

Business Arising from the Minutes

The Acting Secretary drew Senate's attention to the recent correspondence received by many senators from Senator Wylie regarding points of order and his own reply that was copied to the Senate for its information.

Remarks from the Chair

The President announced the appointment of Dr Andrew Szeri as Provost and Vice-President Academic for the Vancouver campus effective 1 July 2017. We're pleased to have identified a leading candidate from a strong pool of candidates.

Secondly, Dr Ono noted that a search was being undertaken for a Vice-President Research & Innovation. He hoped that the present list of 7- semi-finalists would be narrowed down shortly and that a candidate would accept in time for the next academic year.

Thirdly, Dr Ono reminded Senate that Lisa Castle has announced her resignation as Vice-President, Human Resources, and a search committee is being formed to find her successor by the next calendar year.

Dr Ono stated that the first phase of the strategic plan development – engagement – has been completed. Around 7500 submissions, some very detailed, were made to the University, which have been grouped into 8 potential areas of focus. The day prior to this meeting of Senate, an executive and decanal retreat was held, and task forces are being formed to focus on focus areas to meet over the summer. The President committed to bringing that work back to the Senate in the fall.

The President advised Senate of his recent travels to Asia and the signing of a trilateral agreement of cooperation between UBC, the University of Tokyo, and the Max Planck Society of Germany.

Finally, Dr Ono advised that the American Academy of Arts & Sciences has extended an invitation to UBC to be an institutional affiliate. The President characterized this as a significant invitation given their highly developed program in the humanities and sciences.

Remarks from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Dr Deborah Buszard informed Senate of Bryce Traister having been appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies. She expressed her thanks to Robert Eggleston for serving as Acting Dean of the Faculty for the past two years.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor noted the successful Teaching & Learning conference and awards ceremony on the Okanagan campus.

Candidates for Degrees

Kristen Morgan }
Robert Lalonde } *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 2017, 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.*

Approved

Academic Building & Resources Committee

The Chair of the Committee, Dr Daniel Keyes, presented.

ANNUAL REPORT

Senator Keyes presented his committee's annual report as distributed.

Senator Evans asked why this was a sub-Committee rather than a committee..

Senator Keyes explained the relationship between the Council and its budget Sub-committees.

The President noted that he recently attended a sub-committee meeting at Vancouver and would do the same at the Okanagan if the sub-committee felt this would assist in its work.

Senator Keyes suggested that a joint meeting with the President and Vancouver would likely be the most productive use of time.

Academic Policy Committee

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

MASTER OF ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP

Miriam Grant }
Catherine Comben } *That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that the Master of Engineering Leadership program in Resource Engineering Management (MEL REM) be administered by the Faculty of Applied Science and outside of the College of Graduate Studies.*

of Students in the Admissions chapter of the Calendar, effective for admission to the 2017 Summer Session and thereafter.

Senator Lalonde asked for confirmation that steps forwards students wouldn't be affected.

The Registrar advised that they were registered as Access Studies students and thus this change would have no effect.

Approved

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Marianne Legault }
Miriam Grant } *That Senate approve changes to admission requirements for applicants to the Master of Social Work program, effective for admission to the 2018 Summer Session and thereafter.*

Dr Legault explained that most of the proposed changes were editorial in nature; however, one moved the criminal record check to admission requirements from the program requirements; another adjusts the language proficiency test score to be slightly higher than those basic ones for the College of Graduate Studies.

A senator asked for a rationale for the English language requirement being made stricter.

With the permission of Senate, the Director of Social Work advised that their program focused on clinical environment was different from most others and client understanding was important in that field. Thus, a greater ability to communicate in the English language was required.

Approved

RECONSIDERATION

Marianne Legault }
Cynthia Mathieson } *That Senate receive the report on "International Undergraduate Student Admission - Reconsideration of the May 1996 Senate Resolution";*

That the May 1996 Admission Policy for International Students be rescinded;

That the revised Principles of Effective

Undergraduate Admission to UBC be approved;

That international students not displace Canadian citizens and permanent residents for admission to the University;

That international students be admitted to undergraduate programs using criteria and procedures which ensure, at a minimum, international student quality comparable to that of domestic students; and

That enrolment targets presented by Faculties and Schools to Senate for approval include specific targets for the number of international students proposed for admission to each Faculty and School for the following academic session.

Senator Evans asked if all programs were currently in compliance with the existing policy.

Senator Legault replied that the Faculty of Management was currently not in compliance.

Senator Lalonde asked how “comparable” would be assessed between domestic and international students.

Dr Lasserre said that a sub-committee was being established to determine what comparable means and to ensure we are in compliance.

With permission of Senate, Mr Andrew Arida, Associate Registrar for Undergraduate Admissions, spoke, saying that they tried to equate grades across school system to achieve targets.

Approved

ANNUAL REPORT

Dr Legault brought Senate’s attention to the three areas under which the Senate Admissions & Awards Committee had acted under delegated authority from Senate:

APPEALS ON APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION, READMISSION AND TRANSFER TO PROGRAMS

Pursuant to section 37(1) (b) of the *University Act*, the Okanagan Senate has delegated to the Admissions and Awards Committee the authority to hear final appeals on applications for admission and readmission to the University. In compliance with the *Rules and Procedures of the Okanagan Senate*, the Committee herein reports on its decisions.

Between May 1, 2016 and April 30, 2017, the Admissions and Awards Committee heard 17 student appeals for admission to a degree program (compared to 18 in 2015/16, 11 in 2014/15, 12 in 2013/14, 13 in 2012/13, 14 in 2011/12 and 17 in 2010/11). Appeals can be allowed (and the applicant admitted) or dismissed. Of the appeals heard by the Committee, 5 were allowed and 12 were dismissed.

NON-SUBSTANTIVE OR EDITORIAL CHANGES TO EXISTING ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In January 2016, Senate delegated to the Committee final right of approval over non-substantive and editorial changes to existing admission requirements. From May 1, 2016 until April 30, 2017 the Admissions and Awards Committee has approved no proposals under delegated authority.

STUDENT MOBILITY AGREEMENTS APPROVED UNDER COUNCIL OF SENATES POLICY C-2: AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING

Under Policy C-2: *Affiliations with Other Institutions of Learning*, the Council of Senates has delegated to the Admissions and Awards Committee the authority to approve on its behalf, terms of student mobility agreements for students going to or coming from UBC Okanagan programs. In 2016-2017, the Admissions and Awards Committee has approved student mobility agreements with the following institutions:

- Delft University of Technology
- Chongqing University
- Chongqing Normal University
- Southwest University of Political Science and Law
- Sichuan International Studies University

Agenda Committee

The Chair of the Senate Agenda Committee, Dr Daniel Keyes, presented.

SECTION 37 RULE CHANGE

Daniel Keyes
Catherine Comben

} *That the Rules and Procedures of Senate be amended to add the following new section and that subsequent sections of the Rules and Procedures of Senate and any referential section numbers be renumbered accordingly, effective 1 October 2017:*

37. All Senate committees shall elect a chair and a vice-chair from amongst their members who are senators at least triennially.

Approved

SECTION 38 RULE CHANGE

Daniel Keyes
Deborah Buszard

} *That the Rules and Procedures of Senate be amended to add the following new section and that subsequent sections of the Rules and Procedures of Senate and any referential section numbers be renumbered accordingly, effective 1 October 2017:*

38. Except for the Senate Agenda Committee and those committees established to ensure representation on the Council of Senates, no senator shall chair more than one standing committee of Senate.

Approved

SECTION 39 RULE CHANGE

Daniel Keyes
Robert Lalonde

} *That the Rules and Procedures of Senate be amended to add the following new section and that subsequent sections of the Rules and Procedures of Senate and any referential section numbers be renumbered accordingly, effective 1 October 2017:*

39. No Senator shall serve as chair of a standing committee of Senate for more than six (6) consecutive years.

Senator Campbell asked for the rationale for this change.

Senator Keyes said that they received a suggestion from the Provost for this change as a way of ensuring renewal and mobility.

Senator Lalonde noted that chair recruitment was already an issue.

Senator Mathieson said that if succession planning was a problem, we needed to ensure that people find these leadership opportunities are open and attractive to people.

Senator Campbell said that he was in favour of a succession process but this would be the only position on Senate that is term limited. This would be a rule that impacts upon only one senator on that time. He noted that having been pressed into service in the past and that there was not

often demand to some chairships. He further suggested that experience is needed in some roles that would be lost if this proposal was approved. .

Dean Tettey said that at the Nominating Committee was trying to find a balance between experience and infusing committees with fresh ideas and creating opportunities. Positions being tied to people for too long creates a disincentive for people to get involved.

Senator Berg noted that he was leaving Senate because he didn't have any opportunities on committees that interested him.

Principal Buszard noted that leadership roles on campus all have terms and this is considered important for renewal and progression.

Senator S. Lawrence suggested that this rule change could be liberating. People become associated with positions at some place. No one else has institutional memory.

Senator Legault noted that she became a committee chair six months after joining the committee due to health issues for the previous chair.

Senator Vinek spoke in favour of the change so long as there was appropriate support and guidance for chairs.

Senator McNeil asked if it would apply retroactively.

The Acting Secretary advised that past service would count for next triennium.

Approved

Standing & Discipline Committee

ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair of the Appeals Committee, Robert Campbell, presented.

As set out in his written report, he noted no academic misconduct appeals, 1 non-academic, and 3 standing appeals in the past 12 months.

Curriculum Committee

Senator Sean Lawrence spoke on behalf of Dr Peter Arthur, Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee.

MAY CURRICULUM REPORT

See Appendix A: Curriculum Report

Sean Lawrence
Cynthia Mathieson

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That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for approval four new courses brought forward from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and one new course, one new program and one discontinued program brought forward from the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies.

Approved

Learning & Research Committee

Senator Catherine Comben spoke on behalf of Dr Peter Arthur, Chair of the Senate Learning & Research Committee.

EMERITUS REPORT

See Appendix B: Emeritus Report

Catherine Comben
Cynthia Mathieson

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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.

Senator Berg asked if there was a merit requirement for emeritus appointments.

The Acting Secretary, Mr Eaton, said no, it was a numerical calculation of age plus years of service equaling 70 or greater.

Senator Tettey asked if we would be open to reconsidering the idea of having merit as a criteria.

Dr Mathieson noted this having been considered in the past but the policy not being changed.

Senator Berg said that emeritus status should mean something more than just passing of time.

Approved

Nominating Committee

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Daniel Keyes
Marianne Legault

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That Mr Arash Aghshahi, Ms Kelsey DesRoches, and Ms Megan Harper be appointed to the Academic Policy Committee until 31 March 2018 and thereafter until replaced;

That Mr Daniel Kandie and Mr Kyle Lee be appointed to the Admissions & Awards Committee until 31 March 2018 and thereafter until replaced;

That Ms Emily Lewis and Ms Kelly Lu be appointed to the Agenda Committee until 31 March 2018 and thereafter until replaced;

That Ms May Ly, Ms Brittni MacKenzie-Dale, and Ms Kristen Morgan be appointed to the Appeals on Standing & Discipline Committee until 31 March 2018 and thereafter until replaced;

That Ms Hillary Tjioe and Ms Janessa Tom be appointed to the Curriculum Committee until 31 March 2018 and thereafter until replaced;

That Mr Arash Aghshahi and Ms Megan Harper be appointed to the Learning & Research Committee until 31 March 2018 and thereafter until replaced;

That Ms Kelsey DesRoches and Mr Daniel Kandie be appointed to the Council Budget Committee until 31 March 2018 and thereafter until replaced;

That Mr Kyle Lee be appointed to the Council Elections Committee until 31 March 2018 and thereafter until replaced;

That Ms Emily Lewis be appointed to the Council of Senates Representative Committee Five until 31 March 2018 and thereafter until replaced; and

That Ms Kelly Lu and Ms May Ly be elected to the Council of Senates.

Approved

VICE-CHAIR OF SENATE

Daniel Keyes
Wisdom Tettey

}

That Dr Cynthia Mathieson be elected Vice-Chair of Senate from 19 May 2017 to 31 August 2017 and thereafter until replaced.

Approved

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE CHANGES

Daniel Keyes
Cynthia Mathieson

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That Senate amend the quorum for the Senate Admissions and Awards Committee as follows: 6 voting members, except when hearing appeals, where 3 voting members shall constitute a quorum; and

That Senate amend the quorum for the Senate Committee on Appeals of Standing & Discipline as follows: 3 voting members, at least one of whom must be a faculty member, and one of whom must be a student.

VICE-PRESIDENT HUMAN RESOURCES

Daniel Keyes
Catherine Comben

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That Senate appoint Dr Gordon Lovegrove to a President's Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Vice-President Human Resources.

Approved

Reports from the Provost

REVIEWS OF ACADEMIC UNITS

The Provost advised that in the 2015-2016 academic year, reviews were undertaken of the School of Engineering, the College of Graduate Studies. In accordance with Senate policy, copies of both have been filed with the Secretary for review.

Senator Lalonde asked what effect review recommendations had on units

Senator Mathieson said that we did monitor how those recommendations were implemented and concerns identified were addressed.

ANNUAL REPORT ON INSTITUTES

Vice-Principal Research Philip Barker spoke to this item.

Dr Barker provided the Senate with annual reports on the Institute for Community Engaged Research (ICER), the Institute for Healthy Living and Chronic Disease Prevention (IHLCDP), the Okanagan Institute for Biodiversity, Resilience, and Ecosystem Services (BRAES), and the Regional Socio-Economic Development Institute of Canada (RSEDIC)

Senator Berg asked how the existing and new institutes work with the governance structure set out in Policy 0-5.

Senator Barker replied that we will be looking at revisions to that policy over that next year, in particular around reporting.

Other Business

The Senate cast a deciding vote and declared that Dr Barbara Marcolin was elected as Senator from Management from 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2017 under Section 16 (3) (a) of the *University Act*.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Appendix A: Curriculum Report

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

GEOG 318 (3) Rural Geographies (new course)
MATH 462 (3) Derivative-Free Optimization
MATH 562 (3) Derivative-Free Optimization (new course)
MATH 510 (3) General Topology (new course)

FACULTY OF CREATIVE AND CRITICAL STUDIES

ENGL 458 (3) Canadian Environmental Writing (new course)
BA Minor in Theatre (new program)
BFA Minor in Interdisciplinary Performance (discontinued program)

Appendix B: Emeritus Report

Ding, Yijiang	Assoc Professor (tenure)	Faculty of Arts & Sciences
Dods, R Robin	Assoc Professor (tenure)	Faculty of Arts & Sciences
French, Diana	Assoc Professor (tenure)	Faculty of Arts & Sciences
Gattrell, Janice	General Librarian (confirmed)	Provost&VPncplAcadm
Peacock, Sandra	Assoc Professor (tenure)	Faculty of Arts & Sciences
Pearson, Gary	Assoc Professor (tenure)	Fac.of Creat&Crit.Studies
Russell, Peter	Assoc Professor (tenure)	Faculty of Arts & Sciences
Scarff, Carol	Assoc Professor (tenure)	Faculty of Education
Stuart, Francis Ian	Professor (tenure)	Faculty of Management
Vaisius, Allan	Assoc Professor (tenure)	Faculty of Arts & Sciences