



OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

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Attendance

Present: Dr D. Buszard (Vice-Chair), Mr C. Eaton (Secretary), Mr A. Aghshahi, Dr P. Barber, Ms H. Barringer, Mr M. Campbell, Dr D. Carter, Dr J. Cioe, Ms K. DesRoches, Ms T. Ebl, Dr J. Eikenaar, Dean B. Frank, Dean M. Grant, Ms M. Harper, Dr M. Hoorfar, Dr J. Jakobi, Mr D. Kandie, Dr R. Lawrence, Mr K. Lee, Ms E. Lewis, Ms K. Lu, Dr J. Loepky, Dr Y. Lucet, Ms M. Ly, Mr B. MacKenzie-Dale, Dr B. Marcolin, Dr C. Mathieson, Dr S. McNeil, Ms K. Morgan, Dr S. O'Leary, Dr F. Pena, Dr D. Roberts, Dean R. Sugden, Acting Dean E. Taylor, Dean W. Tetley, Ms H. Tjioe, Ms J. Tom, Dean B. Traister, Dr P. Wylie

Regrets: Dr P. Arthur, Dr R. Campbell, Dr J. Corbett, Mr I. Cull, Chancellor L. Gordon, Dr J. Gustar, Ms G. Hardy-Legault, Dr J. Hossain, Dr J. Johnson, Dr R. Lalonde, Dr S. Lawrence, Dr M. Legault, Dean *Pro Tem*. J. Olson, Dr M. Reekie, Dr G. Wtterstrand,

Via video: Dr S. Ono (President)

Clerk: Mr C. Eaton

Call to Order

The Vice-Chair of Senate, Dr Deborah Buszard, called the first regular meeting of the Okanagan Senate for the 2017-2018 Academic Year and the 2017-2020 triennium to order at 3:32 pm

Senate Membership

2017-2020 SENATE

The Acting Registrar introduced the 2017-2020 Okanagan Senate:

EX OFFICIO

- Chancellor (Mr. Lindsay Gordon)
- President (Prof. Santa J. Ono)
- Academic Vice-President (Prof. Deborah Buszard)
- University Librarian or Designate (Ms. Heather Berringer)
- Director of Continuing Education or Designate (Mr. Ian Cull)

ADDED TO THE SENATE UNDER SECTION 35.1(3)(J) OF THE UNIVERSITY ACT

- Dean of the College of Graduate Studies (Dr. Miriam Grant)
- Provost, Okanagan (Dr. Cynthia Mathieson)
- Vice-Principal, Research (Dr. Philip Barker)

DEANS OF FACULTIES

- Dr. James Olson (Dean *pro tem.*) Applied Science
- Dr. Wisdom Tettey, Arts and Sciences
- Dr. Bryce Traister, Creative and Critical Studies
- Dr. Blye Frank (Dean *pro tem.*), Education
- Dr. Edward Taylor (Acting Dean), Health and Social Development
- Dr. Roger Sugden, Management

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JOINT FACULTIES

- Dr. Peter Arthur, Senior Instructor, Faculty of Education
- Dr. Diana Carter, Instructor I, Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies
- Dr. Jon Corbett, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- Dr. Jannik Eikenaar, Lecturer, School of Engineering
- Dr. Mina Hoorfar, Professor, School of Engineering
- Dr. Jahangir Hossain, Associate Professor, School of Engineering
- Dr. Jim Johnson, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- Dr. Robert Lalonde, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- Dr. Ramon Lawrence, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- Dr. Sean Lawrence, Associate Professor, Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies
- Dr. Marianne Legault, Associate Professor, Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies
- Dr. Yves Lucet, Professor, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- Dr. W. Stephen McNeil, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

- Dr. Stephen O'Leary, Associate Professor, School of Engineering
- Dr. Francisco Peña, Associate Professor, Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies
- Dr. Peter Wylie, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE

- Dr. Shahria Alam, Associate Professor
- Dr. Deborah Roberts, Professor

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

- Dr. Jan Cioe, Associate Professor
- Dr. Jason Loepky, Associate Professor

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FACULTY OF CREATIVE AND CRITICAL STUDIES

- Mr. Myron Campbell, Instructor
- Dr. Jennifer Gustar, Associate Professor

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION

- Dr. Robert Campbell, Associate Professor
- Dr. Greg Wetterstrand, Associate Professor

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FACULTY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Dr. Jennifer Jakobi, Associate Professor
- Ms. Manuela Reekie, Senior Instructor

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT

- Ms. Tamara Ebl, Lecturer
- Dr. Barbara Marcolin, Associate Professor

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONVOCATION

- Mrs. Catherine Comben (BA, 1967)
- Vacant

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STUDENTS AT-LARGE

- Mr. Daniel Kandie (continuing)
- Ms. Emily Lewis
- Ms. Kelly Ling Yin Lu (continuing)
- Ms. Kristen Morgan
- Ms. Janessa Tom
- Ms. Kelsey DesRoches

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRADUATE STUDENTS

- Ms. Megan Harper
- Ms. Brittini MacKenzie-Dale

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE

- Mr. Kyle Lee

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

- Ms. May Ly

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF CREATIVE AND CRITICAL STUDIES

- Ms. Gilliane Hardy-Legault

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION

- vacant

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Mr. Arash Aghshahi

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT

- Ms. Hillary Tjioe

SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Acting Registrar announced that as a result of the call for nominations issued on 15 August 2017 for five senators to serve on the Senate Nominating Committee, the following persons were elected:

Dr Peter Arthur
Dr Jan Cioe
Dr Jannik Eikenaar
Dr Jason Loepky
Dean Wisdom Tetley.

Ms Emily Lewis was also acclaimed as elected to the Committee until 31 March 2018. A further call for nominations was made for the remaining student seat on the Committee, with nominations due 13 October 2017.

Minutes of 18 May 2017

Jan Cioe
Cynthia Mathieson

} *That the Minutes of the Meeting of 18 May 2017
be adopted as corrected.*

*Corrections: Punctuation and spelling error on
page 4.
Definition provided for “Steps Forward” on page
5*

Approved

Remarks from the President

Dr Ono noted the change in Provincial government since the Senate last convened and advised that he had met with the Premier, his Deputy Minister, and the Minister of Advanced Education. Federally, UBC has visited Ottawa in lead up to the next Federal Budget in general, and LOIs for research superclusters in particular. 13 out of 50 proposals involve UBC in some way, and we are particular interested in data sciences. UBC has also had significant interaction with the government regarding the Naylor Report. As you know, Dr Naylor made specific recommendations for increased funding for fundamental research and scholarship. Dr Ono advised that he, along with his colleagues from McGill and Toronto have published an op-ed strongly emphasizing the importance of implementing the report for Canada’s research institutions. Dr Ono opined that Canada needed o have a stronger emphasis and recognition on support for new scholars. This is an area of considerable difficulty as tricouncil funding only has

a 7% success rate and much of that goes to established principal investigators, not those just starting in their fields. At the same time, we need to better support career re-entry for those scholars who take time to raise a family.

More locally, the President notes that UBC was renewing our efforts for strategic planning and have entered a significant phase in its development. Drs Buszard and Mathieson are working closely with Andrew Szeri (Academic Vice-President, Vancouver) and Gayle Murphy (Vice-President, Research) in the planning process. In the spring of this year, we outlined a series of draft priorities that were based on contributions from our internal community and external partners

Dr Ono noted that over the summer he engaged with Deans and other leaders to explore these draft priorities and articulate them within an overarching framework which incorporates the wealth of feedback that we received through the earlier consultation process. The emerging framework reflects the important relationship between the themes, or areas of priority focus, with the University's core mandate of teaching/learning and research and the underpinning commitments for which we are accountable. The framework also recognizes the interplay between community engagement and global perspectives which Dr Ono described as a defining feature of UBC.

The President advised that he was excited to meet with Deans, the Executive and the Steering Committee – which includes Paul Davies, Sheila Epp, Nicole Udzenija and PhD Student Lindsay Harris from the Okanagan campus - over several days next week to get their feedback on the emerging framework. Following that, we will substantiate the plan through objectives and strategies attached to each major area. Representative working groups will be established in early fall to develop these components.

Also over the fall, and working closely with Deans and the Steering Committee, Dr Ono noted that he would begin a second round of engagement with many key groups and the community at large to share and shape the framework and strategies. Consistent with our intent from the start, we will align strategy with budget to ensure that we are able to invest to support the plan. Once the plan is agreed, we will transition to implementation at which point these strategies will be translated to actions and deliverables.

Dr Ono expressed his gratitude to have the opportunity to work closely with Deborah Buszard as well as Andrew Szeri, Gayle Murphey along with the rest of the community, as we enter this exciting phase.

Senator Marcolin asked about industry funding and if this would be part of our push as well.

Dr Ono noted his work in the Cascadia corridor to encourage industry funding of research. Last year, Microsoft provided 1M for data science research. We are also looking at international partnerships with foundations. For instance, last year with Japan

we explored linkages with faculty and work with the Max Planck Society, the University of Washington, and other partners.

Senator Cioe asked how UBC would deal with the legalization of marijuana. For instance, would we allow marijuana plants in residence rooms.

Dr Ono said that most universities were in the same place and that was early in their processes. The University executive needs to discuss this at that level to provide the university community with guidance. We are working together with Universities Canada and there is some benefit to uniformity across the sector. We also need to work with student health and the health authorities. We are expecting regulations and guidelines from Government but we are expecting students to require assistance and guidance from the University.

Remarks from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Deborah Buszard welcomed Dr Bryce Traister to the Okanagan campus as Dean of the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies, and noting that this would be her final year as Provost, thanked Dr Cynthia Mathieson for her service.

Dr Buszard also commented on the new Provincial government, noting that the Minister of Advanced Education, the Honourable Melanie Mark had already visited the Okanagan campus, and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Honourable Claire Travena has also visited the campus for the opening of the new bus loop. Federally, the visit of the Prime Minister, along with most of the Government caucus for a town hall meeting was unique opportunity for the incoming class of students to participate in a conversation on issues of importance to our community. She thanked all of the faculty and staff who worked to make that event a great success.

Dr Buszard closed by noting that this was an exciting time for UBC and its Okanagan campus with a new strategic plan under development. She committed to bringing early thinking on that process for a discussion at Senate and expressed that she was looking forward to working with the Senate on its development.

Senator Wylie raised two issues of concern. First he noted that in some faculties, staff members were placed in Canvas courses. He found this concerning and asked if Dr Buszard could report back to Senate. Secondly, Dr Wylie asked about a faculty member who had been not allowed to take on a graduate student.

Dr Buszard thanked Dr Wylie for his comments, but noted that both matters may be the subject of discussions with the Faculty Association and could not be commented on in this forum. She suggested that a concerned faculty member should take concerns regarding graduate student supervision with the College of Graduate Studies and that she would ask the Provost to look into the matter of Canvas.

From the Board of Governors

The Vice-Chair confirmed that the following items approved by the Senate had also been approved by the Board of Governors as required under the *University Act*:

30 March 2017

New Awards

Curriculum proposals from the faculties of Applied Science, Arts & Sciences, and Creative & Critical Studies.

27 April 2017:

New Awards

Curriculum proposals from the faculties of Arts & Sciences, Creative & Critical Studies, Education, & Health & Social Development

New program: Minor in Data Science in the Bachelor of Arts

18 May 2017:

Curriculum proposals from the faculties of Arts & Sciences and Creative & Critical Studies

New program: BA Minor in Theatre

Establishment of the Material and Manufacturing Research Institute

Candidates for Degrees

Miriam Grant
Wisdom Tettey

} *That the candidates for degrees as recommended by the faculties and College, be granted the degrees for which they were recommended, effective September 2017, and that a committee comprised of the Registrar, the dean of the relevant faculty, and the Chair of Senate be empowered to make any necessary adjustments.*

Approved

Academic Policy Committee

Dean Miriam Grant, Chair of the Senate Academic Policy Committee, presented.

REFERRAL OF MOTION FROM SENATE WYLIE

Dr Grant note that her committee was referred a motion from SenatorWylie regarding the status of decanal appointments in, and the possible re-organization of, the Faculty of Education.

Upon review of the submitted motion, the Committee identified the following issues. With regard to each of the issues set out below, the Committee was able to reach a consensus in their opinion, a summary of which is provided.

WHETHER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SENATE AD HOC COMMITTEE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTERS REFERENCED IN THE MOTION.

The Academic Policy Committee consulted its Terms of Reference, which state that it is responsible for:

- Significant matters of academic policy and general academic regulations, if such matters are not explicitly covered by the terms of reference of another committee of Senate; and
- Proposals for the organization or re-organization of academic units.

Given that the matters concerned within the motion are within the purview of the Academic Policy Committee, the Committee felt in unnecessary to convene a Senate Ad Hoc Committee for this purpose.

WHETHER PROPER PROCEDURE FOR CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL WITH SENATE AND ITS STANDING COMMITTEES HAD BEEN FOLLOWED WITH REGARD TO PLANS FOR THE POSSIBLE REORGANIZATION OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION.

The Senate and its Committees are not generally involved in proposals while they are still being developed at the Faculty level. The Committee understands that the details of any plans for the reorganization of the Faculty are still in development, and that a proposal will be forthcoming in the 2017/18 academic year. Therefore, at this time the Committee believes that further involvement of Senate and its Committees before the Faculty has developed a recommendation would be premature.

WHETHER ANY INFRINGEMENT OF JOINT SENATE AND BOARD POLICY #21 – APPOINTMENT OF DEANS AND PRINCIPALS, OR BOARD POLICIES #22 AND #23- EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENTS OF DEANS HAD TAKEN PLACE.

Upon review of the policies in question, the Committee determined that the key issue in question is the fact that the Faculty of Education has had acting/interim Deans in place for over 24 months, whether this is in compliance with section 4.1 of Policy 23 as set out below:

4.1. Notwithstanding anything else in this Policy or anything in Policy #21, the President may designate in writing that an individual, including the incumbent, take on the role of Dean in a pro tem capacity where the incumbent's appointment has ended and a successor has not yet taken office; provided however, that:

4.1.1. any such designation normally shall not be for a period of more than 12 months; and

4.1.2. if successive designations are made, the aggregate length of the designations normally shall not exceed 24 months.

The Committee noted that the presence of the word “normally” in both subsections 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 may allow for the length of any temporary appointment to be longer than 12 months, and for successive temporary designations to exceed 24 months, should circumstances warrant.

WHETHER THE CIRCUMSTANCES DURING THIS PERIOD WERE SUFFICIENTLY EXTRAORDINARY TO JUSTIFY DEPARTURE FROM THE USUAL PRACTICE OUTLINED IN POLICY AS PER THE ABOVE.

The Committee believes that circumstances were unusual enough to meet this test. Normal circumstances would preclude there being conversations occurring about possible reorganization of the Faculty. Furthermore, the Bachelor of Education program was undergoing significant curriculum renewal that was also taking place during the period in question. The Committee concurs with the Provost that recruiting a new Dean under such circumstances would be neither prudent nor strategic.

In summary, the Senate Academic Policy Committee has determined that the acting and *pro tem*. appointments of Deans Binsted and Frank were appropriate and did not infringe upon the policies in question. The Committee looks forward to reviewing the detailed proposal setting out plans for the future of the Faculty of Education when it is submitted in due course.

Senator Wylie asked what consideration was made, if any, of his third whereas clause: “It has had Head/Directors appointed by University administrators to look after Collective Agreement matters such as workload, tenure and promotion in the Faculty since 2014 without the administration following Policy 22 on the appointment of such Head/Directors;”

Dr Grant replied that the committee did not find any contravention of policy 22.

The Acting Registrar, Mr Eaton, replied that those persons using the title of “Director” in the Faculty of Education were not directors in the sense of “heads of academic units” as defined by Policy 22, namely because there were no academic units within the Faculty of Education. He stated that if he understood the senator’s concern correctly, his issue was that directors were acting as equivalent of heads of academic units in non-departmentalized faculties and that such appointments were not governed by existing policies. If this was the case, he agreed to review that situation and provide a report back for Senate’s information.

Admission & Awards Committee

REVISIONS TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TESTS AND PROGRAMS

Catherine Comben	}	<i>That Senate approve revisions to the Calendar entry on English Language Proficiency Tests, effective for admission to the 2017 Winter Session and thereafter.</i>
Jan Cioe		

Approved

NEW AND REVISED AWARDS

See Appendix A: Awards Report

Catherine Comben }
Miriam Grant } *That 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.*

Dr Buszard noted the generosity of our donors and thanked them for their support to UBC and its Okanagan campus.

Approved

Nominating Committee

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Jannik Einenaar }
Jan Cioe } *That the following appointments be made to the standing committees of Senate, to the Council of Senates, to the committees of the Council of Senates, and to the senates and committees of affiliated theological colleges, effective from 20 September 2017 to 31 August 2020 and thereafter until replaced:
Council of Senates Budget Sub-committee/Okanagan Senate Academic Building & Resources Committee*

*Arthur, Peter
Lalonde, Robert
Lawrence, Ramon
Marcolin, Barb
O'Leary, Stephen
Pena, Francisco*

Academic Policy Committee

Cioe, Jan

*Grant, Miriam
Jakobi, Jennifer
Johnson, James
McNeil, Stephen
Tettey, Wisdom*

Admissions & Awards

*Campbell, Myron
Ebl, Tamara
Jahangir, Hossain
Wetterstrand, Greg
Comben, Catherine*

*Appeals
Alam, Shahria
Campbell, Myron
Campbell, Robert
Carter, Diana
Gustar, Jennifer*

Curriculum

*Arthur, Peter
Eikenaar, Jannik
Lawrence, Sean
Lucet, Yves
Reekie, Manuela*

Learning & Research

*Corbett, Jon
Hoorfar, Mina
Loeppky, Jason
Pena, Francisco
Roberts, Deborah
Wylie, Peter
Comben, Catherine*

Approved

Other Business

Noting that this would be her last meeting, the Acting Registrar and the Principal thanked Ms Maggie A. O'Neill for her service to the University, its Okanagan campus, and the Senate for the past four years. They wished her the best at the District of Lake Country and the Senate joined in a round of applause in appreciation for her work.

Adjournment

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 pm.

Appendix A: Awards Report

New awards:

Social Justice Bursary in the School of Social Work

A \$1,000 bursary is offered to a graduate student in the School of Social work in the Faculty of Health and Social Development at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Preference is given to a student who is Aboriginal, a person with disability, and demonstrates an assessed financial need. (First Award available in 2017W)

Previously approved award with changes in terms or funding source:

Vicki Green Graduate Award

A \$2,500 award has been endowed by Dr. Vicki Green, a member of the Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The award is offered to a full-time **or part-time** graduate student in the Faculty of Education, Okanagan campus, studying issues in social, economic, ecological, environmental and/or political sustainability. Candidates for the award are selected based on how their research will implement contemplative, transformational, imaginative, or creative interdisciplinary understandings in sustainability for children, youth, or teachers. The award is made on the recommendation of a selection committee comprised of members of the Faculty of Education.

Rationale: Donor wishes to include part-time graduate students.

