



**2.0**     **S-200703.02**  
**Approval of Senate Public Session Minutes**

Mandy / Annis

That the Minutes of the February 14, 2007 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.  
CARRIED.

Senator Mandy pointed out that the minutes indicated that Senator Rapaport was absent from the meeting, which he was not. C. Myers agreed to make the correction on the February 14, 2007 minutes.

**3.0**     **Business Arising from Previous Meetings of Senate**

No business arising was identified.

**4.0**     **President's Report**

**Cozzetto**

President Cozzetto noted that the final report from the consultants, Harris and Mansell, was on the UNBC budget website, and that an e-mail had been sent out to notify the university community that the report had been posted. He suggested that Senators review the report if they hadn't yet done so, as it raised several important points and challenges.

The President reported that the province had notified the university that UNBC would be losing its undergraduate growth seats of 112 FTE by 2009/2010, in the amount of approximately \$800,000 in funding, as the result of not having met FTE target growth. However, he added that the University would have the opportunity to convert that shortfall to graduate student growth in order to retain funding levels, and that it would be critical for Senate to be involved in how the University approached FTE growth, as there would be budget ramifications if growth targets were unmet.

Dr. Cozzetto mentioned that he had received a reminder from the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada that the federal budget would be announced on Monday, March 19, and that he was hopeful for good news regarding research, by way of maintained or increased funding to cover indirect costs of research.

Finally, Dr. Cozzetto mentioned that the motion on the current Senate meeting agenda, requesting that the Board of Governors direct the administration to cease making announcements regarding program admission closures, would be added to the Board agenda if it was carried by Senate.

**5.0**     **Report of the Provost**

**Brunt**

Dr. Brunt indicated that he had met with three northern Colleges regarding the "NorthLink" project, and that he anticipated the project would move forward, with which he was pleased.

The Provost provided Senators with a presentation on the Academic Visioning Initiative (AVI) / Embracing Change, Promoting Excellence (ECPE). The presentation outlined the goals of the AVI and a proposed method for moving forward with implementation, including membership of two working groups and a Senate steering group. He added that he would like to have a meeting of Senate committee chairs called for the purpose of drafting Terms of Reference for the working groups and steering group, which would then be brought back to Senate in April for consideration.

Senator Rapaport suggested that, given the importance of graduate education and the funding announced by the province, it would make sense to include the (Acting) Vice-Provost, Research and Graduate Programs, to the membership, with which Dr. Brunt agreed.

**6.0**     **Question Period**

Senator Beeler asked whether, in the short term, Programs should assume that the current administrative and Program structures, including Chairs as well as budgets, would remain in place. Dr. Brunt responded that, although the implementation plan was over three years, changes could begin at any time.

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Senator Casperson asked whether the Senate Handbook would be revised in light of the creation of the position of Vice-Provost, Research and Graduate Programs. Dr. Brunt replied that the Senate Handbook was currently being revised, and that the Vice-President Research would be replaced by the Vice-Provost, Research and Graduate Programs.



Points in opposition to the motion included that, by waiting, the budgetary implications would be compounded, with negative results, and that reducing the operating budget was no longer tenable, so the administration was required to take measures of this nature.

Dr. Brunt indicated that, although he was not in favour of this motion, he welcomed it, as there was a need

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regarding *Time Limit for Transfer Credit* but shall be determined by the program based upon the British Columbia College of Teachers' acceptable course work and degree policy.  
Effective date: March 15, 2007

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**S-200703.07**

**New Course Approval — HHSC 630-3**

Tait / Knudsen

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies, a new course  
HHSC 630-3 Advanced Toxicology and Environmental He

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That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Scholarships and Bursaries, the terms for the Golden Key UNBC Leadership Incentive Scholarship be approved.  
Effective date: April 2007

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**Proposal for an Integrated Program for Student Career Development**

Ellis / Rapaport

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Co-op Committee, a proposal for an integrated program for students that supports student career development; co-operative education, service learning, and other forms of experiential learning; and employment services be brought to Senate by March 2008.

Effective date: March 14, 2007

Senator Ellis provided the report from this committee, and thanked the members of the committee for their contribution. He indicated that the committee had consulted with a variety of groups, which was outlined in the report, and that they had reached a number of conclusions, including unanimous agreement that the Co-operative Education Program should be continued





