



Okanagan Senate

Minutes of 20 November 2012

Attendance

Present:	Prof. D. Buszard (Vice-Chair), Mr J. Ridge (Secretary), Dr P. Arthur, Ms S. Baez, Dr P. Balcaen, Dr G. Binsted, Dr L. Bosetti, Dr E. A. Broome, Mr S. Bullock, Ms M. Burton, Dr K. Carlaw, Dr J. Cioe, Mr I. Cull, Dr F. de Scally, Dr R. R. Dods, Dr M. Grant, Ms F. Helfand, Dr K. Hewage, Dr S. Hilton, Dr J. Johnson, Mr T. Krupa, Mr C. Li, Dr Y. Lucet, Dr C. Mathieson, Dr W. Pue, Mr M. Redekopp, Dr D. Roberts, Dr C. Robinson, Mr R. Sharma, Mr T. Smith, Dr R. Sugden, Dr D. Tannant, Dr W. Tettey, Mr C. Tse, Dr P. van Donkelaar, Dr G. Wetterstrand, Dr S. Yannacopoulos
Regrets:	Mr R. Adl, Dr L. Allan, Mr K. Aziz, Mr J. Al Ramahi, Mr J. Baxter, Ms M. Campos, Mr C. Gorman, Dr E. Hall, Dr C. Labun, Ms J. Lawson, Dr A. Milani, Ms S. Morgan-Silvester, Dr B. Nilson, Mr K. Nolan, Ms L. Patterson, Dr A. Phillion, Dr C. Scarff
Via Videoconference:	Prof. S.J. Toope (President)
Guests:	Ms K. Darling, Mr L. Mueller, Dr E. Taylor, unnamed reporter from the Phoenix.
Recording Secretary:	Mr C. Eaton

Call to Order

The Vice-Chair called the third regular meeting of the Senate for the 2012/2013 Academic Year to order.

Senate Membership

ELECTION OF NEW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Jan Cioe	}	<i>That Mr Tim Krupa be elected as a Student Representative at Large (replacing Ms Janet Lawson) until 31 March 2013 and thereafter until replaced.</i>
Curtis Tse		

Approved.

NEW SENATORS

The Registrar welcomed to Senate Dean Roger Sugden, Dean of the Faculty of Management, and Dr Yves Lucet, Faculty Representative for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

In response to a question from Senator Robinson, the President advised that the School of Nursing was not involved in the Centre at this time, but he saw no reason why it could not be.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor's Remarks

Professor Buszard noted that she recently was in Ottawa to meet with the granting councils, our local MPs, and various departments to raise awareness of our research and scholarly activities at UBC's Okanagan campus and to remind them of our impact on the local community. She further mentioned that Dean Grant had joined her to meet with the President of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor noted that since the last Senate meeting, the Fipke Laboratory spaces, the Library expansion, and the Richard S. Hallisey atrium in the Engineering, Management & Education building were officially opened. Professor Buszard applauded the efforts of the development office for passing the \$65 million mark for the fundraising campaign noting that a broad and robust plan was under way for further fundraising.

Senator Cioe asked if there was a model adopted for next year's funding allocations.

At the request of the Vice-Chair, the Provost advised that a historical model was currently in use and would be again for next year; however, there is a longer-term desire to create a more transparent budget model for the year after next.

In response to a follow-up question from Senator Dods, Dr Pue replied that government funding was fairly well known: we would either get a stable budget or a small cut. The primary budget concern is inflation in costs.

Candidates for Degrees

Jan Cioe
Dwayne Tannant

} *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 November 2012, 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. (2/3 majority required)*

Approved.

Joint Report of the Admission & Awards and Curriculum Committees

The Committee Chairs, Dr Spiro Yannacopoulos and Dr Dwayne Tannant presented.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (B.S.W.) PROGRAM – SUSPENSION OF ADMISSION AND PROGRAM DISCONTINUATION

Spiro Yannacopoulos	}	<i>That Senate approve the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) Suspension of Admission admissions proposal effective for the 2012 Winter Session; And the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) Program Discontinuation curriculum proposal effective for the 2014 Winter Session.</i>
Dwayne Tannant		

Dr Yannacopoulos explained to Senate the nature of Social Work’s proposal and the process by which his and Dr Tannant’s Committees had considered the request.

Dean Binsted explained that this was an opportunity for the Faculty to focus on what it could do best and become a leader in social work education in BC while broadening the attraction of UBC Okanagan’s programming.

With permission of the Chair, Dr Edward Taylor, Director of School of Social work, explained that Social Work is becoming more specialized as a discipline and graduate study the norm; further, he stated that trying to run two programs was extremely difficult given existing resources and our desire to excel. Dr Taylor noted that with this proposal, the School would be the only school of social work in BC that is completely focused on a clinical practice model. Associated with that model is an intrerprofessional clinic between nursing, social work, and psychology that will place masters-level students in clinic for their practicum both as a service for the community and to provide a novel form of study in Canada. The ability to succeed in this model will only come about from having the opportunity to have and grow master’s students.

Dr Taylor explained that the School viewed this as the best opportunity to take the support available from the University and move the study of Social Work forward in a dynamic manner. He further stated that running two programs for the future was not sustainable for UBC Okanagan and thus he had been and would continue discussions with Okanagan College to have them prepare students for entry to the Master of Social Work program as a way of retaining these students in the Okanagan valley. The Program was also in similar talks with Thompson Rivers University.

The Director then noted that the School was taking appropriate measures to ensure current students can move to graduation, and to give alternatives for students who have not been admitted but planned to study social work at the undergraduate level at the Okanagan campus.

Senator Krupa said that the students most affected would be those in 2nd year who planned to transfer; he asked if the suspension of admission could be delayed one year so that they could start and finish the undergraduate program.

Dr Taylor replied that the undergraduate program's accreditation ended June 2016. We need to have students graduate prior to that date and thus delaying implementation by a year would not be possible.

Senator Baez noted that she had received correspondence from a number of students in the BSW program expressing their surprise at the proposal. She asked other than by email how is the school communicating this to them.

Dr Taylor stated in addition to several comprehensive emails sent out to all students, he had offered to be available on every Friday to meet with students and had attended most of the larger classes that were pre-requisites to the Bachelor of Social Work to explain the situation. Should Senate approve the proposal, the School is planning an assembly of all faculty and students to talk about next steps.

Senator Dods stated that while she appreciated that social work was working on student anxiety, there was also a great deal of anxiety in the aboriginal community about support for that community without the BSW as well as for continued opportunities for aboriginal students to be able to pursue an undergraduate degree in social work.

Dean Binsted noted that there was broad consultation internally and externally and that this proposal was brought to the external advisory committee for the School. Further, the demand for a Bachelor of Social Work in the Okanagan Valley has been considered and there are still 7 programs available either in person or online in British Columbia.

Dr Taylor added that the essence of the proposal was sent to over 100 practitioners and that the School had received little feedback. The proposal was brought to the School's aboriginal advisory committee for the School, both relevant government ministries, and was shared with other social work deans and directors in the region.

With permission of the Chair, Lyle Muller noted that several aboriginal professionals worked with the School to provide advice, recommendations and guidance. He read a statement from that advisory council.

Senator Cioe opined that Senate had to pick one program over the other. He noted that the Okanagan campus could no longer look forward to increased funding each year and thus for Social Work to survive and thrive it had to pick one program or the other. He suggested that to lose the graduate program would not only harm research but remove the benefits that the graduate program provided to the local community. He further noted that Master of Social Work graduates can be registered as clinical counselors in BC and this gives them much better opportunities. Dr Cioe reminded the Senate that while there were many Bachelor of Social Work programs, the Master of Social Work was the optimal use of our limited resources at UBC Okanagan.

Senator Robinson asked about sustainability for the school. She noted that the one-year Master of Social Work program was highly subscribed and asked about expectations for enrolment in the two-year program.

Dr Taylor responded that no other program in Canada would have a clinical opportunity such as ours; this will also give us an opportunity to welcome students here in the summer and have summer field placements.

Senator Johnson expressed concern at the School not having the resources to support both of its existing programs.

The Provost replied that in the School, there has been careful consideration and reasoning on the merits of the proposal: The Bachelor of Social Work is a popular and good degree but the world is moving towards a need for the Master of Social Work program. There are seven other BSW programs in BC that will continue to meet that need, and the expanded Master of Social Work program will well serve the needs of the Okanagan and Canada. Dr Pue described Social Work's proposal as a strategic choice.

Dean Bosetti spoke in favour of the motion. She noted that Education was challenged by other programs at the Bachelor's level and encroachment from the US. She suggested that it was appropriate and strategic for a research university to focus at the graduate level if it has to make a choice. For her own faculty, she noted that in Australia, research universities are moving to MEds as entry to practice.

Several senators spoke of the importance of ensure that Okanagan College has a program in place to prepare students to move into the Master of Social Work program.

Dean Binsted stated that Dr Taylor alluded to conversations with Okanagan College and should Senate approve this proposal we will continue to work with the Dean of Arts at Okanagan College on how they can help their students move into this program.

Approved.

Curriculum Committee

See Appendix A: Curriculum Summary

The Committee Chair, Dr Dwayne Tannant, presented.

<i>Dwayne Tannant</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the new course, the new program, the revised program requirements, the discontinued program, and the degree parchment revisions brought forward from the Faculties of Arts and Sciences, Creative and Critical Studies, and Health and Social Development as set out in the attached proposals.</i>
<i>Jan Cioe</i>		

Dr Tannant explained the nature of each of the proposed changes.

Senator Robinson asked about double counting of credits in the Arts & Science proposal: Could someone complete an honours degree with the same number of credits as someone with a non-honours degree.

The Committee Chair noted that this was a topic of consideration at the Committee as well.

Senator Cioe confirmed that it was possible, but that it was not the number of credits that mattered but how those credits were configured. This proposal was designed so that students would not have to duplicate credits but not allow them to be diluted either. He noted that the regulation warned students appropriately and that there had not been many problems with a similar structure in Vancouver.

With respect to the printing of additional material on degree parchments, Senator Johnson asked if other faculties printed majors and specializations.

With permission of the Chair, Associate Registrar Eaton replied that around 1/3rd of our programs currently print majors on degree parchments.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor suggested that the Curriculum Committee review the matter of material to be printed on degree parchments generally; the Committee chair agreed.

Senator Roberts asked for the motivation for the Bachelor of Arts in Health Studies discontinuation.

Dean Binsted replied that due to lack of student interest we discontinued admission several years prior; now that these students have graduated or otherwise left, the Faculty was now moving to close the program.

Approved.

Nominating Committee

The Committee Chair, Mr Tse presented.

STUDENT SENATOR COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS.

Curtis Tse
Tim Krupa

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That Senate approve that Senator Tim Smith be reassigned from the Curriculum Committee to serve as a student member of the Admissions and Awards Committee until 31 March 2013 and thereafter until replaced.

Approved.

SENATE LEARNING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE: ADJUSTMENTS TO EX-OFFICIO MEMBERSHIP

Peter Arthur } *That Senate approve that the Ex-Officio*
Jan Cioe } *membership of the Senate's Learning and*
Research Committee be amended so that both
the President and Deputy Vice-Chancellor are
ex-officio (voting) members of the Committee.

Approved.

ELECTION OF STUDENT SENATORS TO THE COUNCIL OF SENATES

Curtis Tse } *That Senate elect Mr. Chun Li and Mr. Simon*
Jan Cioe } *Bullock to the Council of Senates.*

Approved.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Curtis Tse } *That Senate appoint Dr Paul van Donkelaar to*
Miriam Grant } *replace Dr Deborah Roberts on the Senate*
Curriculum Committee until 31 August 2014."

Approved.

Reports from the Provost

ONLINE TEACHING EVALUATIONS

At the request of the Provost, Dr Arthur spoke to online teaching evaluation implementation. He reminded senators that prior to this year, the Okanagan campus used paper evaluations. Last year, a proposal was brought forward to change to online teaching evaluations. The questions did not change. The only other change is quicker tabulation of results.

Senator Krupa noted that the evaluation process asked for CWLs; he asked what assurances were given that the evaluations would be confidential.

Senator Arthur replied that while the evaluations were anonymous, we unfortunately cannot change the login system used to access them.

In response to a question from Senator Dods, Dr Arthur replied that uptake so far was good. He hoped for around a 60% response rate.

Fes de Scally asked if there would be a distribution problem with optional online evaluations.

Senator Arthur replied that Vancouver did the needed research when they moved to online and they did not find a bimodal distribution.

Senator Johnson opined that that the problem wasn't bimodal distribution but rather selection bias.

Senator Arthur replied that the previous in-class one-time sample had problems as well. He viewed the online system as preferable as it gave all students the opportunity to respond.

Senator Cioe stated that self-selection was only a problem with low uptake. With higher rates this would not be a problem.

A student senator asked if UBC would publicise results to students.

Senator Arthur replied that this was not considered.

The Provost added that the decision to go online was about efficiency, accuracy, and sustainability. That process did not include consideration of changing the questions or what we do with the responses. We did not want to adjust evaluation system itself as part of changing the administration from paper to electronic.

It was confirmed for Senator Robinson by Dr Arthur that instructors would be given the same data as they did with the paper-based system. He further confirmed for Senator van Donkelaar that in the near-future they hoped to display these data better online.

Senator Cioe spoke strongly in support of the students having access. He noted that in his time at the University of Western Ontario, the student union produced a formal counter-calendar. He suggested that the publication of results would encourage faculty members to be better teachers.

Senator Krupa thanked Dr Cioe for his comments. In terms of selection bias, he suggested that this was always the case; apathetic students would ignore the forms.

Senator Tse noted that the student union had considered its own teaching evaluations but it was too difficult to do well for this year.

Dean Tetley said that there was a difference between students having access and the data being public. Public has other implications and would result in a loss of needed control. He supported students having the data but not it being public.

IN CAMERA – Tributes Committee – Honorary Degrees

Minutes for this portion of the meeting are not public for reasons of personal privacy.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 pm.

Appendix A: Curriculum Summary

From the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

1. The following revised program requirements:
 - a. B.A., B.Sc. – Double Counting of Credits in Honours, Majors, and Minors (joint proposal with the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies)

From the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies

2. Revisions to the Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) Degree Parchment
3. The following new program:
 - a. Combined Major with Creative Writing

From the Faculty of Health and Social Development

4. The following new course:
 - a. HMKN 335 (3) Pathophysiology
5. The following discontinued program:
 - a. Bachelor of Arts in Health Studies (B.A.H.S.)