



OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 17 DECEMBER 2015

Attendance

Present: Dr D. Buszard (Vice-Chair) Dr K. Ross (Secretary), Ms L. Allan, Dr P. Arthur, Dr P. Barker, Ms H. Berringer, Dean Pro Tem. G. Binsted, Dr D. Carter, Dr J. Castricano, Dr J. Corbett, Dean *Pro Tem*. R. Eggleston, Dr M. Evans, Ms L. Farrugia, Chancellor L. Gordon (via video), Dean M. Grant, Dr D. Keyes, Dr C. Labun, Dr R. Lalonde, Dr R. Lawrence, Dr S. Lawrence, Dr M. Legault, Ms N. Legg, Dr Y. Lucet, Dr V. Magnat, Ms L. Marshall, Dr C. Mathieson, Mr J. McEwan, Ms L. Oleksewich, Dr A. Phillion, Dr R. Sadiq, Ms S. Sneg, Dean R. Sudgen, Mr L. Tan, Ms N. Tasnim, Dean W. Tettey, Mr L. Watt, Mr G Wetterstrand, Dr P. Wylie, Mr T. Zhang

Regrets: Dr M. Piper (Chair), Mr B. Ali, Dr L. Berg, Mr D. Bual, Dr R. Campbell, Ms C. Comben, Mr I. Cull, Ms A. Fleming, Ms E. Gallaccio, Dr J. Johnson, Dr D. Koslowsky, Dr S. McNeil, Mr D. Oyelese, Dean M. Parlange, Dr J. Stites Mor (LOA), Ms J. Vinek Dr D. Walker.

Recording Secretary: Mr C. Eaton

Call to Order

The Vice-Chair of Senate, Professor Deborah Buszard called the fourth regular meeting of the Okanagan Senate for the 2015/2016 academic year to order at 3:33 pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Peter Arthur } *That the Minutes of the Meeting of 26 November*
Greg Wetterstrand } *2015 be adopted as corrected:*

Correction:
Suspended in place of suspected on page 8.

Approved

Remarks from the Chancellor

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH UPDATE

The Chancellor provided a brief update to the Okanagan Senate on the presidential search process: The Committee has been formed and has had two full meetings, three messages have

been put out to the community asking for input and distributing the previous position profile for review. Over 100 letters have been written to groups internal and external to the University asking for their feedback. A search firm has been retained: Perrit-Lever. A principal of that firm, Dan Perrit, was at the Okanagan campus earlier in this month for a variety of meetings and the full committee would return on 14 January for stakeholder meetings and a town hall. The Search Committee's goal is to have a position profile decided upon by the end of January so that it may be approved by the Board at the beginning of February.

Mr Gordon noted that 12 search firms submitted bids to assist the Search Committee, and each were asked to summarize key challenges and opportunities for the search. He stated that it should come as no surprise that the top challenge listed was the unusual circumstances around Professor Gupta's resignation and the additional public scrutiny from those circumstances. However, the Chancellor noted that each of the search firms, including Perrit Lever, were also of the view that this was an issue but that UBC's stature and location would result in a strong level of interest and candidates. The Chancellor advised that the tight deadline for the search was another issue, but we are confident that by June 30th we will be in a position to announce a new president, but depending on the individual the goal to have them start by 1 September may not be attainable. The Committee's view is that the right person was worth waiting a few months for if needed.

Remarks from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Professor Deborah Buszard introduced Dr Philip Steenkamp, who joined UBC earlier this month from SFU, as Vice-President External Relations and Communications; she also noted Stewart Belkan, a recent Provincial-appointee to the Board of Governors, has been elected as its incoming chair and thanked Peter Arthur for his tenure as Director of the Centre for Teaching and Learning.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor noted that this has been a challenging year at UBC as one of unexpected transition and change; she thanked the campus community for its work and involvement on her behalf and on behalf of President Piper.

Dr Buszard advised that she was in Hong Kong last week to meet with UBC alumni and supporters and expressed her appreciation for the high level of interest and support shown to UBC.

Academic Policy Committee

The Chair of the Committee, Dean Miriam Grant, presented.

WINTER TERM 2 READING WEEK DATES

Dean Grant noted that last spring, the Committee recommended not moving the term break, and is renewing that recommendation. The Committee is undertaking a system wide review of the academic year and will include reading week in that conversation.

Senator Lawrence noted that the report referenced the issue for laboratory classes if two Mondays in a row were missed, but if any other classes would be affected.

Dean Grant replied that it would affect all classes, but have a specific negative impact on laboratory sections.

Senator Oleksewich asked how Vancouver coped with this situation.

Dean Grant replied that they worked with less laboratory time.

Senator Gllacio added that Vancouver avoided scheduling labs on Mondays, but that this wasn't easily done for years 1 and 2 and that Vancouver has more physical space to move labs around if needed.

Senator Legault asked if there was discussion on Vancouver moving to the Okanagan's reading week schedule.

Dean Grant replied that this was part of the reason for a system-wide discussion.

Admissions & Awards Committee

The Chair of the Committee, Dr Marianne Legault presented.

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION – ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM, SUSPENSION OF ADMISSION

Marianne Legault	}	<i>That Senate approve the suspension of admission of the Elementary Teacher Education Program (ETEP) for entry to the 2016 Winter Session.</i>
Gordon Binsted		

Senator Legault noted that last Monday the Senate Admission & Awards Committee had an extraordinary meeting with representatives of the Faculty of Education to consider this proposal. The discussion was lengthy and difficult and the committee felt that there were compelling moral arguments on both sides: those favouring suspension, and those feeling that not enough notice would be given.

Dean Binsted advised that as a result of discussion at the committee and feedback, the Faculty of Education is recommending that the proposed suspension be delayed by one year.

By general consent, the motion was amended to strike 2016 Winter as the effective session and replace it with 2017 Winter.

In response to a question from Senator Allan, Dean Binsted advised that the faculty determined that it could offer both the ETEP and develop a revised program concurrently.

Senator Castricano expressed her pleasure at the amendment, expressing her concern of a student interview on the CBC where this seemed to be a fait accompli.

Senator Phillion asked why we needed to suspend ETEP during the transition at all

Dean Binsted replied that the Faculty of Education has multiple programs. ETEP is a 2-year program, STEP is 1 year, and this would have allowed them to be completed at the same time rather than running them in parallel. The new model is a fundamental change in delivery as it goes by block.

Senator Keyes asked what the resource implication would be for this change.

Dean Binsted replied that the greatest challenge would be teaching time. The overlap year would mean more sessional and term appointments than we would normally be comfortable with.

Senator Sneg asked if this amended motion would change admissibility to the new program.

The Dean confirmed that it would not.

Senator Corbett asked how long the proposed program would run for,

The Dean replied 5 terms/16 months.

Marianne Legault	}	<i>That Senate approve the suspension of admission of</i>
Gordon Binsted		<i>the Elementary Teacher Education Program</i>
		<i>for entry to the 2017 Winter Session.</i>

**Main Motion
Approved as
amended**

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN PSYCHOLOGY (M.A. AND PH.D) ADMISSION REVISIONS

Marianne Legault	}	<i>That Senate approve the admissions proposal for</i>
Greg Wetterstrand		<i>revision to the MA in Psychology for entry to the</i>
		<i>2016 Winter Session and thereafter; and</i>
		<i>That Senate approve the admissions proposal for</i>
		<i>revision to the PhD in Psychology for entry to the</i>
		<i>2016 Winter Session and thereafter.</i>

Senator Lalonde noted that the revised language was stronger than before, but still not as strong as it could be.

Dean Tettey replied that the key is that a student has a supervisor, but the student may not be able to find one themselves: No student would be admitted without a supervisor.

Approved

Curriculum Committee

Dr Peter Arthur, Senate Curriculum Committee, presented.

DECEMBER CURRICULUM PROPOSALS

See Appendix A: Curriculum Report

Peter Arthur	}	<i>That Senate approve the new courses and programs brought forward from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the Faculty of Management.</i>
Cynthia Mathieson	}	

Approved

Learning & Research Committee

The Chair of the Committee, Dr Peter Arthur, presented.

CANDIDATES FOR EMERITUS STATUS

See Appendix B: Emeritus Report

Peter Arthur	}	<i>That the attached list of individuals for emeritus status be approved and that, pursuant to section 9(2) of the University Act, that they be added to the Roll of Convocation.</i>
Rehan Sediq	}	

Approved

Report from the Provost

2015-2016 ENROLMENT REPORT

The Provost, Dr Cynthia Mathieson, introduced Mr Fred Vogt, Deputy Registrar for the Okanagan campus.

Mr Vogt noted that with 8392 persons, we are at our largest size ever for headcount; for full-time equivalency, the campus was slightly smaller than our funded numbers due to a deficiency in registration last year.

The Deputy Registrar went over the campus's strategic initiatives around recruiting: aboriginal enrolment, centennial scholars Designation: UBC academic programs web content, note writing campaign, and academic programming initiatives. He went on to advise that earlier that week, the campus received preliminary data based on the Major Entrance Scholarship (MES) deadline of 10 December, and those numbers were an improvement based on last year: Domestic applications were up 16 % overall, and 25% for the Okanagan region. There has been significant growth in Alberta and growth in aboriginal applicants; overall, Science was up 23%, and Arts was up 11%.

Mr Vogt advised that the campus was changing processes this year to inform students at the same time of their admissibility to both their first and second choices rather than only their second if they decline their first preference.

The Provost opined that our success this year this was a result of recruiting and raising our profile. She noted that our increases in applications were contrary to the national trends, especially for Arts.

Senator Sadiq asked if we had data on 2nd and 3rd year transfers.

Mr Vogt replied that the data presented included transfer students.

Senator Phillion asked if we had a sense of how the economy played into our results for this year.

The Registrar, Dr Kate Ross, opined that economic issues in Alberta likely influenced applications to Albertan schools, but not for UBC. She suggested that the year in which the Okanagan stopped making alternate offers caused a decrease, but we were now seeing the benefit as those students admitted had a greater likelihood of staying.

Senator Keyes noted that we had a few programs that we did not offer and asked when the faculties would bring forward proposals to either renew or discontinue them.

The Provost replied that pre-pharmacy was simply Science students who were specifically categorized differently.

Dean Binsted noted that Health Studies had admission suspended several years ago, and only exists now so that we can see out those students currently in the program.

Dean Sugden advised that the Master of Management was suspended in 2013 and we did attempt to recruit for a cohort for this year but could not achieve an appropriately sized or diverse cohort. We are now working to recruit for the next year.

Senator Tettey asked for more information on the note-writing campaign.

Mr Vogt replied that we did not have data on its impact, but anecdotally applicants appreciated it.

Other Business

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH PROFILE

The Okanagan Senate appointee to the Presidential Search Committee, Dr Marianne Legault, asked Senators to send her any information they would view as relevant for the profile being developed; there was a town hall on the 14th, but comments would be appreciated in any forum.

Senator Sneg thanked the Principal for her recent meeting with the students, and she advised that the student caucus has received a grant from the UBCSUO for student outreach.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.

Appendix A: Curriculum Report

FROM THE FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCES

New Specializations:

BA Honours in Economics

BSc Honours in Economics

New Courses:

ECON 495 (3) Honours Seminar

ECON 499 (3) Honours Essay

BIOL 382 (3) Prokaryotic Physiology

FROM THE FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT

New Subject Code:

COOP – Co-operative Education

New Courses:

COOP 401 (3) Co-op Education Work Experience I

COOP 402 (3) Co-op Education Work Experience II

COOP 403 (3) Co-op Education Work Experience III

COOP 404 (3) Co-op Education Work Experience IV

Appendix B: Emeritus Report

Name	Rank	Unit	Emeritus Title	Effective Date
LaGrange, Annette	Associate Professor	Education	Associate Professor Emeritus of Education	15/08/2015
Rivere, Edmond	Associate Professor	Critical Studies	Associate Professor Emeritus of Critical Studies	01/01/2016
Salhani, Daniel	Associate Professor	Social Work	Associate Professor Emeritus of Social Work	01/01/2016