



SENATE MEETING PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

October 28, 2015
3:30 – 5:30 PM

Senate Chambers (Room 1079 Administration Building)

Present: A. Aravind, M. Bouchard, B. Deo, G. Deo, D. Desai, D. Erasmus, W. Fellers, K. Guest, T. Hanschen (Secretary of Senate), K. Howitt (Recording Secretary), E. Jensen, K. Keen, A. Kehler, A. Kitchenham, C. Koehn, A. LeBlanc, D. Wessell Lightfoot, B. Menounos, M. Ouellet, A. Palmer, G. Payne, K. Reimer, D. Ryan, B. Schorcht, W. Schwab, D. Shirodaria, P. Siakaluk (Vice Chair), K. Smith, A. Stroet, J. Sui, D. Weeks (Chair), C. Whalen, T. Whitcombe, R. Robinson, D. Burke,

Regrets:

J. Bankole, D. Clarkson, P. Tobin, M. Dale, B. Krane, J. S. MacDonald, M. Murphy

Absent:

M. Green, A. Wilson, D. Nyce, K. Kuo

The meeting commenced at 3:30 p.m.

1.0 S-201510.01

Approval of the Agenda a
Smith

That the agenda for the October 28, 2015 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

Dr. Weeks noted Agenda Item 12.1 the Presentation by Cathy Ulrich would begin at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Weeks congratulated the staff, faculty, students, and administration on UNBC achieving the #1 spot in its category in Maclean's Magazine.

2.0 S-201510.02

Approval of Senate Minutes
Schorcht

That the minutes of the September 23, 2015 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

3.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes of Senate

3.1 Motion SCSB20150826.03 - Governor General's Gold Medal Adjudication Process & Criteria – Data Dr. Owen

Dr. Owen reported that the distribution of the award began in 1995-1996. 19 of these awards have been given out; 9 to CSAM students; 7 to CASHS students; and 3 to Interdisciplinary Studies students. Some examples of the students' disciplines are Math, NRES, Biology, Environmental Science, MCSP, Gender Studies, Psychology, Social Work, Education, and English. There appears to be a non-biased distribution of the single Governor General's Award to both colleges.

4.0 President's Report

Dr. Weeks

Dr. Weeks said the Alumni Tour started last week in Prince Rupert, with a small but well-attended rigorous group. While in the northwest, he met with the President and faculty of Northwest Community College. Dr. Weeks attended the 10th Annual World Religions Conference at UNBC. Dr. Weeks attended a meeting with the Presidents from the Northern Post-Secondary Council who have not met in a number of years. He also attended the BC Business Council Board Meetings. While in Vancouver, Dr. Weeks met with a supporter of the University, Peter Webster, which led into a number of meetings with potential donors. In October, Dr. Weeks met with a number of MLAs via teleconferencing, and he met with potential funders and supporters of the University. There were a few great soccer games to start off the season. He, along with some senior administrators and others in a few units, attended a webinar on collegial environments and higher education. He attended a number of events at CNC, including their Team Canada Dinner, and spoke at a Rotary Club luncheon. He met with a number of individuals from several other institutions across the province, including UBCO and TRU. Students who are the recipients of the President's Scholarship Award were invited to the President's house for dinner. Some dignitaries from China came to UNBC and there were a number of meetings he participated in talking about the possibility working with a few institutions there. He attended the Prince George Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards and was excited that the UNBC Students from the Pave the Way Campaign were the winners of the 2015 Environmental Leadership Award and also a number of the businesses that won significant awards are owned, run, and championed by UNBC alumni. On October 27th, Dr. Weeks has been participating in work for NSERC. NSERC is looking at potentially funding the next round of funding for the Canadian Council on Animal Care.

5.0 Report of the Provost

Dr. Ryan

Dr. Ryan congratulated everyone on UNBC achieving the #1 position in Maclean's Magazine. Dr. Ryan acknowledged the contributions Dr. Krane made to the University. Dr. Ryan has been spending time with colleagues listening about the opportunities and challenges within a number of portfolios. He has attended a number of meetings, including the Northern Post-Secondary Council with Dr. Weeks, the North Caribou Community Council, meetings with people from ministries, and meetings with external visitors, specifically related to external reviews in nursing and computer science, and updates on arbitration news. Dr. Ryan has been working on the Academic Planning and attended a number of the meetings and engagement sessions. He will be attending The Conference Board of Canada conference on post-secondary education and The Research Universities' Council of BC meeting next week. Dr. Ryan plans on communicating regularly with what he is doing, particularly at Senate. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to work in his current role, and he looks forward to working with colleagues, Senate, and members of other committees on the opportunities and challenges we have ahead.

6.0 Report of the Registrar

Mr. Hanschen

Mr. Hanschen reminded CSAM faculty of the election for a CSAM Faculty Senator on November 2nd and November 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. out front of the Registrar's Office. A Call for Nominations has been sent out for two CASHS Faculty Senator Positions

once he knows the transition plan for Dr. Krane, he will give a fulsome report about all the positions at that time.

A Senator asked how long Dr. Ryan will be away from CSAM. Dr. Weeks said he does not know at this time. When the search begins for a person for this position, it will be according to the position search procedure.

A Senator asked for clarification as to what Dr. Weeks meant by Dr. Krane's transition; did he mean his health. Dr. Weeks said he meant transition in his status as a faculty member at the University.

8.0 Removal of Motions from the Consent Agenda Dr. Weeks

There were no requests made to remove motions from the Consent Agenda.

9.0 Committee Reports

9.1 Senate Committee on Academic Affairs Dr. Ryan

"For Approval" Items :

S-201510.03

Changes to the Course Title / Course Description - HHSC 800-3 Graduate Seminar
Smith

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the change(s) to the course title / course description for (HHSC 800-3 Graduate Seminar,) on page 127 (in the Course Description area of the PDF calendar accessible on the UNBC web page) of the 2015/2016 graduate calendar, be approved as proposed.

CARRIED.

Details of the approved calendar text are as follows (for revisions, deleted text indicated by ~~striketrough~~, new text indicated by underline, and [commentary, where included, in Courier New font within square brackets]):

HHSC 800-~~36~~ Graduate Seminar † This seminar ~~is geared toward developing~~ develops critical thinking skills and ~~aims to help~~ students ~~evaluates~~ a broad spectrum of topics. The seminar ~~functions to generate~~ s debate on key issues, promotes interaction with faculty members and other students in the program, and ~~acts a context for~~ includes presentations by the students and invited speakers. Each PhD student ~~s~~ is expected to give ~~two-four~~ two 50-minute presentations. ~~One presentation will be on a topic agreed upon by the students and the course instructor, and the other is related to the student's research thesis research.~~ This course ~~extends from~~ is scheduled from September to April.

S-201510.04

Course Deletion - HHSC 801-3 Graduate Seminar II
Whitcombe

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the course deletion of HHSC 801-3 Graduate Seminar II, on page 83 (PDF calendar accessible on the UNBC web page) of the 2015/2016 graduate calendar, be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2016

CARRIED (consent agenda)

S-201510.05

Changes to Program Requirements - Health Sciences (PhD Program)
Smith

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the change(s) to the program requirements for the PhD – Health Sciences, on page 67 (in the programs section of the PDF calendar accessible on the UNBC web page) of the 2015/2016 graduate calendar, be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2016

CARRIED.

Details of the approved calendar text are as follows (for revisions, deleted text indicated by ~~striketrough~~, new text indicated by underline, and [commentary, where included, in Courier New font within square brackets]):

Health Sciences (PhD Program)

The PhD in Health Sciences offers students the opportunity to develop an advanced level of understanding and training in any one scientific discipline, or a combination of scientific disciplines, related to human health, including the organization and delivery of health services and the processes (e.g., sociological, biological, chemical, physical) that influence human health, or the organization and delivery of health services. The PhD in Health Sciences promotes an integration of the linkages between social, ethical, political, and cultural dimensions, and an understanding of basic biological, ecological and physical determinants of health. Students are expected to acquire a familiarity with the scope of disciplines that contribute to knowledge and practice in health sciences while developing expertise in a specific disciplinary area. Graduates from this program will have an area of concentration, and a familiarity with other disciplines and be able to work constructively and show leadership within the increasingly complex multidisciplinary frameworks that are evolving across all parts of the health continuum.

Students must complete 6 credit hours of a mandatory interdisciplinary seminar series: HHSC 800-63 Graduate Seminar I and HHSC 801-3 Graduate Seminar II. The seminars covers core topics of Grant Writing and Project Management, Ee

CARRIED.

Academic Dates

Academic Year

- 3 Tuesday Orientation Day, University open
- 4 Wednesday First day of classes, January Semester
All January Semester fees due
- 18 Wednesday Last day to add/drop January Semester courses without financial penalty
Last day to change January Semester courses from audit to credit and credit to audit

February

- 13 Monday Family Day, University closed
- 14-17 Tues to Fri Mid-Semester Break (no classes February 14-17)
- 23 Thursday Last day to withdraw from January Semester courses without academic penalty,
50% tuition refund

April

- 1 Saturday Registration Opens for 2017-2018 Academic Year
- 7 Friday Last day of classes
- 11 Tuesday First day of exam period
- 14 Friday Good Friday, University closed
- 16 Sunday Easter Sunday, University closed
- 17 Monday Easter Monday, University closed
- 26 Wednesday Last day of exam period

Semester Summary:

- 63 Instructional Days
 - 12 Mondays
 - 12 Tuesdays
 - 13 Wednesdays
 - 13 Thursdays
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1	Saturday	Canada Day, University closed
3	Monday	University closed
4	Tuesday	First Day of classes, Summer Intersession
10	Friday	*Last day to add/drop Summer Intersession courses without financial penalty
24	Friday	*Last day to withdraw from Summer Intersession courses without academic penalty, 50% tuition refund

August

7	Monday	BC Day, University closed
11	Friday	Last day of classes, May Semester and Summer Intersession
14	Monday	First day of exam period, May Semester and Summer Intersession
18	Friday	Last day of exam period, May Semester and Summer Intersession

* For condensed courses, the last day to add/drop and the last day to withdraw (50% tuition refund) is indicated in the course specific documentation.

Semester Summary:

62 Instructional Days
11 Mondays
13 Tuesdays
13 Wednesdays
12 Thursdays
13 Fridays
5 Exam Days

Spring Intersession Summary:

29 Instructional Days
5 Mondays
6 Tuesdays
6 Wednesdays
6 Thursdays
6 Fridays
5 Exam Days

Summer Intersession Summary:

28 Instructional Days
4 Mondays
6 Tuesdays
6 Wednesdays
6 Thursdays
6 Fridays
5 Exam Days

Academic Dates

Academic Year

The academic year extends from September 1 to August 31 and is composed of the following semesters:

- September Semester - September to December
- January Semester - January to April
- May Semester - May to August

2016 – 2017 Graduate Semester Dates

2016 September Semester

September

5	Monday	Labour Day, University closed
6	Tuesday	Orientation Day
7	Wednesday	First day of classes, September Semester All September Semester fees due
21	Wednesday	Last day to register or revise registration for the September Semester Last day to withdraw from program without financial penalty Last day to change September Semester courses from audit to credit and credit to audit

October

10	Monday	Thanksgiving Day, University closed
27	Thursday	*Last day to withdraw from September Semester courses without academic penalty

November

2017 May Semester

May

8	Monday	First day of classes, May Semester All May Semester fees due
22	Monday	Victoria Day, University closed
23	Tuesday	Last day to register or revise registration for the May Semester Last day to withdraw from program without financial penalty Last day to change May Semester courses from audit to credit and credit to audit
26	Friday	Convocation

June

24	Saturday	Maintenance Shutdown, Prince George Campus closed
26-30	Mon. to Fri.	Summer break (no classes June 26-30)
27	Tuesday	*Last day to withdraw from May Semester courses without academic penalty

July

1	Saturday	Canada Day, University closed
3	Monday	University closed

August

7	Monday	BC Day, University closed
11	Friday	Last day of classes
14	Monday	First day of exam period for May semester intersession
18	Friday	Last day of exam period for May semester intersession

*Graduate Students must have permission of their supervisor to alter their registration and must maintain continuous enrolment in order to maintain their position in Graduate Studies.

Semester Summary:

62 Instructional Days
11 Mondays
13 Tuesdays
13 Wednesdays

Effective Date: October 28, 2015
CARRIED.

9.6 Senate Committee on Nominations (SCN)

Dr. Koehn

“For Approval” Items :

S-201510.09

Membership Changes to Senate Committees
Desai

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Nominations, and barring further nominations from the floor of Senate, the following candidates, who have met all eligibility requirements to serve on Senate committees as indicated, be appointed as proposed.
Effective date: Immediately upon approval by Senate

SENATE COMMITTEE POSITION TO BE FILLED
(except as otherwise noted, all terms begin immediately)

CANDIDATE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Graduate Student — CSAM (03/31/2016)

Ms. Ibukun Olasanmi

SCAAF ART ACQUISITION SUBCOMMITTEE

UNBC Faculty Member from the UNBC Arts Council (03/31/2018)

Dr. Zoe Meletis

Ad hoc expert (03/31/2018)

Mr. George Harris

SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Faculty Senator — CASHS (03/31/2018)

Dr. Michael Murphy

There were no further nominations, so the motion was CARRIED.

“For Information” Item

SCAAF SUBCOMMITTEE ON CURRICULUM AND CALENDAR

Faculty Member, designate of Dean of CASHS

Dr. Lisa Dickson

“For Information” Item

Senator Appointed for Term of Office Commencing Immediately:

Student Senator (until March 31, 2016)
Ms. Ibukun Olasanmi (Graduate)

10.0

S-201510.10

Approval of Motions on the Consent Agenda
Whitcombe

Dr. Weeks

That the motions on the consent agenda, except for those removed for placement on the regular agenda, be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

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Other Business

No other business was identified.

12.0 S-201510.11
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