



Okanagan Senate

Minutes of 30 October 2013

Attendance

Present:	Dr P. Arthur (Acting Vice-Chair); Mr C. Eaton (Acting Registrar); Mr R. Adl; Dr L. Allan; Ms H. Berringer; Dr L. Bosetti; Dr E. A. Broome; Mr S. Bullock; Dr J. Cioe; Mr D. Daniluck; Dr F. de Scally; Mr N. Dodds; Mr B. Edwards; Dr M. Grant; Ms F. Helfand; Dr J. Johnson; Dr C. Labun; Ms E. Lorie; Dr Y. Lucet; Mr C. MacKay; Dr B. Marcolin; Dr C. Mathieson; Mr W. McLean; Dr A. Milani; Dr B. Nilson; Ms L. Patterson; Dr A. Phillion; Dr D. Roberts; Dr B. Rutherford; Dr C. Scarff; Ms S. Sneg; Dr I. Stuart; Dr D. Tannant; Dr W. Tettey; Mr C. Tse; Mr D. Whitelaw; Dr S. Yannacopoulos
Regrets:	Dr P. Balcaen; Prof. D. Buszard; Mr J. Byron; Dr K. Carlaw; Mr I. Cull; Dr R. R. Dods; Ms A. Geddes; Ms M. Hartley; Dr K. Hewage; Ms S. Morgan-Silvester; Prof. M. Parlange; Dr C. Robinson; Dr R. Sugden; Dr E. Taylor; Dr P. van Donkelaar; Dr G. Wetterstrand
Via Videoconference:	Prof. S.J. Toope (President)

Call to Order

The Acting Vice-Chair, Dr Peter Arthur, called the second regular meeting of the Senate for the 2013/2014 Academic Year to order.

Senate Membership

NEW MEMBERS

The Acting Registrar, Mr Eaton, welcomed Dr Ian Stuart back to Senate as Faculty Representative for the Faculty of Management until 31 August 2014 and thereafter until replaced.

*Simon Bullock
Cody Mackay*

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That Senate appoint Mr Wesley McLean (Student Representative for the Faculty of Applied Science) Mr Doug Whitelaw (Graduate Student Representative), and Daniel Daniluck (Student Representative for the Faculty of Education) to Senate on the recommendation of the Students' Union until 31 March 2014 and thereafter until replaced.

Approved

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr Eaton reminded Senators of the two vacancies on the Senate Nominating Committee and asked that any nominations be directed to the secretary by 15 November 2013.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Jan Cioe } That the Minutes of the Meeting of 25 September
Curtis Tse } 2013 be adopted as presented.

Approved

Business Arising From the Minutes

PUBLIC SECTORS EMPLOYERS COUNCIL

The Acting Registrar informed Senate that the Vice-President for Human Resources had advised as follows with reference to the question posed last meeting regarding the legislative mandate for PSEC to mandate limits to terms for appointments:

The authority of PSEC to guide and/or prescribe employment practices in the Provincially- regulated public sector is found under the Public Sector Employers' Act. Pursuant to that Act, the Government has passed a regulation called "Employment Termination Standards" and it provides for the length of term contracts for employees that fall under its ambit. For UBC purposes, this includes members of the Senior Administration such as Deans.

ATHLETICS FACILITY FEES

The Acting Registrar further informed Senate that the Associate Vice-President for Administration & Finance had advised as follows with reference to the question posed last meeting regarding the increase in athletics facility fees over the past year:

There has been an increase in the fees we charge for access to our fitness facilities and programming. The reason for the increase is to offset operating costs arising from the opening of our first ever built-to-purpose fitness facility – the Hangar. This facility has over 8,000 sq. ft. for individual and group fitness activities spread over two floors. Prior to the construction of this facility, the sole fitness area for the entire campus was located in a single ~2,200 sq. ft. subterranean, off-court storage area with no windows and inadequate air handling and lighting. Not only is the facility new, but also so is the equipment. In addition to new space, we have hired one additional professional and a number of student staff to operate the new facility and provide the programming.

President's Remarks

The President noted that UBC was in deep discussions with the Federal Government on the budget. The Association of University and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) and the U15 universities have made submissions. He stated that the first AUCC item relates to Tricouncil funding and emphasized the funding of core operating grants, noting that over the past few years there has been a tendency amongst the federal government to provide for boutique or targeted funding as opposed to core operating grants. Professor Toope went on to state that our second priority was CFI funding: noting that last year's budget contained money for the next round and so we are looking for a promise for the future for Government to continue to invest. Finally, the AUCC is promoting government support for research infrastructure: many costs around research endeavours are directly related but these are not supported through existing funding. UBC receives roughly a 17.5% top up while in the United States, for example, it is between 50 and 80% generally. The President suggested that a much higher percentage was the norm throughout the developed world; while to date we have not convinced Government that an increase to comparable levels should be supporting, in the last budget there was a reference to at least reviewing these costs and this review has now occurred - We have a modest hope that the government has heard out concerns.

The AUCC has made two suggestions, firstly a modest increase to the current program, and secondly, the Advantage Canada Research Excellence (ACRE) program that would provide an alternative mechanism to target funds to universities as measured by the research excellence. UBC would be a significant beneficiary of the ACRE program as we are second only to Toronto in our Tricouncil grant success.

The President shared his deep concern regarding recent sexual assaults at the Vancouver campus. We now have information that these assaults date back to the spring and we know of six incidents. A single perpetrator is suspected. The President expressed the great contributions of the AMS and GSS to work with UBC and the RCMP to make the Vancouver campus feel safe given these terrible attacks.

Senator Cioe asked how much UBC could benefit given the ACRE program.

The President replied that it would significantly assist UBC. Across Canada the increase would be \$100 million to \$400 million with UBC's benefit being commensurate.

From the Board of Governors

The President confirmed that the following items approved by the Okanagan Senate had been approved by the Board of Governors as required under the *University Act*:

16 May 2013

- New Awards
- Curriculum Proposals from the Faculties of Applied Science, Arts & Sciences, and Creative & Critical Studies

24 April 2013

- Revised Awards

By General Consent the proposal was amended to change Section 3.3 to make reference to the “graduate student association” of the Faculty of Education in place of “Graduate Programs Council”

Senator Tse asked again if there had been student consultation and raised a concern with not all committees having student representation.

The Dean replied that the student representation was provided on the Council, but the faculty had not formally consulted with the students.

Senator Danyluck advised that the Education Course Union was mostly a social organization at this time.

Senator Stuart asked how if it was feasible for students to be elected to the Faculty Council but not to the committees.

Dean Bosetti replied that they did not have them on the committees due to student schedules.

Senator Danyluck agreed that they had a tight program and it was difficult for him to even attend Senate meetings.

Senator Phillion stated that we should always aspire to have students in our meetings even when it was not feasible. He noted that many persons were busy but technology such as email made participation possible even when physical presence was not possible.

AMENDMENT

<i>Lynn Bosetti</i>	}	<i>That the composition of the proposed Standing</i>
<i>Carole Scarff</i>		<i>Committee of the Faculty of Education Council</i>
		<i>be amended to include 1 undergraduate and 1</i>
		<i>graduate representative.</i>

Senator Phillion asked if it was the standing committee or the program committee that developed curriculum proposals.

Dean Bosetti noted that decisions were made by the Faculty Council.

Senator Tannant noted that there was a feedback loop between the Standing and Program Committees.

Senator Johnson asked how student input could be provided by the undergraduate and graduate program committees.

Dean Bosetti noted that the students on the standing committee would now comment on recommendations and have them sent back to the undergraduate or graduate committees.

Senator Stuart suggested referring the proposal back to the faculty.

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Carole Scarff } *Committee of the Faculty of Education Council*
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 } *graduate representative, **elected by the***
 } ***undergraduate and graduate student***
 } ***associations respectively .***

NB: Amendment to Amendment is set out in bold.

Senator Allen asked if we could confirm the names of the student groups.

A student senator asked if the graduate student association was recognized by the Students Union.

The Dean replied that she couldn't speak to the student organization.

Senator Grant advised that the College of Graduate Studies did have a graduate student representative from Education.

Senator Tse noted that grad students had tried to form their own elected council but were not able to do so.

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Curtis Tse } *That the composition of the proposed Standing*
Alan Broome } *Committee of the Faculty of Education Council*
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associations respectively.

MOTION TO POSTPONE

Curtis Tse } *That the proposal be postponed to the next*
E. Alan Broome } *regular meeting of Senate.*

Senator Tse suggested that although it was difficult to ensure student representation, UBC should still make the effort. He proposed a postponement so that the Faculty could consult with its students.

Senator Bosetti stated that she was puzzled as to what the outcome could be from any consultation. We have now made provisions for student representation on both the council and on its standing committee.

Senator Cioe opined that consultation should be on the entire document, not just for student representation.

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT TO MOTION TO POSTPONE (MOTION TO REFER)

James Johnson } *That the proposal be referred back to the Faculty*
Jan Cioe } *of Education and that the Faculty be directed to*
consult with its students on the proposal before it
is reported back to Senate.

Senator Johnson proposed referring the matter back to the Faculty for consultation rather than postponing consideration.

Approved

Joint Report of the Admissions & Awards and Curriculum Committees

See Appendix A: Master of Fine Arts

The Chair of the Curriculum Committee, Dr Dwayne Tannat, presented.

NEW AND REVISED AWARDS

Dwayne Tannant } *That Senate approve the new program and the*
Laura Patterson } *new courses brought forward from the Faculty of*
Creative and Critical Studies; and the revised
program brought forward from the College of
Graduate Studies as set out in the attached

proposals.

Senator Tannant explained that the proposal before Senate was to allow the Master of Fine Arts to exist as a stand-alone degree instead of as an IGS theme.

Senator Nilson suggested that the program overview was tautological.

Senator Roberts suggested changing “degree” to “program”.

By General Consent the proposal was amended to change the first reference to the word “degree” to “program” in the Program Overview.

Senator Stuart asked why we were moving towards disciplinary degrees.

With permission of Senate, Dr Nancy Holmes noted that while we were creating a disciplinary degree, one of the specializations would provide for an interdisciplinary MFA.

Dean Tetley suggested that the content of the program provided a lot of interdisciplinary opportunity. He noted that the Faculty was committed to ensuring that all of our students had an opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary studies.

Senator Yannacopoulos noted that 95% of Applied Sciences’ graduate students were not in IGS but this did not mean that the faculty did not support interdisciplinarity.

Senator Johnon asked about the TOEFL scores set.

Mr Eaton replied that the scores set were slightly above the College of Graduate Studies minimums.

Approved

Admissions & Awards Committee

Dr Spiro Yannacopoulos, Chair of the Committee, presented.

REVISIONS TO ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS TO THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAMS FOLLOWING THE BC/YUKON SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

*Spiro Yannacopoulos
E Alan Broome*

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*That Senate approve the admissions proposal
Specific Program Requirements for Applicants
Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School
Curriculum (Bachelor of Science in Nursing,*

Appendix A: Master of Fine Arts

Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies

New program:

- a. Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.)

New courses:

- b. CCS 506 (3) M.F.A. Graduate Colloquium I;
CCS 507 (3) M.F.A. Graduate Colloquium II
- c. CCS 599 (15) Master's Thesis
- d. CRWR 520 (3) Special Topics in Creative Writing;
CRWR 530 (3) Directed Studies in Creative Writing
- e. THTR 520 (3) Special Topics in Theatre;
THTR 530 (3) Directed Studies in Theatre
- f. VISA 520 (3) Special Topics in Visual Arts;
VISA 530 (3) Directed Studies in Visual Arts
- g. VISA 582 (3) Graduate Studio in Visual Arts I;
VISA 583 (3) Graduate Studio in Visual Arts II

College of Graduate Studies

Revised program:

- h. Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (I.G.S.), Program Overview (removal of the M.F.A. from the degree credentials offered)

Appendix B: Curriculum Report

Faculty of Applied Science

New courses:

- a. ENGR 540 (3) Unsaturated Soil Behaviour
- b. ENGR 583 (3) Multiphase Flows
- c. ENGR 565 (3) Wireless Communications

