



# OKANAGAN SENATE

## MINUTES OF 22 OCTOBER 2014

### Attendance

**Present:** Prof. A. Gupta (Chair), Dr K. Ross (Secretary), Dr L. Allan, Dr P. Arthur, Dean G. Binsted, Prof. D. Buszard, Dr R. Campbell, Dr D. Carter, Ms C. Comben, Mr J. Corbett, Dr M. Evans, Ms A. Fleming, Ms R. Giffen, Ms L. Gomez, Dean M. Grant, Dr J. Johnson, Mr D. Kadish, Mr D. Koslowsky, Mr J. Grupa, Ms A. Lakdawla, Dr R. Lalonde, Dr R. Lawrence, Dr S. Lawrence, Dr M. Legault, Dr Y. Lucet, Dr V. Magnat, Dr C. Mathieson, Mr J. McEwan, Mr W. McLean, Dr S. McNeil, Ms K. Panchyshyn, Dean *pro tem.* B. Rutherford, Dr R. Sadiq, Ms S. Smith, Ms S. Sneg, Dean W. Tettey, Ms J. Vinek, Dr D. Walker, Dr G. Wetterstrand, Ms N. Wong, Dr P. Wylie, Dr S. Yannacopoulos

**Regrets:** Dr L. Berg, Ms H. Berringer, Dr J. Castricano, Mr I. Cull, Chancellor L. Gordon, Dr D. Keyes, Dr. C. Labun, Dean M. Parlange, Dr J. Stites Mor, Dean R. Sugden, Acting Dean E. Taylor, Mr D. Xu.

**Recording Secretary:** Mr C. Eaton.

### Call to Order

The Chair of Senate, Professor Arvind Gupta, called the second regular meeting of the Okanagan Senate for the 2014/2014 academic year to order at 3:38 pm.

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Peter Arthur  
Cynthia Mathieson

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*That the Minutes of the Meeting of 24 September 2014 be adopted as corrected:*

*Corrections: Typographical errors on pages 4, 5, 6; Dr Lawrence on page 10 should be noted as Dr S. Lawrence.*

**Approved**

### President's Remarks

The President noted that he recently spoke with the Vancouver Board of Trade, setting out a rough outline of UBC's innovation strategy and highlighting the need of the Vancouver campus for a mass transit line running entirely to the Vancouver campus.

Professor Gupta further advised he had just returned from the UK and India. While in the UK he met with the high commissioner and discussed deepening our research links with the UK, and with our UK-based alumni. He suggested that UBC tended to focus on the energy of Asia, and

that we needed to ensure we maintain and grow our links with Europe as well. The President further noted that he met with representatives of the Russell Group of Universities who asked how they could grow their links with the top Canadian universities, specifically including UBC.

During his trip to India, the President noted that there has been a marked change in approach since the Modi government was installed; they are interested in international graduate fellowships and if UBC could host additional students. Professor Gupta opined that India, like China, has a number of very good institutions, and their goal is to grow the quality of the level just below their top level.

### **Deputy Vice-Chancellor's Remarks**

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor noted that she too was in the United Kingdom recently, and was pleased to meet our alumni there, including those from the Okanagan campus.

Professor Buszard STAR (Survive and Thrive Applied Research\_ facility opened last week; she thanked everyone for being involved, including representatives from the British High Commission and the High Commissioner of the French Republic.

### **Admission & Awards Committee**

The Committee Chair, Dr Spiro Yannacopoulos, presented.

Spiro Yannacopoulos	}	<i>That Senate approve changes to admission requirements for applicants presenting the British Columbia Adult Graduation Diploma for admission, effective for entry to the 2015 Winter Session and thereafter.</i>
Yves Lucet		

Senator Lalonde asked what was considered “significant” for a drop in English 12.

The Registrar replied that we have a fair amount of data on this, and presently we would consider 20% or more to be significant.

In follow up, Senator Lalonde asked why we would not just use the Provincial examination grade only.

The Registrar replied that we tried to give students the benefit, helpful, of a blended grade.

A senator suggested that we specify the percentage we considered significant in the policy; however, no amendment was moved to that effect.

**Approved**

Spiro Yannacopoulos }  
Cynthia Mathieson } *That Senate approve changes to admission requirements for eligible Nursing Transfer Access students, effective retroactively for entry to the 2014 Winter Session and thereafter.*

Senator Yannacopoulos noted that this proposal was due to changes the year 3 and 4 credit loads.

A student senator noted the exception proposed to our transfer credit rules for students from the Okanagan College and if this exception to the general rule would only be for OC students.

Senator Yannacopoulos confirmed that this was his understanding.

**Approved**

Spiro Yannacopoulos }  
Miriam Grant } *That Senate approve changes to Maximum Allowable Transfer Credit policy for eligible Nursing Transfer Access students, effective retroactively for entry to the 2014 Winter Session and thereafter.*

Senator Yannacopoulos noted that this proposal was to enable the previous resolved resolution.

**Approved**

### **Curriculum Committee**

The Committee Chair, Dr Peter Arthur, presented.

*See Appendix A: Curriculum Report*

Peter Arthur }  
Yves Lucet } *That Senate approve the new courses brought forward by the Faculty of Applied Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and Faculty of Health and Social Development.*

With regards to the retroactivity, the three courses proposed currently had students undertaking them as special topics courses; should senate approve the three Physics courses proposed, the students will be moved. Dr Arthur advised that the Senate Curriculum Committee considers all proposals for retroactivity and considers the implications.

Senator Lalonde asked about the inclusion of Math 319 in the math program retroactively.

The Associate Registrar replied that students could complete their programs as specified at the time of their entry, or follow a later program revision if they so desired. The effect of the proposed change would only be applicable to current students if they selected to do

so, but it being retroactively would not make the change obligatory for any current Math students.

*By general consent, the proposal was amended to make the change the BSc Major in Mathematics effective for the 2015 Winter Session and thereafter.*

**Approved as amended**

### **Committee of the Whole – Academic Programming in the Faculty of Education**

Gordon Binsted  
Jamie McEwan

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*That the Senate now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, with the President in the Chair, to take under discussion the academic programming offered currently or potentially by the Faculty of Education.*

**Approved**

Gordon Binsted  
Deborah Buszard

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*That the Committee of the whole to rise and report.*

**Approved**

The President thanked Senators for their contributions to the discussion and advised that the notes from the committee of the whole, although not part of the formal record of Senate, would be shared as appropriate.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm.

## **Appendix A: Curriculum Report**

From the Faculty of Applied Science

*New Course:*  
APSC 178 (4)

From the Faculty of Arts & Sciences

*New Courses:*  
PHYS 310 (3)  
PHYS 420 (3)  
PHYS 425 (3)

*Changed Programs:*  
BSc and Mathematics  
Economics for BSc General Science degree

From the Faculty of Health & Social Development

*New Courses:*  
HMKN 316 (3)  
HMKN 336 (3)  
HMKN 391 (3)