legislation to create policy at UBC to end mandatory retirement. The President stated that he was very pleased with the general direction of the discussion, and was hopeful that the University would proceed in a thoughtful and careful manner.

Policies & Procedures Committee – Dean Michael Isaacson

National Day of Action

The Committee had circulated a report regarding an upcoming event sponsored by the Canadian Federation of Students.

Moved: Dean Isaacson

Seconded: Ms. Grass

That the Senate recognize the Canadian Federation of Students National Day of Action, scheduled to be held on February 7, 2007 between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., as an official event open to all students and sponsored by the UBC Students' Union Okanagan;

That, provided that students discuss their planned absence with their instructor(s) and/or deans or directors in advance, the Senate encourage instructors and/or deans and directors to consider favourably individual student requests for academic concession that would allow UBC Okanagan students to participate in this event, whereby such students would not be penalized for missing class during the above period (although they will be expected to make up any lost work); and

Policies & Procedures Committee, continued

That the Senate encourage instructors and/or deans and directors to ensure that no assignment submission of deadlines, examinations or tests occur during the above period.

Discussion

In response to a question from Dr. Gustar, Dean Isaacson stated that the Committee had not recommended a Calendar entry or permanent policy change because accommodation for the Day of Action was planned as a one-time event.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Candidates for Emeritus Status

In accordance with the policy on emeritus status approved by the Okanagan Senate on May 12, 2006, the Policies & Procedures Committee presented for approval the following list of candidates for emeritus status. The list included recent retirements from UBC Okanagan, as well as several faculty members who retired from Okanagan University College.

Mr. James Baker, Associate Professor Emeritus of Anthropology
Dr. Graham Bruce, Associate Professor Emeritus of Chemistry
Dr. Claire Budgen, Associate Professor Emerita of Nursing
Dr. Peter Dill, Associate Professor Emeritus of Biology
Mr. Michael Gro, Associate Professor Emeritus of Psychology
Dr. John Harling, Associate Professor Emeritus of Biology
Ms. Mary McCulloch, Associate Professor Emerita of Fine Arts
Ms. Sheila McKenzie-Brown, Associate Professor Emerita of Education
Dr. John Mitchell, Associate Professor Emeritus of Education
Dr. Eric Nellis, Associate Professor Emeritus of History
Dr. Gail Prowse, Associate Professor Emerita of Nursing
Dr. Duane Thomson, Associate Professor Emeritus of History
Dr. David Woodcock, Associate Professor Emeritus of Chemistry

Moved: Dean Isaacson

Seconded: Dr. Williams

That the Senate grant emeritus status to the retiring and retired faculty as recommended by the Policies & Procedures Committee.

CARRIED.

Regular Senate Meeting Schedule

The Policies & Procedures Committee presented a report regarding the need for Senate both to establish a regular meeting pattern for its meetings and to set specific meeting dates for the 2007/2009 academic year.

The proposed dates for meetings of the Okanagan Senate for 2007/2008 were as follows:

September 12, 2007
October 10, 2007
November 7, 2007
December 5, 2007
January 16, 2008
February 13, 2008
March 12, 2008
April 9, 2008
May 15, 2008

Moved: Dean Isaacson
Seconded: Dr. Cioe

1. *That the Senate establish its regular meeting day and time as from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the first or second Wednesday of each month of the academic year from September through May.*
2. *That the Senate direct the Secretariat to present the following academic year's regular Senate meeting schedule to the Senate for information no later than the regular Senate meeting in January of each year, with any exceptions to the regular meeting day and/or time subject to the approval of the Senate.*
3. *That the Senate approve the meeting date of Thursday, May 15, 2008 as an exception to its regular meeting day.*
4. *That the Rules and Procedures of the Okanagan Senate be amended as follows:*
 - *16 a. The Senate shall schedule nine regular meetings each academic year, normally on either the first or the second Wednesday of the month from September through May. Such meetings shall normally be called to order at 3:30 p.m.*
 - *16 b. The schedule of regular meetings of Senate for each academic year shall be established no later than January of the preceding academic year.*

Discussion

Dr. Cioe noted that, in support of democracy, it would be important that faculty Senators were not assigned lectures or laboratories during the published meeting times so that they were able to attend meetings.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Curriculum Committee – Dr. Jennifer Gustar

Dr. Gustar presented new and changed courses and programs from the Faculty of Arts & Sciences and the Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies.

Bachelor of Science, Major in Economics

Moved: Dr. Gustar

Seconded: Dr. Senese

That the Senate approve the Bachelor of Science, Major in Economics

Amendment

The meeting agreed to accept a friendly amendment to add a sentence to the second paragraph of the program description to the effect that students were encouraged to enter the major as early as possible, preferably by the start of their second year.

The motion to approve the new program as amended was put and CARRIED.

Psychology Course and Program Changes

Moved: Dr. Gustar

Seconded: Dr. Cioe

That the Senate approve:

- 1. New courses PSYO 361 and PSYO 410, and*
- 2. Changes to the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Majors in Psychology; and*
- 3. The change in subject code from PSYC to PSYO for Psychology courses.*

CARRIED.

Bachelor of Arts, Major in Cultural Studies

Moved: Dr. Gustar

Seconded: Dean Belton

That the Senate approve the new Bachelor of Arts Major in Cultural Studies.

Discussion

Dr. Cioe commended the creators of the new major for its innovative multidisciplinary approach.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Joint Report of the Admissions and Awards Committee and the Curriculum Committee – Dr. Sharon McCoubrey**Faculty of Health and Social Development: Bachelor of Human Kinetics**

Dr. McCoubrey presented for approval a proposal for a new Bachelor of Human Kinetics degree program.

Moved: Dr. McCoubrey

Seconded: Dean Bottorff

That the Senate approve the Bachelor of Human Kinetics.

Discussion

Dean Bottorff noted that this new program would have, with the exception of one course, the same admission requirements as the existing Bachelor of Human Kinetics at UBC Vancouver. She also noted that the program was structured so as to support students who wished to move between the Okanagan and Vancouver campuses.

Dr. Reid expressed concern about securing funding for the new program, noting that the number of associated new courses would mean hiring new instructors. Dean Bottorff stated that the Faculty's three-year budget for the new program had been approved, and that the program had been included in the UBC Okanagan Academic Planning Model.

The motion was put and CARRIED (one opposed).

Admissions & Awards Committee – Dr. Sharon McCoubrey

Committee Chair Dr. McCoubrey presented the reports.

Admissions Changes: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Moved: Dr. McCoubrey

Seconded: Dr. Ungureanu

That the Senate approve the Calendar change to the admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing to give priority to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada as circulated.

CARRIED.

New Awards

The Committee recommended the following new awards for approval:

1. Bryce CARNINE Memorial Prize
2. HMA Architects Award in Critical Studies
3. HMA Architects Award in Education
4. HMA Architects Award in Health and Social Development
5. OKANAGAN Photographic Art Workshops Scholarship in Visual Arts

Moved: Dr. McCoubrey

Seconded: Mr. Koovisk

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

CARRIED

Reports from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor – Dean Michael Isaacson for Dr. Doug Owram

Establishment of the Okanagan Sustainability Institute (OSI)

On behalf of Deputy Vice-Chancellor Owram, Dean Isaacson presented a proposal to establish a new Okanagan Sustainability Institute. Dean Isaacson noted that, under the Senate policy in force, interfaculty centres and institutes required approval while centres or institutes located within a single faculty did not require the approval of the Senate. A working group of the Policies & Procedures Committee was charged with examining Senate policy in this area, and Dean Isaacson stated that the Committee might recommend in the near future changes to the policy for establishing such units.

Moved: Dean Isaacson

Seconded: Dr. Gustar

That the Senate approve and recommend that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the inter-faculty Okanagan Sustainability Institute at the University of British Columbia Okanagan, effective January 1, 2007.

Discussion

Dean Isaacson clarified that all five existing Faculties and the College of Graduate Studies would participate in the activities of the Institute, with roles changing over time. Senators asked that the Minutes of Senate reflect that the membership of the Institute's steering committee was open and could be revised from time to time.

In response to a question from Dr. Reid, Dr. de Scally confirmed that the new Institute would be a separate entity from either the Institute for Resources, the Environment, and Sustainability or the Sustainability Development Research Initiative, both at UBC Vancouver. The OSI would have a regional focus, particularly in the beginning, while also dealing with provincial, national, and global issues.

Dr. Reid expressed concern that, although a faculty position would need to be funded by the Faculty of Arts & Sciences to support the new Institute, faculty members in the Faculty of Arts & Sciences had not been given the opportunity to consider the proposal for approval. He asked whether the Faculty might be reimbursed for the cost of the position. The Chair recognized Associate Vice-President Abd-El-Aziz, who stated that he would follow up with Dean Bauer.

Amendment

The meeting amended the second paragraph on page 9 to delete the phrase "of the three or four Faculties which are most invested in the OSI".

The motion to approve as amended was put and CARRIED.

Establishment of the University of British Columbia Okanagan Centre for Species At Risk and Habitat Studies (SARAHS) - Information

On behalf of Deputy Vice-Chancellor Oworm, Dean Isaacson presented for information a document describing the new Centre for Species at Risk and Habitat Studies (SARAHS).

Other Business

Athletics and Physical Education

Noting the new Bachelor of Human Kinetics program, Dr. Reid asked whether there were plans to reinvigorate athletics on campus and/or physical education components of degree programs. The Chair recognized Mr. Rob Johnson, Director of Athletics and Recreation, to give a brief overview of work underway in these areas. Mr. Johnson indicated that he would be reviewing a draft business plan with the Associate Vice-President, Students in the near future. The plan recommended that UBC Okanagan pursue membership in Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) as a forum for athletic competition. He was hopeful that, over time, the academic planning model for UBC Okanagan would include more physical education opportunities for students. Dean Campbell stated that the Faculty of Education was in the preliminary stages of creating a physical education option within the Bachelor of Education program. Dr. Keyes expressed hope that the business plan would be circulated widely for comment by Senators and others. Mr. Johnson replied that the document would be made available to a wider audience following presentation to the Vice-President, Students.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The following regular meeting was scheduled to take place on January 31, 2007.