



Professor Gupta advised that the Administration was presently developing campus and system-wide budgets; he reminded Senators of the importance of not having a consolidated deficit and having a balanced accrual budget.

The President advised Senate on the revised Policy 81 (Use of Teaching Materials in *UBC Credit Courses*), present out for review. He noted that the draft revised policy has been greeted much more favourably than the original policy by the UBC Faculty Association, and encouraged senators to provide their own feedback.

The President advised that the University was working to address challenges presented by changes to the Temporary Foreign Workers program. He noted that although although postdocs were addressed by the recent program adjustments, faculty members themselves were not covered, and this presented universities with challenges in recruiting world-renowned faculty to Canada. Professor Gupta noted that the Government had acknowledged that this this was an unintended consequence, and the President was hopeful that a change could be made to allow universities to continue to attract outstanding researchers from around the world.

The President advised on the appointment of Wisdom Tettey as dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences, who will be moving over from Creative & Critical studies this summer.

### **Candidates for Degrees**

Robert Lalonde  
Miriam Grant

} *That the candidates for degrees as recommended by the faculties and College be granted the degrees for which they were recommended, effective February 2015, and that a committee comprised of the Registrar, the relevant deans, and the Chair of the Senate be empowered to make any necessary adjustments.*

*(2/3 majority required).*

**Approved**

### **Admission & Awards and Curriculum Committee**

Dr Peter Arthur, Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee, presented.

#### **MASTER OF SCIENCE AND DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MEDICAL PHYSICS**

*See Appendix A: MSC and PHD in Medical Physics*

Peter Arthur }  
Yves Lucet } *That Senate approve the new Medical Physics graduate program (M.Sc., Ph.D.) and associated courses brought forward from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.*

Dr Arthur welcomed Dr Andrew Jirasek, Assistant Professor of Physics, who with consent of Senate, spoke to the proposal.

Senator Lalonde noted an issue with the electives specified, and further asked who would be the program coordinator.

*By general consent, the proposal was amended to change “6 credits at the Undergraduate level” to “3 credits at the undergraduate level” on page 20.*

In response to a question from Senator Lalonde, Dr Jirasek confirmed that the coordinator would be a tenured faculty member.

Senator Lalonde asked why the supervisory committee was not supervising the comprehensive exam.

*By general consent, the proposal was amended to designate the supervisory committee as responsible for comprehensive examinations.*

Senator Lalonde asked if funding assurances were available for prospective graduate students.

Dr Jirasek replied that the program’s intent was to have funding be available for all students.

Senator Mathieson asked if Dr Jirasek could speak to the capacity of the program to deliver a quality program with its limited number of appropriate faculty.

Dr Jirasek replied that presently we only had 1 faculty member; however, 2 more were to be hired. He explained that having a limited number of tenure-track faculty was a common model, and the program had written arrangements in place to have support from other institutions to offer required programming.

**Approved as  
amended**

### **Admission & Awards Committee**

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

*See Appendix B: New Awards*

**NEW AWARDS**

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

Senator Keyes asked who was funding the first award. Spiro confirmed the funding was from the faculty.

**Approved**

**BIOLOGY MSC AND PHD PROGRAMS**

Spiro Yannacopoulos }  
Rehan Sadiq } *That Senate approve the changes to admissions requirements of the Biology M.Sc. and Ph.D. programs of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences for entry to the 2015 Winter Session and thereafter.*

**Approved**

**REVISION TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE ADMISSION STANDARD (ELAS) FOR OKANAGAN COLLEGE**

Spiro Yannacopoulos }  
Dhiren Kundanmal } *That Senate approve the admissions proposal to revise the English Language Admission Standard (ELAS) for Okanagan College for entry to the 2015 admissions cycle and thereafter.*

**Approved**

**Curriculum Committee**

Dr Peter Arthur, Senate Curriculum Committee, presented.

**JANUARY CURRICULUM PROPOSALS**

*See Appendix C: Curriculum Report*

Peter Arthur }  
Aalisha Lakdawala } *That Senate approve the new courses brought forward from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the Faculty of Health & Social Development, and that Senate approve the revised degree requirements from the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies.*

Senator Keyes asked about HMKN 302, noting that in his mind this would be better taught by Sociologists.

Senator Arthur confirmed that Health and Exercise Sciences had consulted with Sociology and had changed the course in response to that feedback.

Senator Keyes asked who would be teaching the course.

Senator Lalonde noted it would be up to Health and Exercise Sciences as the academic unit responsible for Human Kinetics.

Senator Keyes stated that he sensed the course seemed to have a grounding in Sociology despite being located in the Human Kinetic program, and expressed a concern that the current budget model encouraged programs to keep FTEs in house rather than to trust on the expertise offered by other disciplines. He further opined that a silo approach to education, where individual programs tailor content for their program was neither efficient nor particularly in the interest of interdisciplinary

**Approved**

NB: Senator Keyes noted as opposed

## **Report from the Provost**

### **ANNUAL REPORT ON THE LIBRARY**

The Provost introduced the report of the librarian, introducing Heather Berringer, the Okanagan campus Chief Librarian.

Ms Berringer noted that the Okanagan library was the busiest in the UBC System. In 2012 we merged our service points into one centre that responded to 12000 questions last year. We have six subject librarians.

A challenge for collections is the fluctuating US dollar and inflationary pressures from publishers.

In 2014 the library created a new unit – the writing and research centre that works with the centre for scholarly communication. There was a decrease in appointment numbers for 2014 vs 2013. We hoped to reduce the number of proofreading requests around bibliographies, and required meetings from course syllabi.

3.5% of our students were registered with the DRC. Thanks to donors we will now have an assisted technology centre to support students in the Library.

UBC library will have a presence in the Kelowna Library. The innovation library will be of benefit to our faculty and the community. The partnership also engaged directly with the community to supplement the traditional community library system.

In response to a student question, the Librarian advised that they were still in consultation around the building program. We will do more formal consultation once a design stage is approved. She described the plan as a doubling of space by expanding into the former “A” parking lot. We will likely have more technology and learning space and not expand the collection space.

Dean Sugden stated that the initiative with Okanagan Regional Libraries was important to connect our campus with the greater community.

### **Report from the Registrar**

The Acting Registrar, Mr Eaton presented the draft 2015-2016 Academic Year to Senate.

Senators Arthur and Keyes discussed the placement of reading week a week after that set for the Vancouver campus.

Mr Eaton advised that this was in accordance with Policy O-125 and that the different weeks had been considered by both academic policy committees. He further noted that a group of administrators were presently considering the academic year for both campuses of UBC with the hope of proposing changes to make them more uniform.

Daniel Keyes	}	<i>That, policy 0-125 notwithstanding, the reading week for the 2015-2016 academic year be changed be the week after the week of the BC Family Day holiday.</i>
Ramon Lawrence		

Senator Keyes suggested that pedagogically, the week of Family day was too early in the term and interfered with midterms and course planning.

Senator Lalonde spoke against the motion, noting the combining reading week with Family Day reduced the lost teaching time in term 2.

Senator Castricano agreed with Senator Keyes, noting that the present break was poorly placed in the term.

Senator Allan suggested that student feedback should be considered

Senator Sneg noted the student mental health issues being a common reason cited for the reading week break, and asked if there was data on that particular week being the most useful.

Senator Gomez expressed a concern for students with siblings at other universities or provinces where the holiday and reading week dates differed.

*By general consent, the Senate approved Senator Keyes' request to withdraw his motion.*

Daniel Keyes	}	<i>That the issue of the week selected in the 2015-2016 Academic Year for Reading Week be</i>
Ramon Lawrence		

*referred to the Academic Policy Committee for review and consideration, that the Committee consult with the faculties and student organizations in that review, and that the Committee report back to Senate at its next meeting with any recommendations.*

**Approved**

### **Other Business**

Senator Sneg advised Senate of the student-organized “Start the Conversation” on 13 March 2015, a half-day forum between students, staff and faculty on student support and its best practices, and effectiveness.

In response to a question from Senator Mathieson, Senator Sneg confirmed student services involvement.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

## **Appendix A: MSC and PHD in Medical Physics**

### **FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCES**

#### *New Programs:*

*Master of Science in Medical Physics*

*Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Physics*

#### *New Courses:*

PHYS 534 (3) Radiotherapy Physics I

PHYS 535 (3) Radiotherapy Physics II

PHYS 539 (3) Radiation Dosimetry

PHYS 540 (3) Medical Imaging

PHYS 544 (3) Radiation Biophysics

PHYS 546 (3) Clinical Shadowing

PHYS 547 (1) Anatomy and Physiology for the Medical Physicist

PHYS 549 (12) Master's Thesis

PHYS 649 (0) Doctoral dissertation

## **Appendix B: Awards Report**

### *New Awards*

#### **UBC Okanagan Visual Arts Award**

A \$1,000 award is offered to a third or fourth-year student in the Bachelor of Fine Arts program in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference is given to a student who has participated, engaged and sought mentorship from a faculty-invited visiting artist, and whose final project/body of work reflects academic excellence. Students are invited to submit a letter of interest and the award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty in consultation with the Head of Creative Studies. (First award available for the 2014 Winter Session)

#### **Golder Associates Graduate Award in Civil Engineering**

A \$1,000 award is offered by Golder Associates to a graduate student entering first or second year in the College of Graduate Studies at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference is given to a student who has demonstrated academic excellence in Civil Engineering, with a focus on geotechnical engineering. The award is made on the recommendation of the College of Graduate Studies in consultation with the School of Engineering. (First award available for the 2014 Winter Session)

#### **Wilden Creativity Award**

A \$2,500 prize is offered by Wilden to either a student graduating from the Visual Arts program in the Department of Creative Studies or a graduate student enrolled in the Master of Fine Arts program in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference is given to a body of work that reflects a powerful message as well as a high level of originality, passion and accomplishment. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies. (First award available for the 2014 Winter Session)

## **Appendix C: Curriculum Report**

### **FROM THE FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCES**

*New courses:*

ECON 297 (3) Economics of Sports

ECON 309 (3) Intermediate Macroeconomics II

ECON 320 (3) Introduction of Mathematical Economics

ECON 409 (3) Economic Growth Theory

ECON 427 (3) Econometrics

ECON 452 (3) Urban Economics

### **FROM THE FACULTY OF HEALTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

*New course:*

HMKN 302 (3) Social and Cultural Issues of Physical Activity

### **FROM THE FACULTY OF CREATIVE & CRITICAL STUDIES**

*Revised Program:*

English degree requirements