



Okanagan Senate

Minutes of 19 December 2012

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Attendance

Present: Dr Peter Arthur (Acting Chair), Dr Jan Cioe (Acting Chair), Mr R. Adl, Dr L. Allan, Dr P Balcaen, Dean G. Binsted, Dean L. Bosetti, Dr E. A. Broome, Mr S. Bullock, Mr I. Cull, Dr R. Dods, Dean M. Grant, Dr J. Johnson, Mr T. Krupa, Dr C. Labun, Dr Y. Lucet, Dean C. Dr B. Marcolin, Mathieson, Ms L. Patterson, Dr A. Phillion, Dr W. Pue, Dr C. Scarff, Mr R. Sharma, Dean W. Tettey, Dr P. van Donkelaar , Dr S. Yannacopoulos

Regrets: Prof. D. Buszard (Vice-Chair), Mr J. Ridge (Secretary), Mr K. Aziz, Ms S. Baez, Mr J. Baxter, Ms M. Burton, Ms M. Campos, Dr K. Carlaw, Dr F. de Scally, Mr C. Gorman, Dean E. Hall, Ms F. Helfrand, Dr K. Hewage, Dr S. Hilton, Ms J. Lawson, Mr C. Li, Dr A. Milani, Chancellor S. Morgan-Silvester, Dr B. Nilson, Mr K. Nolan, Mr J Ramahi, Mr M. Redekopp, Dr D. Roberts, Dr C. Robinson, Mr T. Smith, Dean R. Sugden, Dr D. Tannant, Mr C. Tse, Dr G. Wetterstrand

Guests: Ms K. Darling, Mr L. Muller, Dr K. Ragoonaden

Via Videoconference: Prof. S. Toope (President)

Recording Secretary: Mr C. Eaton.

Call to Order

The Acting Chair, Dr Peter Arthur, called the fourth regular meeting of the Senate for the 2012/2013 Academic Year to order.

Senate Membership

The Associate Secretary informed Senate of the election of Dr Barbara Marcolin, Faculty Representative for the Faculty of Management to replace Dr Gurupdesh Pander resigned.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Jan Cioe } That the Minutes of the Meeting of 20 November
Gordon Binsted } 2012 be adopted as corrected.

Approved.

President's Remarks

The President announced that an agreement was reached with the British Columbia Government and Services Employees' Union (BCGEU) for the Okanagan campus since the previous meeting of Senate.

Professor Toope noted that the University recently unveiled a new access and privacy website and encouraged senators to review the material therein.

The President informed Senate that a taskforce had been established to look at blended and online learning and to make recommendations thereon that will come forward to Senate. He suggested that UBC was well placed to take a leadership role in this area but had to ensure it did so in terms that were beneficial to the University. This principle has guided our involvement in the Stanford-led Coursera consortium to date.

Finally, the President informed Senate that Tom Patch is to retire as Associate Vice-President Equity. He suggested that his retirement had opened up an opportunity to consider organizational changes to support equity and diversity across UBC. He stated that a group led by Ombudsperson Shirley Nakata and an external consultant named Nitya Iyer would be leading a review of our operations in this area.

Admission & Awards Committee

The Committee Chair, Dr Spiro Yannacopoulos presented.

CHANGES TO ADMISSION FOR CANADIAN ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

<i>Spiro Yannacopoulos</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the admissions proposals</i>
<i>Miriam Grant</i>		<i>for Canadian Aboriginal Applicants for</i>
		<i>admission to the 2013 Winter Session and</i>
		<i>thereafter.</i>

Dr Yannacopoulos explained that the change proposed would require aboriginal applicants to self identify to be considered for admission under the policy.

Approved.

POLICY O-52: ADMISSION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOLLOWING THE BC / YUKON CURRICULUM AND DISCONTINUATION OF POLICY J-52

See Appendix A: Policy O-52

*Spiro Yannacopoulos
Jan Cioe*

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*That Senate approve Senate policy O-52:
Admission for Secondary School Applicants
following the BC/Yukon Curriculum; and*

*That Senate discontinue Senate policy J-52:
Admission for Secondary School Applicants
following the BC/Yukon Curriculum, with such
discontinuance to be effective upon the date of
approval Senate policy O-52.*

Senator Yannacopoulos explained the rationale for Policy J-52 and how its provisions were now spent. He noted that the two admissions committees for the campuses have worked towards a new policy that implemented some of the same concepts as J-52 but did so in a better manner. Due to timing, a new joint policy was not possible at this time. When time permits, the Committees plan to propose a new joint policy in upcoming months.

A senator asked what the University's policy was with regards to grades from other provinces.

Dr Yannacopoulos replied that the methods used there were very similar to those set out in O-52 but were expressed elsewhere in the calendar.

Approved.

NEW AND REVISED AWARDS

See Appendix B: Awards Summary

*Spiro Yannacopoulos
E Alan Broome*

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

Dr Yannacopoulos explained that the Findley Bursary and Yawney Awards were brought back to Senate after consultation with the families.

Approved.

MAJOR ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Spiro Yannacopoulos }
Ian Cull } *That Senate accept the Major Entrance
Scholarships (MES) award as described below
and forward it to the Board of Governors for
approval; and*

*That Senate discontinue the Community Builders
Scholarships award and forward notice of this
discontinuance to the Board of Governors for
approval, with such discontinuance to be
effective upon the date of approval of the Major
Entrance Scholarships award.*

Senator Krupa asked about the shift from many smaller scholarships to a smaller number of larger awards. He noted that 49 fewer students would receive scholarships. He secondly asked about extra-curricular involvement considerations.

Senator Yannacopoulos noted that his Committee has discussed these considerations. He added that these new awards were renewable for a year and that there would not be a shortage of scholarships for exceptional students.

Senator Cull added that we had created a number of awards that were reliant on recommendations from of local high schools but a number of those schools were not willing or able to help us with these adjudications and thus monies were not being disbursed. In 2009 we launched a national recruiting strategy, as the Okanagan Valley could not supply UBC with a full cohort of students.

In response to a question from Senator Cioe, Mr Cull replied that we did not have data available on scholarship student retention after first year.

In response to a question from Senator Dods, Mr Cull replied that unspent awards funding was returned to the student awards budget for next year.

Senator Patterson advised that she was on the Major Entrance Scholarships Committee and that this group took extreme care to ensure that students are considered beyond just their academic averages; community involvement, extracurricular activities, and recommendations are all taken into consideration.

Approved.

Curriculum Committee

See Appendix C: Curriculum Summary

Dr Jan Cioe presented on behalf of the Committee Chair, Dr Dwayne Tannant.

<i>Jan Cioe</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the new course, and the new and revised programs, brought forward from the Faculties of Arts and Sciences, Education, and Health and Social Development as set out in the attached proposals.</i>
<i>Gordon Binsted</i>		

Dr Cioe briefly outlined each of the proposals.

He noted that the honours in Computer Science proposal was at the request of students in the BA program and was needed by them as many graduate programs were asking for honours degrees instead of majors in Computer Science. He confirmed for Senator Krupa that Computer Science faculty were available to offer the program.

Speaking to EDUC 104, Senator Cioe explained that this course was designed for Aboriginal students who register at UBC under the Access Studies program. He referenced concerns raised at the Curriculum Committee in the “Aboriginal Access Studies” program not being an official academic program and informed Senate that Enrolment Services was following up on this circumstance. Dr Cioe further noted that credit for this course would be applicable towards most but not all degree programs.

Lastly, Senator Cioe noted that changes were proposed to the Bachelor of Human Kinetics program to improve the program’s administration.

Dean Mathieson asked if the elective requirement needed to be taken outside of Human Kinetics.

Dr van Donkelaar explained that they could be within the faculty and program.

Dean Binsted added the proposal was not to change the number or type of credits taken, just to adjust the way they were being expressed.

Approved.

Dr Jan Cioe assumed the Chair to allow Dr Arthur to present.

Senator Pue noted that as the School of Engineering has developed, it has become more recognized nationally. As a result the school director, Dr Spiro Yannacopoulos will be joining the Engineering Deans Council for Canada as a member.

CENTRE FOR HEART, LUNG, AND VASCULAR HEALTH

Dr Pue described this as a exciting development. Included in the material presented for information were its mandate, funding, and review processes.

Senator Cioe stated that the new centre used the incredible skillset in Health and Social Development to bring benefit to the community and academia and that this should be lauded.

Senator Sharma asked if the centres activities would be covered by the student health plan.

Senator van Donkelaar replied that no, but we may be able to offer a discount to students.

Senator Cioe asked for more detail on the Graduate College; specifically he asked if it would be similar to Green College in Vancouver.

The Provost replied that the college would be an attempt to create an enhanced sense of community for a limited number of graduate students using existing facilities and resources.

Senator Grant noted that the residence would not require much renovation. In terms of programming, the plan at present was to offer one seminar per week and be a synergistic centre for graduate students and faculty members. She further advised that the college principal would be the director of the IGS program. For membership, there is not yet a policy for selection but we wish to ensure a diverse population of scholars; there is no policy yet on selection of members.

A senator asked how we would ensure a proper environment for scholarship.

Senator Cull replied that the College would have its own graduate RA to look after these needs.

Senator Cioe asked if the college residence would only be for single students.

Senator Cull noted that we have a small number of 1 and 2 bedroom units that are used by graduate students with spouses and we would continue to offer these rooms to College members. He added that the Okanagan campus did not house families with children in our residences as we do not have the proper facilities or separation.

Senator Cioe noted that in the recent Space report, increased building access for graduate students was proposed, specifically the collegium; given that, he asked what steps were being taken to give graduate students greater physical access to campus buildings.

The Provost replied that it was a matter of active discussion but he was not aware of the details. He agreed to look into this and the additional matter of security in the evenings on campus and report back to Senate.

Senator Cioe expressed his thanks to the Provost for his work this year.

Other Business

Senator Krupa asked for an update of Social Work communication.

Dean Binsted replied that the director and advisor had met with all current classes and 2nd year pre-requisite classes to discuss options. Only one student has asked for further assistance.

Senator Sharma asked if any progress had been made on having the exam schedule known at the time of registration for courses.

Senator Cioe noted that next semester students would have an earlier sense. The primary problem is multiple sections with common exams given the campus space limitations for large sections – our largest space can only hold 600 students.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm.

Appendix A: Policy O-52

Please see the Secretary for the formal version of Policy V-52. The following is an excerpt of the key text:

1. Academic criteria, generally as indicated by a calculated admission average and the completion of pre-requisite courses, are the primary basis for determining admissibility to direct-entry undergraduate programs; however, with the approval of Senate, Faculties and programs may elect to use Broad-Based Admission or other criteria to select from applicants whose admission average meets or exceeds Faculty or program thresholds for admission which may vary from year to year.
2. An admission average or interim admission average will be calculated where all Grade 12 courses required for admission have been completed or are in-progress and all required verifiable or official final or interim course grades are available to the University.
3. Admissions averages or interim admission averages shall be based on at least four (4) Grade 12 courses (or the Grade 11 course equivalents under this policy) as specified for the program.
4. Where available, final or interim course grades for Grade 12 courses shall be used in calculating an admission average or an interim admission average; however, notwithstanding 2. above, should one or more of the required Grade 12 courses not have a final or interim course grade at the time of academic assessment, the final course grade for one or more appropriate Grade 11 courses will be substituted into the calculation of the interim admission average as follows:
 - a. for specified Grade 12 courses (English 12/English 12 First Peoples for all programs, or prerequisite Mathematics or Science courses for some programs), a final course grade for a Grade 11 course in the same subject-area shall be substituted; and,
 - b. for other Grade 12 courses, a final course grade for a Grade 11 course may be substituted so long as the course meets the criteria for inclusion as a secondary school course in an admission average but is at the Grade 11 level, and is not in a subject area that is already being used in the calculation of the admissions average
5. Grade 11 courses that may be substituted for Grade 12 courses shall be set out in the procedures to this policy by the responsible committee.
6. Offers of admission based on interim admission averages that include one or more final course grades for Grade 11 courses and/or interim course grades for Grade 12 courses are conditional subject to the satisfactory completion of all required courses and the meeting of any requirements referenced in the letter of admission. Failure to meet any of the requirements referenced in the letter of admission may result in the withdrawal of the offer of admission.

7. Conditions required to retain an offer of admission will be determined by individual Faculties on a year-to-year basis, and Faculty thresholds may be higher than the published University minima.
8. Offers of admission for applicants who fail to meet the referenced conditions will be reviewed by the admitting Faculty on a case-by-case basis.
9. When English 12/English 12 First Peoples is in progress at the point of evaluation, an interim course grade shall be used in the calculation of the interim admission average.
10. When English 12/English 12 First Peoples has been completed at point of evaluation, the admission average or interim admission average is calculated on whichever is the higher of the English 12/English 12 First Peoples final grade (weighted 60% course grade and 40% examination grade) or course grade alone.
11. In cases where a significant discrepancy exists between the English 12/English 12 First Peoples course grade and the examination grade, the University reserves the right to use the examination grade only. A significant discrepancy is determined by a difference of no less than 20% between the English 12/English 12 First Peoples course grade and the examination grade.
12. The responsible committee shall set out the timing for admission decisions for admission to direct-entry undergraduate programs as a procedure to this policy.

Appendix B: Awards Summary

New Awards:

Randall and Claudia Findlay Bursary in Engineering

One or more bursaries totalling \$4,375 are offered by Randall and Claudia Findlay to students in the School of Engineering in the Faculty of Applied Science at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. (First awards available for the 2013/14 Winter Session)

Yawney Family Varsity Athletics Award

Awards totalling \$1,000 are offered by Michael Yawney and family to one or more varsity athletes at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus entering first year, with preference given to those who have graduated from a high school in School District 22 (Vernon) or School District 83 (North Okanagan Shuswap). Adhering to athletic association regulations, awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics & Recreation Department to outstanding students who have demonstrated leadership skills and maintained good academic standing. (First awards available for the 2012/13 Winter Session)

Previously-approved awards with changes in terms or funding source:

Craig Hall Memorial Visual Arts Scholarship in Printmaking

A \$1,000 scholarship is offered by Briar Craig in memory of James and Phyllis Craig (nee Hall) to a student entering third or fourth year who is specializing in printmaking in the Visual Arts Program in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. James and Phyllis steadfastly supported the study of visual arts, and printmaking in particular. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty. (First award available for the 2012/13 Winter Session)

How Amended:

This award description has been revised to honour the memory of the donor's parents who passed away after the award was established. References to his parents have been added to the first and second sentences, and the donor has also asked that we specify that the award is for a student "entering" third or fourth year.

Appendix C: Curriculum Summary

From the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

1. The following new program:
 - a. B.A. Computer Science Honours Program

From the Faculty of Education

2. The following new course:
 - a. EDUC 104 (3) Introduction to Academic Pedagogy: An Aboriginal Perspective

From the Faculty of Health and Social Development

3. The following revised program:
 - a. Bachelor of Human Kinetics

Appendix D: Emeritus Appointments

Dr.	Fay	Karp	Assoc Professor Emeritus/Emerita	Nursing
Dr.	Carol	McFadyen	Assoc Professor Emeritus/Emerita	Nursing
Dr.	Judy	McAulay	Assoc Professor Emeritus/Emerita	Nursing
Dr.	Marjorie	Wright	Assoc Professor Emeritus/Emerita	Nursing