



**THE OKANAGAN SENATE**  
**FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE 2011 – 2012 ACADEMIC**  
**YEAR**  
**MINUTES**

**15 December 2011 | 3:30 PM – ASC 130**

Present:	Dr. Jan Cioe (Presiding Vice-Chair); Mr. Ramine Adl; Dr. Linda Allan; Mr. Morgan Andreychuk; Dr. Peter Arthur; Dr. Gordon Binsted; Dr. Lynn Bosetti; Dr. Ernest Alan Broome; Dr. Fes deScally; Dr. R. Robin Dods; Ms. Mayling Fennell; Mr. Christopher Gorman; Dr. Miriam Grant; Dr. Kasun Hewage; Dr. Sandy Hilton; Dr. Jim Johnson; Dr. Carolyn Labun; Dr. Cynthia Mathieson; Mr. Josiah McDermott; Dr. Abbas Milani; Ms. Darby Milner; Dr. Daniel Murray; Dr. Ben Nilson; Dr. Andre Phillion; Dr. Wesley Pue; Mr. James Ridge; Dr. Carole Robinson; Dr. Carole Scarff; Dr. Dwayne Tannant; Dr. Wisdom Tettey; Dr. Paul van Donkelaar; Dr. Greg Wetterstrand; Dr. Spiro Yannacopoulos
Regrets:	Ms. S. Morgan-Silvester (Chancellor); Prof. S.J. Toope (President and Chair); Dr. Doug Owsram (Deputy Vice Chancellor); Dr. Philip Balcaen; Ms. Cara Bonini; Ms. Melody Burton; Ms. Melia Campos; Dr. Ken Carlaw; Mr. Kirk Chavarie; Mr. Ian Cull; Mr. Jordan Haynes; Ms. Fern Helfand; Ms. Kaitlyn Levy; Dr. Dan Muzyka; Dr. Gurupdesch Pandher; Ms. Laura Patterson; Dr. Deborah Roberts; Ms. Kristin Vidi; Mr. Calvin Wain
Senate Secretariat:	Mr. Christopher Eaton; Mr. Steve Siblock (Recording Secretary); Mr. Fred Vogt, Deputy Registrar
Call to Order:	In the absence of the President, Dr. Jan Cioe presided as Vice-Chair and called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm.

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<p><b>Approval of the Agenda</b></p> <p>By general consent, a new item was added as item 1(b), “Election of the Graduate Student Representative to Senate”.</p>		
<p><b>1. Senate Membership</b></p> <p>Mr. Ridge noted the Call for Nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Okanagan Senate was issued on November 23, 2011 resulting in one nomination being received for Dr. Doug Owram.</p>		
<p><i>Dr. Dwayne Tannant; Dr. Wisdom Tettey</i></p>	<p>}</p>	<p><i>That Dr. Doug Owram be elected as Vice-Chair of the Okanagan Senate, effective December 16, 2011 and until July 1, 2012 pursuant to S.37(1)(a) of the University Act.</i></p> <p>Approved.</p>
<p>The Secretary of Senate called for the following motion:</p>		
<p><i>Dr. J. Cioe; Dr. M. Grant</i></p>	<p>}</p>	<p><i>That Senate approve the election of Mr. Kyle Nolan as the Graduate Student Representative as recommended by the UBC Students Union Okanagan (UBCSUO), effective until March 31, 2012 and thereafter until replaced.</i></p> <p>Approved.</p>
<p><b>2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b></p>		
<p><i>Dr. C. Robinson; Dr. S. Yannacopoulos</i></p>	<p>}</p>	<p><i>That the minutes of the meeting of November 23, 2011 be approved as circulated with the following amendments: (a) adding Dr. Kasun Hewage as present at the meeting; (b) adding Mr. Christopher Gorman as having sent regrets for the meeting.</i></p> <p>Approved with the noted amendments.</p>
<p><b>3. Business Arising from the Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Report back from the Registrar regarding fees associated with PSYO 452 and PSYO 453</b></p> <p>The Deputy Registrar, Mr. Fred Vogt, noted that due to a transposition error on Master Page 14, the total amount shown as \$291.41 should have read \$219.41.</p> <p>Mr. Vogt noted that the costs shown were related to the Summer Session for a domestic student taking no other courses; and that the total cost to a student for a zero credit course if the student was taking other courses would be \$153.61. Mr. Vogt</p>		

also noted that the iMED fee shown for \$291.73 was only paid by International Students, and that domestic students would only pay \$121.73 for iMED fees, for a revised total of \$341.14, not the \$511.14 shown.

In response to a question from Dr. Phillion, Mr. Vogt confirmed that the fees shown represented the Summer Session and if the course was taken in the fall term, associated student fees would be higher.

Mr. Eaton addressed Senate, indicating that a similar situation exists at UBC Vancouver with respect to undergraduate researchers who also enroll in zero-credit courses. He indicated that the cost to the University for students enrolled in zero credit courses has been considered and that the current decision of the Board of Governors is to assess zero-credit courses as one-credit value. The Chair reminded Senate that the setting of fees was a Board decision and is out of scope of Senate; however, there is a mechanism available should the Okanagan and Vancouver Senates wish to convey a different position to the Board.

**Curriculum Proposal – PSYO 452, PSYO 453**

Dr. C.  
 Robinson; Dr.  
 S.  
 Yannacopoulos

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*That Senate approve the new courses brought forward by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences as set out in the attached proposal.*  
  
 Approved.

**Discussion**

With the consent of Senate, Dr. Cioe spoke from the Chair on the matter.

In response to questions from Drs. Johnson, Phillion, and Dods, Dr. Cioe clarified that these courses would be required for students enrolled in Honours Psychology with a Specialization in Forensic Psychology, and that four to seven students may typically enroll. Dr. Cioe noted that the courses were being presented for approval in order to track and properly record under the correct authority, the practicum experience on the student transcripts in place of an unofficial certificate which was the current practice. It was acknowledged that adding these courses would incur an additional tuition fee for the students affected, but that a number of students have expressed concern over not having this program activity recorded on their transcripts when submitting applications to graduate studies.

Dr. Cioe offered to Senate the option of providing further information before the motion was resolved. Dr. Hilton suggested that the department could consider granting students in-house scholarships to cover the extra cost of the courses, to which Dr. Cioe replied that no revenue would be realized by the department as the tuition would be collected by the University. Dean Mathieson added that many other programs have program specializations and that there were protocols to be followed

for adding scholarships which needed to be in place for all future students wishing to take this specialization.

Dr. Tannant stated his concern that many zero-credit courses may exist on campus and that others may be added in the future, adding to the costs incurred by the students. Dr. Robinson inquired whether it was a concern to the Department that the zero-credit course was required yet seemed to be in excess of what was considered to be the maximum credit value for the program. Dean Bosetti enquired whether there was an option to delivering the program in a manner that gave credit value to the course. Dr. Hilton spoke and felt that the program design was not significantly different from that of a Co-operative program. Dr. Johnson spoke in favour of the motion, citing Senate's role in the approval of academic programs. Acting Dean Binsted spoke in favour of the motion as he felt that taking the courses provided a tangible benefit to students.

Dean Bosetti enquired whether there was a possibility to increase the total program credit value for the Honours program in order to accommodate the required courses and provide a credit value to them. Mr. Eaton was called to comment on the consequences of modifying an existing program to add credit beyond the approval framework already in place. Mr. Eaton called upon the Provost, who explained the rigorous nature by which the Provincial Government regulated and monitored any deviation in tuition fees charged by the University.

In response to a question from Dr. Dods, Dr. Cioe responded that credit program modifications are possible through the mechanisms provided by Senate and its associated Committees, and through the University Calendar. In response to a question, Mr. Ridge indicated that it was reasonably common across the University to have programs with different specializations that have different tuition fees associated with them.

Mr. Adl spoke in support of the courses being approved in alignment with those of other Honours Programs existing at the University, with credit being assigned to practicum courses and included in the count towards the overall program credits.

In response to a question from Dr. deSally, Dr. Cioe noted that there were both departmental costs and general University costs associated with delivering practicum courses. It was noted from the floor that there were other programs at the University which exceeded 120 credits. Dr. Cioe explained that the upward drift of program credits beyond the originally approved curriculum begins to raise questions when the same program is considered for transfer credit at other institutions.

In response to question from Dr. Dods, Mr. Ridge indicated that most zero-credit courses have varying costs to the University and the decision of the Board has been to establish a fee for zero-credit courses at a reasonable University-wide average.

	<p>Senator Allan supported the motion, indicating that the costs were acceptable and justified as the courses were a unique experience and represented a high-quality hallmark of the Honours Program specialization.</p> <p>Mr. Gorman raised a Point of Order to the Chair, indicating that the decision of charging a tuition fee for a zero-credit course is the responsibility of the Board and not of Senate. The Chair responded by reminding Senate of the Board’s financial jurisdiction.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>From the Board of Governors</b></p> <p>Confirmation was received from the Secretary to the Board that the following items approved by the Okanagan Senate were approved by the Board of Governors as required under the <i>University Act</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) New Award</li> <li>b) Curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Applied Science, and Creative and Critical Studies</li> </ul>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Report from the Admissions and Awards Committee</b></p> <p>Dr. Yannacopoulos presented the new award proposal for the Human Kinetics Graduating Class of 2011 Award.</p> <p><i>See Appendix A</i></p>
<p>Dr. S. Yannacopoulos; Dr. W. Tettey</p>	<p>} <i>That Senate approve the new award as listed and forwards it to the Board of Governors for approval; and that a letter of thanks be sent to the donor.</i></p> <p>Approved.</p>
	<p>In response to a question from the Chair, Dr. Yannacopoulos indicated that the award included the required sustainability endowment.</p> <p>Dr. Yannacopoulos presented the admissions proposal for the Faculty of Education – Bachelor of Education Programs and with the general consent of Senate, requested the proposal be amended by adjusting the interim transcript deadline to February 28 instead of February 29.</p>
<p>Dr. S. Yannacopoulos; Dr. W. Tettey</p>	<p>} <i>That Senate approve the admissions proposal from the Faculty of Education – Bachelor of Education Program effective for admission to the 2012 Winter Session and thereafter.</i></p>

			Approved with the noted amendment.
6.	<b>Report from the Curriculum Committee</b>		<p>Dr. Dwayne Tannant presented the report outlining the new course ENGR 556 from the Faculty of Applied Science and the new courses BIOL 371 and BIOL 372 from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.</p> <p><i>See Appendix B</i></p>
	<p><i>Dr. D. Tannant;</i>  <i>Dr. C. Mathieson</i></p>	<p>}</p>	<p><i>That Senate approves the new courses brought forward by the Faculty of Applied Science, and Arts and Sciences as set out in the attached proposals.</i></p> <p>Approved.</p>
7.	<b>Report from the Provost</b>		<p>Dr. Wesley Pue presented, for information, proposals for the establishment of the Centre for the Advancement of Psychological Science and the Law (CAPSL), and the Centre for Indigenous Media Arts. The Provost indicated that both Centres have the appropriate mechanisms for governance and review.</p> <p>Dean Grant offered a friendly suggestion for CAPSL to include post-doctorals in the membership and decide whether they would or would not have voting privileges. The Provost replied that as the report was being provided to Senate as an information item, the suggestion would be passed on to the Centre.</p> <p>The Provost remarked that his first term on campus has been very enjoyable and he acknowledged the hard work of the faculty members and students on Senate.</p>
8.	<b>In-Camera Session</b>		<p>In closed session, Senate approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Candidates for Degrees from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences;</li> <li>b) Report from the Learning and Research Committee presented by Dr. Peter Arthur, Chair</li> </ul>

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment:	4:43 pm
Next Meeting:	January 25, 2012

**Appendix A:**

**New Award**

Human Kinetics Graduating Class of 2011 Award – A \$1,000 award is offered by the Human Kinetics 2011 graduating class to a student entering fourth year in the Human Kinetics Program in the School of Health and Exercise Sciences in the Faculty of Health and Social Development at The University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty, and is to be equally based on the student’s academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. (First award available for the 2012/13 Winter Session)

## **Appendix B**

### Faculty of Applied Science

#### New Course

ENGR 556 (3) Microwave and Filter Design

### Faculty of Arts and Sciences

#### New Courses

BIOL 371 (3) Flora of British Columbia

BIOL 372 (3) Field Ornithology

PSYO 452 (0) Forensic Specialization Practicum I

PSYO 453 (0) Forensic Specialization Practicum II