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## VANCOUVER SENATE

### MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2004

#### **Attendance**

**Present:** President M. C. Piper (Chair), Mr. A. McEachern (Chancellor), Vice President L. A. Whitehead, Mr. R. Affleck, Mr. B. Ahmadian, Dr. J. D. Berger, Dean M. A. Bobinski, Prof. C. Boyle, Mr. P. T. Brady, Dr. J. Brander, Dr. L. Brinton, Dr. M. Cameron, Dr. E. Dean, Dr. J. Dennison, Mr. M. Edgar, Dr. D. Fielding, Ms. M. Friesen, Dean N. Gallini, Principal J. H. V. Gilbert, Ms. T. Gillespie, Dr. L. Gunderson, Mr. S. Haffey, Dr. P. G. Harrison, Dr. R. Harrison, Dean J. Hepburn, Dr. R. Irwin, Dean M. Isaacson, Dr. J. Johnson, Dr. R. Kerekes, Dr. B. S. Lalli, Dr. V. LeMay, Mr. J. Liu, Mr. T. P. T. Lo, Ms. D. Loo, Mr. R. Lowe, Dr. M. MacEntee, Dr. P. L. Marshall, Mr. G. Martin, Mr. W. B. McNulty, Mr. J. Mistry, Dr. P. Mosca, Mr. D. Riendl, Mr. J. Rogers, Dr. H. J. Rosengarten, Prof. J. Sarra, Dr. C. Shields, Dean R. Sindelar, Dr. B. Stelck, Dr. D. Steyn, Mr. N. Taylor, Dr. R. C. Tees, Dr. J. Thompson, Dr. S. Thorne, Dean R. Tierney, Ms. M. Tull, Mr. D. Verma, Dr. R. Windsor-Liscombe, Acting Associate Vice President & Registrar G. Wong, Dr. R. A. Yaworsky, Mr. D. Yokom.

**Regrets:** Dr. P. Adebar, Dr. B. Bemmels, Mr. N. Broekhuizen, Dr. J. Carolan, Ms. G. Eom, Dr. D. Granot, Dean F. Granot, Associate Vice President J. Hutton, Dr. S. B. Knight, Ms. P. Liu, Dr. K. MacQueen, Ms. S. Martz, Dean D. Muzyka, Dr. D. Paterson, Mr. G. Paton, Dean M. Quayle, Ms. C. Quinlan, Dr. B. Rodrigues, Dr. A. Rose, Dean J. Saddler, Dean G. Stuart, Dr. H. van Vuuren, Dr. R. Wilson, Dean E. H. K. Yen, Mr. D. Younan.

The President called the meeting to order, and welcomed Acting Associate Vice President, Enrolment Services & Registrar Gaylea Wong.

## **Senate Membership**

### **DECLARATION OF VACANCY**

The Registrar declared a vacancy for one faculty representative of the Faculty of Medicine to replace resigning Senator Dr. Bruce Crawford.

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

*Dr. Tees* } *That the minutes of the meeting of November*  
*Principal Gilbert* } *24, 2004 be approved as circulated.*

Carried.

### **Remarks from the Chair and Related Questions**

#### **TRIP TO OTTAWA**

The President described a very successful trip to Ottawa, which had taken place during the previous week. The President was accompanied by UBC Vancouver deans as well as representatives from UBC Okanagan. The group met with several Deputy Ministers of Parliament and attended a dinner with Members of Parliament from British Columbia to emphasize the need for support for postsecondary education. The President remarked that, particularly given the current federal minority government, universities would need to present a strong case for post-secondary education to members of all political parties.

#### **LIFE SCIENCES CENTRE OFFICIAL OPENING**

The President announced that the newly constructed Life Sciences Centre had recently opened and that occupants were in the process of moving in. With over 600 000 square feet of research, teaching, and administrative space, the Centre was the largest life sciences centre in Canada. The new building had attracted attention and visitors from around the world. The President was confident that many significant discoveries would take place within this spectacular building.

## **HOLIDAY RECEPTION**

The President invited all members of Senate to attend a holiday reception in the Welcome Centre in Brock Hall immediately following the Senate meeting.

## **Admissions Committee**

### **SCHOOL OF NURSING ADMISSIONS CHANGES: PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT AND RECOGNITION**

*Note: The full text of this report is not included in the Minutes. Copies are available from the Assistant Registrar, Senate & Curriculum Services.*

As Chair of the Committee, Dr. Rosengarten presented a proposal to amend Calendar entries on admissions to the School of Nursing in two ways:

1. To direct prospective students to the School of Nursing website, and
2. To better attract candidates and to remain on the forefront of nursing education by implementing a Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) strategy.

Dr. Rosengarten explained that many Registered Nurses wished to complete their education, and that the School wished to include prior learning when calculating advanced standing toward their degrees. He stated that PLAR was already available at many Canadian post-secondary institutions, including the University of Guelph and the University of Manitoba, as well as at a number of colleges and several universities in the United States. This proposal represented the first implementation of PLAR for a UBC degree program.

Human Resources Development Canada had defined PLAR as "...the comprehensive recognition of all learning, whether acquired formally in the classroom, non-formally in the workplace, or informally through life experience." Dr. Rosengarten suggested that Senators interested in more information about PLAR consult a report for the BC Ministry of Advanced Education by Sandra Schinnerl entitled "Prior Learning Assessment Performance in British Columbia" (available online at [http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/pla/04\\_pla\\_bc\\_2000-01.pdf](http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/pla/04_pla_bc_2000-01.pdf)).

The proposal allowed for a maximum of 21 credits of advanced standing toward the total of 45 credits required for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree, with a maximum of six credits of advanced standing to be derived from prior work experience. A trained evaluation committee was to be established to review applicant portfolios in light of the following criteria: authenticity, focus, breadth, quality, and currency.

The Admissions Committee had reviewed the proposal and recommended approval.

*Dr. Rosengarten*  
*Dr. Thorne* } *That Senate accept the recommendation of the Admissions Committee with respect to admission to the School of Nursing.*

Carried.

### **Curriculum Committee**

#### **FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

As Chair of the Committee, Dr. Marshall presented the following course changes and new courses for approval: ANSC 515, CICS 520, STAT 540.

*Dr. Marshall*  
*Mr. Taylor* } *That Senate approve the course changes and new courses from the Faculty of Graduate Studies.*

Carried.

### **Student Awards Committee**

*Please see also 'Appendix A: New Awards.'*

As Chair of the Committee, Dr. Thompson presented the new awards for approval.

*Dr. Thompson*  
*Dr. Rosengarten* } *That the new awards listed be accepted and forwarded to the Board of Governors for approval, and that letters of thanks be sent to the donors.*

Carried.

## **Tributes Committee**

Dr. Thorne presented the reports, as Chair of the Committee.

### **CANDIDATES FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

*Please see also "Appendix B: Candidates for Emeritus Status."*

The Committee had circulated a list of retiring and resigning faculty members, and recommended that Senate grant them emeritus status.

<i>Dr. Thorne</i>	}	<i>That Senate accept the recommendations of the Tributes Committee with respect to emeritus status.</i>
<i>Dr. R. Harrison</i>		

Carried.

### **REGALIA COLOURS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN**

The Tributes Committee recommended that the regalia colours for the Bachelor of Environmental Design be approved as:

Unlined hood: Dark yellow/goldenrod  
Cord: White.

<i>Dr. Thorne</i>	}	<i>That Senate accept the recommendations of the Tributes Committee with respect to regalia colours.</i>
<i>Dean Isaacson</i>		

Carried.

### **MEMORIAL MINUTE**

Dr. Thorne read out the following memorial minute:

#### ***George Hugh Neil Towers***

Dr. George Hugh Neil Towers served Senate as a Representative of the Faculty of Science from 1966 to 1969.

Dr. Towers was born in Bombay, India and was educated in Burma where his early interest in the natural world began. He went on to receive his B.Sc. and M.Sc. from McGill University and his Ph.D. in 1954 from Cornell University. Following academic appointments at McGill and the NRC in Halifax, Dr. Towers came to UBC where he served at the Head of the Department of Botany from 1964 to 1971. From 1971 to retirement as Professor Emeritus in Botany in 1989, Dr. Towers devoted his energies to research and teaching at UBC. Dr. Towers was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, receiving the Flavelle Medal in 1986. Most recently, in 2001, Dr. Towers was recognized by ISI as one of UBC's most highly cited scientists with more than 425 papers and book chapters in his areas of research, Botany and Phytochemistry.

*Dr. Thorne  
Mr. Verma*

}

*That the memorial minute for Dr. George Hugh (Neil) Towers be entered into the Minutes of Senate and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.*

Carried.

#### **Ad Hoc Committee to Review Senate**

As a member of the *ad hoc* Committee, Dr. James Brander gave an oral report on the status of the Committee's work in reviewing the Senate and preparing its report. He stated that he was hopeful that the report would be completed prior to the April 2005 meeting of Senate. The Committee had received input from a large number of interested parties and had begun to draft the report. Respondents had been generally positive about Senate, although many people had expressed the sentiment that Senate had lost its role as the leading academic governing body at the University. Some respondents had suggested a diminished role was inevitable, given the growth and changing nature of the University. The Committee requested feedback from members of Senate with respect to the appropriate tone for its report, and particularly as to whether there was an interest in having Senate attempt to reclaim a larger role in decision making. Members of Senate were invited to forward their comments to the Committee via Ms. Lois Bishop at [lois.bishop@ubc.ca](mailto:lois.bishop@ubc.ca).

### **Discussion**

Mr. Mistry pointed out that the current student representatives to Senate would attend their last meeting for the Senate term in March 2005, and that they would appreciate the opportunity to participate in discussion about the review. Dr. Brander replied that the Committee would make every effort to present its report at the March meeting, if possible.

### **Report from the Vice President, Academic & Provost**

#### **MERGER OF DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF CELLULAR AND PHYSIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

Vice President Whitehead had circulated a proposal to merge the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology and the Department of Physiology.

<i>Vice President Whitehead Principal Gilbert</i>	}	<i>That Senate approve the merger of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology and the Department of Physiology under the new name of Department of Cellular and Physiological Sciences, effective February 1, 2005.</i>
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Vice President Whitehead noted that the circulated document proposed retroactive approval for the merger, effective July 1, 2004. The Agenda Committee had expressed concern about retroactive approval, and Vice President Whitehead had agreed to amend the effective date to February 1, 2005.

In response to a query from Mr. Riendl, Vice President Whitehead stated that the merger would have no negative impact on existing undergraduate programs, or on the funding for those programs. Mr. Riendl requested that the Vice President communicate with students in writing to advise that the merger would have no negative impact on their studies.



Vice President Whitehead agreed to forward this request to the Dean of Medicine for response.

The motion was put and carried.

### **Report from the Associate Vice President, Enrolment Services & Registrar**

#### **REPORT ON ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT**

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Ms. Gaylea Wong, Acting Associate Vice President, Enrolment Services & Registrar, had circulated for information a report on enrolment management statistics. She explained that this report was a supplement to the report on registration statistics that had been circulated at the November 2004 meeting.

In response to a query from Mr. Brady, President Piper stated that approximately 80% of new UBC students came from British Columbia, while 10% came from other Canadian provinces, and the remaining 10% came from outside Canada.

Dr. Tees requested clarification on the following abbreviations under the "GRAD" heading on page 1 of the report: ARTS, EXCH, GRAD, GRADLaw, PLAN, and VISI. Ms. Wong agreed to forward that information to Dr. Tees after the meeting.

In response to a query from Mr. Ahmadian, Ms. Wong clarified that "QUAL" was an abbreviation for "Qualifying Student," and that decimal places appeared in reports based on full time equivalent (FTE) enrolment, rather than head count.

The President thanked Ms. Wong for her report.



*Adjournment*

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2005/2006**

Ms. Wong circulated for information a summary of key dates for the 2005/2006 academic year, and invited members of Senate to view the full academic year at the following URL:

<http://students.ubc.ca/calendar/academicyear.cfm?action=draft&page=2005>.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of Senate was scheduled for January 19, 2005.

## **Appendix A: New Awards**

**Robert and Kazuko BARKER Award:** Awards totalling \$500 have been endowed by former students and colleagues to honour Dr. Robert Barker and his wife, Kazuko. Dr. Barker is a UBC alumnus (B.A.1952, M.A. 1953) and a well-respected Professor and Provost Emeritus at Cornell University. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculties of Arts and Science to assist students with expenses including but not limited to unexpected educational or personal expenses incurred by the student, travel costs and registration fees for attending conferences, supplies and equipment relevant to their programs, research costs, etc. Income from the fund is split equally between the two faculties. (First awards available for the 2005/2006 Winter Session)

**Arthur and Norman CAMERMAN Entrance Scholarship:** A \$4,500 scholarship has been endowed by Dr. Norman Camerman (B.Sc.1961, Ph.D.1964) to honour his association and that of his twin brother, Arthur (also B.Sc.1961, Ph.D.1964), with UBC. Both brothers graduated from King Edward High School in Vancouver and completed their undergraduate degrees at UBC on full scholarships. Arthur Camerman (1939-2001) led his graduating class in Chemistry and had a distinguished career in medical research as a Professor at the University of Washington and as co-founder of Ardono Research. The award is made to students entering the University directly from secondary school, primarily on the basis of their scholarly achievement. Candidates must be nominated by their secondary schools. (First award available for the 2005/2006 Winter Session)

**CHARLES River Laboratories Scholarship in Animal Welfare:** Scholarships totalling \$900 have been endowed by the Charles River Laboratories Foundation for graduate students in the Animal Welfare Program, with preference given to students doing work related to laboratory animals. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. (First awards available for the 2005/2006 Winter Session)

**GRADUATING Class of Dentistry 1976 Bursary:** Bursaries totalling \$1,000 have been endowed by the Graduating Class of Dentistry 1976 for students entering the Faculty of Dentistry. (First awards available for the 2005/2006 Winter Session)

**HARPER Grey Easton Prize in Law and Medicine:** A \$1,500 prize is offered by Harper Grey Easton to an outstanding second or third year student in the course in Law and Medicine. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Law. (First award available for the 2004/2005 Winter Session)

**HEART Health Information Bureau Scholarship in Food, Nutrition and Health:** A \$1,000 scholarship is offered by Unilever Canada to an undergraduate student who demonstrates excellence in the area of Food, Nutrition and Health, with preference for students studying dietetics and demonstrating a strong interest in heart health and cardiovascular issues. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. (First award available for the 2004/2005 Winter Session)

*Appendix A: New Awards*

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**Alan KRAUS Scholarship:** Scholarships totalling \$1,000 have been endowed by colleagues, students and friends of Dr. Alan Kraus in honour of his retirement from UBC. A dedicated teacher who was particularly supportive of Ph.D. students, Professor Kraus' intellectual curiosity and thoroughness have been a cornerstone of the research environment in the Sauder School of Business and an inspiration for his colleagues. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Sauder School of Business to doctoral students in finance. (First awards available for the 2005/2006 Winter Session)

**KPMG David McShane Award:** A \$3,200 award is offered by KPMG in memory of David McShane, office managing partner for the greater Vancouver practice, to an undergraduate student completing their second year in the Sauder School of Business. In adjudicating the award, academic achievement, community involvement, and the ability to serve, work and lead others are considered. The award is made on the recommendation of the Sauder School of Business. (Available 2004/2005)

**KPMG Larry James Memorial Award:** A \$3,200 award is offered by KPMG in memory of Larry James a leader in the area of the Canadian Tax practice for KPMG from 1995 through 2003 and a UBC graduate. The award is made to an undergraduate student completing their third year at the Sauder School of Business. In adjudicating the award, academic achievement, community involvement, and the ability to serve, work and lead others are considered. The award is made on the recommendation of the Sauder School of Business. (Available 2004/2005)

**Lily LEE Scholarship in Nursing:** Scholarships totalling \$1,250 have been endowed by Lily Lee, who graduated from VGH School of Nursing in 1955 and received a B.S.N. from UBC in 1956, for undergraduate students entering studies in Nursing. The award is made on the recommendation of the School of Nursing. (First award available for the 2005/2006 Winter Session)

**Louis NIEF Septodont of Canada Inc. Prize in Dentistry:** A \$500 prize is offered by Septodont of Canada Inc. to a student in the second year of the D.M.D. Program who demonstrates a thorough understanding of dental anesthesia and techniques. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Dentistry. (First award available for the 2004/2005 Winter Session)

**John N. PATON Memorial Prize:** A \$1,500 prize has been endowed by family and friends in memory of John N. Paton, a partner of Stikeman Elliott LLP, for a student in the Faculty of Law who has achieved academic excellence in real estate transactions and corporate commercial law. Mr. Paton was regarded by those who knew him as a lawyer's lawyer and a great general practitioner. He will be remembered by present and past members of the Vancouver office as a friend and mentor. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Law. (First award available for the 2005/2006 Winter Session)

**Frank STEVENS Scholarship in Studio Art:** A \$1,000 scholarship is offered by Cheryl Stevens in memory of her grandfather, Frank Stevens, an amateur artist who switched hands to continue to paint after becoming partially paralyzed in mid-life. The scholarship is awarded to a third or

fourth year student majoring in Studio Art in the Bachelor of Fine Arts Program. The award is made on the recommendation of the Department of Fine Arts. (First award available for the 2005/2006 Winter Session)

**Stephen STRAKER Arts One Bursary:** Friends, family, colleagues and students have endowed bursaries totalling \$1,500 in honour of Dr. Stephen Straker (1942-2004). Stephen was a passionate teacher of the history of science, supporter of the Arts One Program, and founder of the Science and Society Group at UBC, where he inspired generations of students for over thirty years to question what they knew and how they knew it. The awards are offered to students entering the Arts One Program. Normally, no individual bursary is less than \$1,000. (First awards available for the 2005/2006 Winter Session)

Previously-Approved Awards With Changes in Terms or Funding Source:

**Award 00524 - Guenter Felix SANDERS Scholarship** (revised wording): Scholarships totalling \$2,300 have been endowed through a bequest from Guenter Felix Sanders for students at the University of British Columbia who are affiliated with the Knights Pythias in British Columbia and are, preferably, honouring or majoring in mathematics or applied science. Basis of selection is academic standing, but financial need may be a factor. Awards are made on the recommendation of the University in consultation with the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, whose approval is necessary and who are empowered to determine from time to time the amounts and conditions of these awards.

**How amended?** The \$46,000 endowment for this scholarship was administered from the time of the donor's passing until the present by the Bank of Nova Scotia. An agreement has been reached with the Bank to turn over the principal and responsibility for this trust to UBC so that it will henceforth be administered directly by the University at a considerable saving in administrative fees.

*Appendix B: Candidates for Emeritus Status*

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Last Name	First Name	Fclty Name	Dept	Full title
<i>Faculty Members Eligible for Emeritus Status December 31, 2004</i>				
Barman	Jean	Education	Educational Studies	Professor
Cleator	Iain G M	Medicine	Surgery	Professor
Denike	Kenneth G	Arts	Geography	Assistant Professor
deSa	Derek	Medicine	Pathology	Professor
Gerry	Michael C L	Science	Chemistry	Professor
Haley	David	Forestry	Forest Resources Management	Professor
Hall	Judith G	Medicine	Paediatrics	Professor
Hatch	Ronald Barrie	Arts	English	Associate Professor
Herring	F Geoffrey	Science	Chemistry	Professor
Kealy	John Kieran	Arts	English	Assistant Professor
Lam	Kee Yuen	Science	Mathematics	Professor
Logan	Donna	Arts	Journalism, School of	Professor
Lynn	Kyung Hee	Arts	Asian Studies	Senior Instructor
McWhirter	George	Arts	Thtre,Film&C Writg (Cr Write)	Professor
Newton	John S	Arts	Theatre,Film&C Writing (Film)	Associate Professor
Pratt	Ian C	Arts	Theatre,Film&C Writg (Theatre)	Associate Professor
Puil	Ernest	Medicine	Pharmacology Therapeutics	Professor
Rosenberg	Richard S	Science	Computer Science	Professor
Schuetze	Hans	Education	Dept of Educational Studies	Professor
Schwarz	Dietrich W F	Medicine	Surgery	Professor
Taylor	Frank J R	Science	Earth and Ocean Sciences	Professor
Urrello	Antonio	Arts	French,Hispanic & Italian Std	Professor
Vielkind	Juergen	Medicine	Pathology	Associate Professor
Zidek	James V	Science	Statistics	Professor