



OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 25 APRIL 2012

Attendance

Present:	Dr Peter Arthur (Acting Vice-Chair), Mr James Ridge (Secretary), Ms Linda Allan, Mr Kazim Aziz, Dr Philip Balcaen, Mr Jesse Baxter, Dr E. Alan Broome, Mr Simon Bullock, Ms Melia Campos, Dr Kenneth Carlaw, Dr Jan Cioe, Dr Fes deSally, Dr R. Robin Dods, Dr Miriam Grant, Ms Fern Helfand, Dr Kasun Hewage, Dr Sandy Hilton, Dr James Johnson, Dr Carolyn Labun, Ms Janet Lawson, Dr Cynthia Mathieson, Dr Ben Nilson, Dr Gurupdes Pandher, Ms Laura Patterson, Dr Andre Phillion, Dr Wesley Pue, Mr Matt Redekopp, Dr Carol Scarff, Mr Robbie Sharma, Dr Dwayne Tannant, Dr Wisdom Tettey, Mr Curtis Tse, Dr Paul van Donkelaar, Dr Spiro Yannacopoulos
Regrets:	Ms Susana Baez, Dr Gordon Binsted, Dr Lynn Bosetti, Ms Melody Burton, Mr Ian Cull, Mr Christopher Gorman, Dr Eric Hall, Mr Chun Li, Dr Abbas Milani, Ms Sarah Morgan-Silvester (Chancellor), Mr Kyle Nolan, Dr Doug Owram (Deputy Vice-Chancellor), Mr Jameel Al Ramahi, Dr Deborah Roberts, Dr Carole Robinson, Mr Tim Smith, Prof. Stephen J. Toope (President), Dr Greg Wetterstrand
Guests:	Ms Mary DeMarinis, Ms Nathalie Hager, Dr Annette LaGrange, Ms Manjinder Sidhu, Mr Fred Vogt, Ms Jodi Scott, Ms Teresa Syrnk

Mr Christopher Eaton (Recording Secretary)

Call to Order

The Acting Vice-Chair called the eighth regular meeting of the Senate for the 2011/2012 academic year to order. He explained that the standing Vice-Chair was away in Ottawa.

Senate Membership

The Registrar asked each of the new student representatives to Senate to introduce themselves.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

<i>Jan Cioe</i>	}	<i>That the Minutes of the Meeting of 28 March 2012</i>
<i>Dwayne Tannant</i>		<i>be adopted as corrected</i>
		<i>Corrections: Spelling of Wisdom Tettey and Spiro Yannacopoulos/</i>

Approved.

Academic Policy Committee

The Committee Chair, Dr Jan Cioe, presented.

POLICIES J-101 & 102

<i>Jan Cioe</i>	}	<i>That the proposed policy J-101: Student Conduct during Examinations be approved; and</i>
<i>Andre Phillion</i>		<i>That the proposed Policy J-102: Examination Hardships and Clashes be approved.</i>

Senator Cioe explained that our policies on examination conduct and examination hardships/clashes had been reviewed, updated, and placed in the new policy format. He drew specific attention to the calendar statements prepared.

Dr Phillion asked if the regulation requiring bags to be placed in the front of a room was deleted.

Dr Cioe explained that due to a rash of bag thefts during examinations, the rule was proposed to be deleted.

Approved.

Agenda Committee

<i>Jan Cioe</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the amended Okanagan</i>
<i>Laura Patterson</i>		<i>Senate meeting dates for the 2012-2012 Academic Year as proposed above.</i>

Senator Cioe presented as the Agenda Committee chair was no longer a member of Senate; he outlined the nature of the schedule changes proposed.

With the permission of Senate, the Associate Registrar explained that there was a flaw in the consultation conducting last summer to set the Senate meeting schedule and that as a result, feedback from several offices was not taken into proper consideration. The new schedule proposed resolves the conflicts; the changes needed to senator teaching schedules are minimal.

Approved by the
required 2/3rds

Joint Reports of the Admissions & Awards and Curriculum Committees

See Appendix A: New Programs

Dr Dwayne Tannant presented on behalf of the committees.

M.SC. AND PH.D. IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY PROGRAMS AND ASSOCIATED COURSES

<i>Dwayne Tannant</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the MSc and PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and their associated courses brought forward by Arts & Sciences as set out in the attached proposals.</i>
<i>Jan Cioe</i>		

Dr Tannant explained that this proposal would serve to strengthen the disciplinary graduate program offerings at the campus.

Dr Johnson asked why BIOC530 and 630 had identical descriptions.

Dr Tannant explained that one was intended for masters students and the other for doctoral.

Senators Cioe and Tannant added that the content would be very different despite the language being the same and that students would be advised on course selection by their program.

Approved

Curriculum Committee

See Appendix B: Curriculum Report

The Committee Chair, Dr Dwayne Tannant, presented.

<i>Dwayne Tannant</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the new courses brought forward by the Faculties of Arts & Sciences and Creative & Critical Studies, and the new Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies theme and its associated courses brought forward by the College of Graduate Studies, as set out in the attached proposals.</i>
<i>Cynthia Mathieson</i>		

Dr Tannant briefly outlined the proposals from each Faculty and the College.

Approved.

Report from the Provost

UPDATE ON SPACE AUDIT

The Provost explained that UBC reviewed its building and space utilization on an ongoing basis both for our own purposes and to provide an annual report to the Province on our space use. He went on to state that the Provincial Government imposes a space use standard and we are audited to justify funding for our space and capital development projects. We also look at our space internally to ensure we use it optimally and fairly. This upcoming year is especially interesting in terms of physical space on campus as it will be the first time for the Okanagan campus where we will not have a new academic building coming online.

Dr Pue introduced Ms Teresa Syrnyk, Senior Planner with Infrastructure Development to speak to the facilities study being conducted. She explained to Senate the current schedule for the study.

Dr Cioe asked if any decisions on space would be made in June or July of this year.

The Provost replied that space decisions were made on an ongoing basis. He expressed his hope to have a report by May that allows us to act in coherent fashion to resolve space needs on campus. He went on to explain that part of the process is about having our campus and our needs intersected with University or Provincial needs through either funding or allowing us to use debt as needed.

Dr Cioe elaborated, stated that the timing was relevant as it was a problem for decision making to occur when many people are not around and do not have a chance to respond. This was of particular concern for academic programming, such as in Education, which occurs in the summer months.

Ms Syrnyk explained that by May we hope to have an idea of some of the things that can be done but it will take time and consultation to develop a final plan.

Senator Kasun asked if there was a plan for beyond the schedule.

Ms Syrnyk replied that she did not have one yet.

Dr Pue replied that there would need to be another iteration after this but we will need a fully informed office to prepare that plan. We need to consider what will be supported and what is feasible.

Senator van Donkelaar express satisfaction with the current plan.

Senators noted that it was difficult to read the prepared presentation; Ms Syrnyk agreed to circulated it to Senators after the meeting.

Senator Cioe stated that the timing of changes could be an issue, suggesting that major changes in the middle of an academic term were problematic for teaching spaces.

With consent of Senate, Ms Jodi Scott of Infrastructure Development stated that some teaching and learning changes can occur over the summer; anything that impacts the published schedule for learning spaces is done in consultation with Enrolment Services. Summer, Christmas, and Reading Week were key times for learning space changes.

The Provost thanked Senators for the input.

In Camera- From the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Other Business

The Acting Vice-Chair reminded Senators to nominate worthy person for honorary degrees; more information may be found on the Committee's webpage at senate.ubc.ca.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 pm

Appendix A: New Programs

The following new programs:

Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

The following new courses:

BIOC 530 (3) Biochemistry Seminar

BIOC 630 (3) Biochemistry Seminar

BIOC 535 (3) Advanced Methods in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

BIOC 549 (18) M.Sc. Thesis

BIOC 649 (0) Ph.D. Thesis

Appendix B: Curriculum Report

From the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

The following new courses:

ANTH 330 (3) Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Mental Health
EESC 422 (3) Fluvial Geomorphology/GEOG 422 (3) Fluvial Geomorphology
SOC 376 (3) Classical Sociological Theory
SOC 377 (3) Contemporary Sociological Theory

From the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies

The following new courses:

ARTH 203 (3) Global Contemporary Art
ARTH 378 (3) The Arts of Medieval Spain: Three Religions, One Culture
ARTH 395 (3) Renaissance Europe in a Global Context
SPAN 407 (3) History of the Spanish Language
SPAN 480 (3) The Spanish Novel: Before and After *El Quijote*

From the College of Graduate Studies

The following new Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (IGGS) theme and associated courses:

IGS, Urban Studies Theme (M.A. only)
IGS 562 (3/6) d Seminar in Urban Studies
IGS 563 (3/6) d Public Policy
IGS 564 (3/6) d Urbanistics
IGS 565 (3/6) d Law and Society
IGS 566 (3/6) d Immigration, Migration, and the City
IGS 567 (3/6) d The City in History
IGS 568 (3) d Urban Economics