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VANCOUVER SENATE

MINUTES OF 13 MAY 2026

Attendance

Present: B.-A. Bacon (Chair), R. Ng (Secretary), M. Adshade, S. Anandasabapathy, F. Andrew, G. Averill, P. Awasthi, E. Baniassad, S. Bates, B. Bhandar, S. Bredin, B. Britton, B. Buraga, L. Burr, A. Chui, I. Chung, J. Cool, J. Cragg, C. Dai, A. d'Entremont, P. Englezos, A. Esteves, D. Evans, D. Fontana, N. Ford, B. Forster, J. Fox, J. Gilbert, S. Gopalakrishnan, S. Hagerman, P. Harrison, M. Hirst, S. Kamal, R. Kozak, K. Li, K. Lo, J. Lorien, M. MacLachlan, C. W. Marshall, S. McGillivray, C. Menzies, L. Moss, Z. Nawar, P. Ng, W. Norman, J. Olson, J. Panchi, S. Parker, S. Pelech, J. Phelps, N. Pindell, M. Prost, L. Raman-Wilms, S. Razia, S. Singh, P. Spilsbury, J. Stewart, G. Tsiakos, G. Turcotte, N. Viegas, H. von Bergmann, D. Warburton, M. Wilson Sladkus

Regrets: B. Agafitei, C. Crowston, D. Dahl, K. Doering, A. Dulay, A. Fisher, S. Forwell, C. Godwin, S. W. Graham, J. Hare, A. Ivanov, E. Jenkins, R. Kim, D. Kitts, F. Lalji, C. Lim, S. McElduff, C. Overall, A. Pratap-Singh, I. Price, J. Rogers, E. Ruggiero, R. Spencer, R. Topping, A. Uzama

Clerk: C. Eaton

Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

The President and Chair of Senate, Dr Benoit-Antoine Bacon, called the ninth meeting of the Senate for the 2025/2026 academic year to order at 6:01 pm and he provided an acknowledgement of the land.

Senate Membership

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – STUDENT MEMBERS

The Registrar and Secretary to Senate, Dr Rella Ng, announced that, following the call for nominations issued the previous month, Zarifa Nawar and Drédyn Fontana were acclaimed to the Senate Nominating Committee until March 31, 2027, and thereafter until replaced.

VICE-CHAIR OF SENATE

The Clerk to Senate, Mr Christopher Eaton, announced that a call for nominations had been issued for the position of Vice-Chair of Senate for a term of no more than one year, pursuant to

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Section 37(1)(a) of the *University Act* and Section 7 of the *Rules and Procedures of the Vancouver Senate*. The Clerk noted that, in response to the call for nominations, Senators Jasper Lorien and Wendy Norman were nominated as candidates. Each candidate was invited to speak in support of their candidacy before the election was conducted.

> Senator Lorien noted that they had served three terms on Senate as a Student At-Large. They explained that their experience chairing the Agenda Committee and a working group of the Academic Policy Committee reinforced the importance of facilitating fair, equitable, and collegial decision-making. They expressed their interest in serving as Vice-Chair and their intention to build on that experience if elected.

The President noted that Senator Norman was experiencing technical difficulties and proposed proceeding with consideration of the minutes of the April 15 meeting while the connection issue was addressed. The President indicated that the meeting would return to Senator Norman's remarks once the technical difficulties were resolved.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Drédyn Fontana Nicholas Viegas	*That the minutes of the meeting of 15 April 2026 be approved.*

Approved

Business Arising from the Minutes

REFERRED MOTION TO AGENDA COMMITTEE

See Appendix A: Correspondence

The Chair of the Senate Agenda Committee, Senator Jasper Lorien, provided an overview of the Agenda Committee's response to the referral from the previous Senate meeting. They reported that the Committee met twice, including a joint meeting with the Provost's Working Group on Global Partnerships, and agreed on a plan and timeline. Senator Lorien explained that the working group would continue its work over the summer. They noted that the process would include consultations with the Admissions Committee, the proponents of the motion, and other relevant parties. Senator Lorien also reported that no affiliation agreements were expected to be renewed during that period and indicated that Senate would consider the recommendations in September or October.

Senator Charles Menzies asked whether the matter would return to Senate in its current form or as separate motions. He also asked whether the review would consider the University's broader

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international partnerships in jurisdictions with human rights concerns and whether a comprehensive process would inform any future motion brought before Senate.

> Senator Lorien replied that they could not comment on the substance of specific matters but noted that the working group's objective was to develop a consistent set of principles to guide consideration of international partnerships. They said the work would address the matters raised in the current referral as well as broader topics raised in previous discussions.
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> The Provost, Dr Gage Averill, added that the working group would bring its principles as recommendations to Senate. He noted that the recommendations would be considered by the Senate Admissions Committee and Senate as a whole, and that Senate would make the decisions rather than the working group.

Senator Toph Marshall noted that, at a previous Senate meeting, a proposal to call a Special Meeting was not adopted. He noted that, following the referral of the matter to committee, its consideration would consequently not occur until the next triennium in the fall.

Senator Sarah Kamal thanked the Agenda Committee and the Provost's Working Group on Global Partnerships, and requested clarification on how student feedback and representation would be incorporated into the process.

> Senator Lorien noted that Senate had voted to refer the motion and explained that consultations would precede any recommendations returned to Senate. They also highlighted the procedural mechanisms available for members to bring the matter before Senate.

The President expressed appreciation for the discussion and noted that a process was in place. He indicated that the matter would return for consideration at an appropriate time.

VICE-CHAIR OF SENATE (CONTINUED)

The Clerk invited Senator Wendy Norman to speak in support of her candidacy and background for the role of Vice-Chair of Senate.

> Senator Wendy Norman noted her experience as a Faculty Representative of the Faculty of Medicine, Professor in the Department of Family Practice, Interim Department Head, Chair of the Senate Research and Scholarship Committee, and member of the Agenda Committee. Senator Norman highlighted her interest in governance and process and said she would support fair and effective Senate processes to enable Senators to make decisions in support of the University.

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The Clerk indicated that voting would be conducted by online poll, with paper ballots available for members in attendance in the room. The Clerk noted that voting would take place during the meeting and that results would be announced following tabulation. He also advised that each Senator could submit only one ballot.

Remarks from the Chair

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO SENATORS COMPLETING THEIR TERMS

The President thanked Senators for their time, contributions, and commitment to supporting the University. He noted the accomplishments of Senate during the year and triennium and thanked outgoing Senators for their service. The President recognized Senator Paul Harrison and Senator John Gilbert for their longstanding service to Senate. He also thanked the Senate staff, particularly the Clerk, for their professionalism and support.

GENERAL REMARKS

The President provided an update on the cybersecurity incident involving Instructure, the provider of Canvas. He noted that the incident was not a university cybersecurity breach but had affected Canvas users, including the University. The President advised that the University was awaiting further security assurances from Instructure before restoring access to the University community and acknowledged the impact on faculty and students during the Summer Term. He reported that Instructure had advised that affected data had been returned securely and that data destruction had been confirmed, while the University continued to monitor the situation. The President thanked UBC IT, cybersecurity, Teaching and Learning, and operational teams for their work in responding to the incident.

The President provided an update on advocacy activities undertaken with provincial and federal governments. He noted that discussions had focused on the University's role in British Columbia and Canada, international student caps and visas, research funding, academic infrastructure funding, housing, and the proposed Millennium Line UBC Extension.

The President congratulated graduates approved for Spring Convocation and noted that 10,528 graduates from the Vancouver campus and 2,117 graduates from UBC Okanagan would be recognized.

Senator Ben Britton asked whether the University had a technology or learning technology disruption policy. Senator Britton encouragement for developing such a policy.

Senator Britton raised considerations regarding reliance on major technology platforms and noted potential risks associated with technology disruptions. He also discussed concerns related to Canadian data sovereignty, control of software platforms, and implications of the US CLOUD Act, including data tenancy, data location, encryption, and encryption key management.

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Senator Britton recommended that Senate provide input into the development of a technology disruption policy and establish principles to support governance considerations, increase robustness, and reduce disruption impacts for faculty, students, and staff.

The Provost responded that the development of a technology disruption policy would be considered. He acknowledged the concerns regarding reliance on a single technology platform and noted that the University regularly considered Requests for Proposals for other services as agreements expired.

The Provost confirmed that university data was resident in Canada but recognized that United States laws and policies could create implications. He noted that encryption could provide support while also presenting additional considerations and indicated that Canadian alternatives were considered where possible.

Senator Charles Menzies commented on the cybersecurity incident and acknowledged the work done in responding to the disruption. He noted that, despite concerns regarding reliance on a single platform, the University was able to adapt effectively and that support provided to instructors was valuable.

The Provost recognized the teams involved in responding to the cybersecurity incident.

Senator Laura Moss reported that the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee had met and had received a briefing from Drs Elisa Baniassad and Simon Bates regarding the cybersecurity incident. Senator Moss noted the importance of technology continuity and reliability for academic activities and highlighted the need for systems that could account for potential failures. Senator Moss discussed the need for robust tools, recovery planning, and alternative platforms or course options to support teaching and learning continuity.

Senator Bryan Buraga asked whether, following completion of the investigation into the cybersecurity incident, an email similar to the initial breach notification could be sent to students outlining when information was compromised, what information may have been affected, and steps students could take to safeguard their data moving forward.

Senator Simon Bates confirmed that further communication would be provided once the necessary information and assurances were available to reconnect to the Canvas platform.

Senator Bates noted that the University would remain vigilant regarding potential phishing attempts related to the cybersecurity incident, including communications offering identity protection or other services. He noted that phishing attempts were expected to increase and encouraged continued caution to help protect personal information and university systems.

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Candidates for Degrees

Jasper Lorien
Sultana Razia

That the candidates for degrees and diplomas as recommended by the Faculties be granted the degree or diploma for which they were recommended, effective May 2026, and that a committee comprised of the Registrar, the relevant dean(s), and the Chair of the Senate be empowered to make any necessary adjustments.

Approved

VICE-CHAIR OF SENATE (CONTINUED)

The Clerk reported the results of the election conducted during the meeting and announced the election of Senator Wendy Norman as Vice-Chair of Senate for the next year.

Academic Policy Committee

The Chair of the Senate Academic Policy Committee, Dr Kin Lo, presented.

REVISIONS TO ACADEMIC REGULATIONS FOR EXAMINATION FOR THE FACULTY OF COMMERCE AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: DIPLOMA IN ACCOUNTING; AND

REVISIONS TO ACADEMIC REGULATIONS FOR CLASS STANDING FOR THE FACULTY OF LAND AND FOOD SYSTEMS

Senator Lo requested leave from the Senate to present two reports as an omnibus motion.

Kin Lo
Sathish Gopalakrishnan

That Senate approve the revisions to the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration Diploma in Accounting regulations on examinations, effective 2026 Winter Session and thereafter; and

That Senate approve the revisions to the Faculty of Land and Food Systems academic regulations on class standing, effective 2027 Summer Session and thereafter.

Approved

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REVISIONS TO ACADEMIC REGULATIONS FOR THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES: MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE;

REVISIONS TO ACADEMIC REGULATIONS FOR THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES: MASTER OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE; AND

REVISIONS TO ACADEMIC REGULATIONS FOR THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES: GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PHARMACY LEADERSHIP

Senator Lo requested leave from the Senate to present three reports as an omnibus motion.

Kin Lo
Sathish Gopalakrishnan

That Senate approve the revisions to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Master of Architecture academic regulations, effective 2026 Winter Session and thereafter;

That Senate approve the revisions to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Master of Advanced Studies in Landscape Architecture academic regulations, effective 2026 Winter Session and thereafter; and

That Senate approve the revisions to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Graduate Diploma in Pharmacy Leadership academic regulations, effective 2026 Winter Session and thereafter.

Approved

REVISIONS TO ACADEMIC REGULATIONS FOR RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE;

REVISIONS TO ACADEMIC REGULATIONS FOR PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS AND DEGREE PROGRESSION FOR THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE;

REVISIONS TO ACADEMIC REGULATIONS FOR ADMISSION AND CONTINUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HONOURS AND COMBINED HONOURS FOR THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE; AND

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REVISIONS TO ACADEMIC REGULATIONS FOR SECOND-DEGREE STUDIES FOR THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Senator Lo requested leave from the Senate to present four reports as an omnibus motion.

Kin Lo
Paul Harrison

That Senate approve the revisions to the Faculty of Science Bachelor of Science regulations on recognition of academic achievement, effective 2026 Summer Session and thereafter;

That Senate approve the revisions to the Faculty of Science Bachelor of Science regulations on promotion requirements and degree progression, effective 2026 Winter Session and thereafter;

That Senate approve the revisions to the Faculty of Science Bachelor of Science in Computer Science admission and continuation requirements for Honours and Combined Honours specializations, effective 2026 Winter Session and thereafter; and

That Senate approve the revisions to the Faculty of Science Bachelor of Science second-degree studies requirements, effective 2026 Winter Session and thereafter.

Senator Jasper Lorien requested division of the motion to consider the Revisions to Academic Regulations for Recognition of Academic Achievement for the Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Science separately.

By general consent, Revisions to Academic Regulations for Recognition of Academic Achievement for the Faculty of Science: Bachelor of Science*, was considered separately.*

Senator Jasper Lorien expressed opposition to the proposed revisions. They noted that the Diversionary Option allowed students and the University to work toward an appropriate resolution in cases involving minor first offences or circumstances where academic expectations may not have been clear. Senator Lorien expressed concerns about the potential impacts of the proposed revisions on students.

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Senator Lo responded that the matter had been considered by the Committee. He explained that, given the designations recognized high levels of academic achievement, the proposed revisions reflected an expectation of academic integrity. Senator Lo noted that students found by the President to have committed academic misconduct, or students who admitted to academic misconduct and entered the Diversionary Option, would be ineligible for these designations.

Divided Motion Approved

The remaining three items in the omnibus motion were considered together.

Approved

REVISIONS TO JOINT SENATE POLICY J-101: *STUDENT CONDUCT DURING EXAMINATIONS*

Kin Lo Toph Marshall	*That Senate approve the revisions to Policy J-101:* Student Conduct during Examinations*, effective September 1, 2026 and thereafter.*

Senator Ben Britton asked about a change regarding interim examinations. He noted that "major examination" had been removed and replaced with an assessment conducted during class time or scheduled out-of-class time during the teaching terms. He inquired whether this change would have significant implications for assessment practices, including concessions and accommodations, and whether it would result in broader effects on student assessment.

Senator Kin Lo responded that the terminology had been discussed in committee. He explained that the term "major examination" had been considered ambiguous because it was unclear how to distinguish between major and minor examinations. He noted that the wording had therefore been revised to refer to an assessment held during class time.

Approved

NEW JOINT SENATE POLICY J-500: *ACADEMIC FREEDOM*

Senator Lo reminded Senate that the accompanying memorandum had been provided with the proposed policy and recalled that Senate had last considered the draft policy in May 2025. He explained that the Senate Academic Policy Committees on both campuses had committed to returning a final draft following a period of feedback received in May and June 2025. He noted

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that the committees had originally expected to return the draft in September 2025 but had required additional time to address topics raised during the consultation process.

Senator Lo explained that the draft policy reflected the legal constraints under which Senate and the University operated and distinguished between provisions that could be included in policy and those that were aspirational. He referred to recent developments affecting institutional autonomy in jurisdictions outside Canada and observed that, while such developments should be resisted, a Senate policy could not override legislative changes affecting the University's autonomy under the *University Act*.

Senator Lo reported that the draft policy modernized the language of the 1977 Statement on Academic Freedom while retaining its key elements. He noted that the 1977 Statement on Academic Freedom remained a statement rather than a policy and explained that the development of a policy had been the objective of the current process over the previous seven years. He added that proposed language had been introduced in response to feedback received during the previous summer and clarified the right to institutional critique.

Kin Lo John H. V. Gilbert	*That Senate approve Policy J-500:* Academic Freedom*, effective September 1, 2026 and thereafter.*

Senator James Stewart made a motion to postpone consideration of the item to allow additional time for further consideration of the proposed policy.

MOTION TO POSTPONE

James Stewart Ben Britton	*That consideration of the motion to approve Policy J-500:* Academic Freedom *be postponed until the September meeting of Senate.*

Senator Stewart commented on the policy and its broader implications for the institution and beyond. He recommended that members engage in further debate, discussion, and community engagement before adopting the proposed change.

Senator Stewart noted that members had between two and six days to review the materials, depending on when they accessed them. He explained that some members had limited time to prepare their contributions to the discussion and referred to recent external commentary related to the motion. He recommended that additional time be provided for consideration of the motion.

Senator Charles Menzies commented on the consultation process related to the motion. He noted that requests for further consultation had been raised in previous discussions and observed that

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the policy development process had occurred over several years rather than only during the previous six days.

Senator Menzies indicated that he did not support the document in its current form. He compared the proposed document with the 1977 Statement on Academic Freedom and commented that he considered the earlier version more comprehensive and relevant to the current context.

Senator Jasper Lorien referred to recommendations from the external review and noted the value of discussing substantive policy matters before bringing forward a motion for approval at a subsequent meeting.

Senator Lorien commented that members had limited time to review the current version of the policy and indicated that further discussion would be beneficial. Senator Lorien noted that they were not prepared to vote on the policy in its current form.

Senator Ben Britton noted that although he had reviewed the materials six days earlier, he had not had sufficient time to consult with constituents or prepare his comments. He noted that end-of-semester responsibilities and committee reporting obligations had limited his available time. He acknowledged the work of both committees in advancing the process.

Senator Toph Marshall noted that similar requests for additional time, feedback, and consultation had been raised at the May meeting of the previous year and indicated that these opportunities had since been provided.

Senator Stewart responded to comments from other Senators and acknowledged the differing views expressed. He noted that the proposed version of the document differed materially from previous versions under consideration.

Senator Stewart referred to an open letter from the previous process and noted that some signatories might not have reviewed or participated in discussion of the revised version.

Motion to Postpone
Approved

The President requested that the committee reflect on the matter over the summer, with a focus on identifying the problem the proposal was intended to address.

Admissions Committee

The Chair of the Senate Admissions Committee, Dr Joanne Fox, presented.

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REVISIONS TO ADMISSION AND TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Joanne Fox
Nicholas Viegas

That Senate approve changes in admission requirements for post-secondary transfer applicants to the Bachelor of Science program, effective for admission to the 2026 Winter Session and thereafter.

Approved

NEW AFFILIATION AGREEMENT: UBC FACULTY OF FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND GUANGDONG UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Joanne Fox
Alex Chui

That Senate approve the terms of the affiliation between Guangdong University of Technology and The University of British Columbia Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Stewardship, as outlined in the "Agreement between Guangdong University of Technology and The University of British Columbia for Provision of the 3+1+1 Undergraduate Visiting and Master Pathway Program in Landscape Architecture and Urban Forestry at UBC."

Approved

ANNUAL REPORT ON MATTERS OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Senator Joanne Fox reported that Policy J-50: *Secondary School Grade Adjustments for Undergraduate Admission* had been applied to applicants following the Alberta secondary school curriculum. She noted that, for admission to the 2026 Winter Session, grades presented for admission had been adjusted upwards by 4% in accordance with the policy.

Senator Fox reported that the committee had brought forward 26 proposals for approval and had made 21 editorial updates to the calendar under delegated authority. She reported that 134 admissions appeals had been reviewed between May 1, 2025 and April 30, 2026, of which four had been allowed. Senator Fox noted that the committee was reviewing its appeals processes in accordance with recommendations from the external review.

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Senator Fox referred to the student mobility agreements approved under the Council of Senates Policy C-2: *Affiliations with Other Institutions of Learning*.

She thanked committee members for their contributions during the year and acknowledged those involved in hearing admissions appeals during the summer months. Senator Fox also recognized the support provided to the Committee by Amandeep Breen and Leah Wafler of the Senate Office.

Senator Sarah Kamal asked about the renewal of exchange partnerships, specifically the listing for Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel. She noted that members of the Student Senate Caucus had raised concerns about student safety in relation to mobility agreements.

> Senator Joanne Fox responded noted that the principles being developed by the Provost's Working Group, which were expected to return to Senate, would address safety considerations.
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> Senator Fox explained that exchange agreements involving locations subject to travel advisories from Global Affairs Canada were not used for student travel where safety concerns had been identified. She noted that Global Affairs Canada travel advisories were the measure used for assessing these circumstances.

Senator Kamal asked whether the item concerning the specific partnership could be deferred given the concerns raised by students.

> Senator Fox clarified that the item was for information and reported on affiliation agreements that had been renewed or initiated during the reporting period.

Senator Jasper Lorien asked about the process for addressing agreements approved under delegated authority if Senate disagreed with an agreement.

> The Clerk explained that the matter was more complex because the delegated authority had been granted by the Council of Senates. The Clerk noted that the agreement had been executed by the University and that provisions existed for withdrawal. The Clerk explained that there was no action available to Senate in this forum at that time.

Agenda Committee

AMENDMENTS TO THE *RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE VANCOUVER SENATE*

Jasper Lorien Drédyn Fontana	*That the* Rules and Procedures of the Vancouver Senate *be amended as follows:*

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27. The standing committees of Senate are as follows:

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~~*b.*~~*a. Academic Policy*
~~*c.*~~*b. Admissions*
~~*d.*~~*c. Agenda*
d. Appeals on Academic Standing
e. Awards
~~*e.*~~*f. Budget and Academic Buildings*
~~*f.*~~*g. Curriculum*
h. Library
i. Nominating
~~*g.*~~*j. Research and Scholarship*
~~*h.*~~*k. Student Appeals on Academic Discipline*
~~*i. Awards*~~
~~*j.*~~*l. Teaching and Learning*
~~*k.*~~*m. Tributes*
~~*l.*~~*n. Council of Senates Vancouver Representative Committee One*
~~*m.*~~*o. Council of Senates Vancouver Representative Committee Two*
~~*n.*~~*p. Council of Senates Vancouver Representative Committee Three*
~~*o.*~~*q. Council of Senates Vancouver Representative Committee Four*
~~*p.*~~*r. Council of Senates Vancouver Representative Committee Five*

48. A standing committee may not delegate any of its powers or responsibilities to a sub- committee without permission to do so being granted by Senate. The following standing committee has permission to do so:

a. Curriculum Committee (to allow a sub-committee or sub-committees to approve curriculum proposals on behalf of the committee if such proposals would normally only require the approval of the Curriculum Committee before implementation).
~~*a.*~~*b. Awards Committee (to allow a sub-committee to approve awards proposals on*

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behalf of the committee if such proposals would normally only require the approval of the Awards Committee before implementation).

Approved

Awards Committee

The Chair of the Senate Awards Committee, Dr Lawrence Burr, presented.

NEW AWARDS AND CHANGES TO EXISTING AWARDS

See Appendix B: Awards Report

Lawrence Burr
Ben Britton

That the Senate approve the new and revised awards as listed, that they be forwarded to the Board of Governors for approval and that letters of thanks be sent to the donors.

Approved

ANNUAL REPORT ON MATTERS OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Senator Burr reported that the Committee had met seven times during the year, reviewed recommendations from the triennial review, and finalized governance recommendations for the Nominating Committee. He also reported that the committee had reviewed Senate Policy V200: *Student Awards* and approved a draft policy for consultation, with a report to return to Senate in fall 2026. Senator Burr also reported that the committee had approved 19 proposals under delegated authority, including 17 annual awards and two internal awards.

He thanked committee members for their contributions and Bradley Menard of the Senate Office for his support and guidance during the triennium.

Budget and Academic Buildings Committee

The Chair of the Senate Budget and Academic Buildings Committee, Mr Mitchell Prost, presented.

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Senator Prost reported that the committee had discussed Campus Vision 2050, the Climate Action Plan, decarbonization, discretionary business travel emissions, AI infrastructure planning, campus electrical capacity, GPU deployment for research support, budget updates, and capital planning priorities.

Senator Prost noted that the committee had discussed priorities for the next triennium, including opportunities to support university budget preparation and research funding. He thanked committee members for their contributions and recognized Bradley Menard of the Senate Office for his support to the committee.

Curriculum Committee

The Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee, Dr Sathish Gopalakrishnan, presented.

MAY CURRICULUM PROPOSALS; AND

NON-CREDIT CREDENTIAL PROPOSALS

See Appendix C: Curriculum Report

Senator Gopalakrishnan requested leave from the Senate to present two reports as an omnibus motion.

Sathish Gopalakrishnan Nicholas Viegas	*That the Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for approval the new courses and revised programs brought forward by the Faculties of Applied Science, Arts, Education, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (Pharmaceutical Sciences, Science), Medicine, and Science; and* *That the Senate approve the new non-credit program microcertificates brought forward by the Faculty of Medicine and UBC Extended Learning.*

Approved

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REVISIONS TO POLICY V-129: *NON-CREDIT CREDENTIALS*

Sathish Gopalakrishnan Bryan Buraga	*That the Senate approve the revisions to Policy V-129:* Non-Credit Credentials *effective 1 September 2026.*

Approved

ANNUAL REPORT ON MATTERS OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Senator Gopalakrishnan reported that delegated authority had been used for editorial and minor changes to programs and courses, including adjustments to prerequisites and restrictions to improve student access.

Senator Gopalakrishnan reported that the committee had reviewed course offerings and found that approximately 2,200 of the University's courses had not been offered in the previous 10 years. He noted that the committee would encourage Faculties to review inactive courses and consider courses with low enrolment levels. He also noted that the committee would consider ways to improve the visibility of non-credit credentials and certificate programs.

Senator Gopalakrishnan thanked committee members and acknowledged the support provided by Senate Office staff, including Jessica Iverson, Leah Wafler, and Trini Tseng. He also thanked the Clerk to Senate for his support to the committee.

Joint Report of the Academic Policy, Admissions, and Curriculum Committees

The Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee, Dr Sathish Gopalakrishnan, presented.

NEW GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

See Appendix C: Curriculum Report

Sathish Gopalakrishnan Sultana Razia	*That the Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for approval the new graduate certificates brought forward by the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (Applied Science).*

Approved

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Joint Report of the Admissions and Curriculum Committees

The Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee, Dr Sathish Gopalakrishnan, presented.

REVISED MASTER OF ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP AND RELATED CURRICULUM PROPOSALS

See Appendix C: Curriculum Report

Sathish Gopalakrishnan Joanne Fox	*That the Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for approval the revised program and new courses brought forward by the Faculty of Applied Science.*

Approved

Library Committee

The Chair of the Senate Library Committee, Dr Elisa Baniassad, presented.

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Senator Baniassad presented the Senate Library Committee annual report. She reported that the committee had met eight times during the 2025-2026 academic year and had focused on advising and assisting the University Librarian, including work related to the transition of the University Librarian role.

Senator Baniassad reported that committee members had contributed to amendments to Policy UP11: *Deaccessioning Policy*, participated in the President's Advisory Committee for the Selection of a University Librarian, and developed metrics for the University Librarian's monthly reports.

Senator Baniassad thanked committee members for their contributions and acknowledged Dr Susan Parker's eight years of service to the Senate Library Committee and the UBC Library. She welcomed Dr Dale Askey as the incoming University Librarian and thanked those who contributed their expertise and time to the Library. Senator Baniassad also recognized Leah Wafler of the Senate Office for her support of the Committee.

The President expressed appreciation to Dr Parker for her service as University Librarian and recognized her contributions to the University.

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Nominating Committee

The Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee, Dr Ben Britton, presented.

TRIENNIAL REVIEW

Ben Britton
Kin Lo

That Senate approve the changes to the compositions and terms of reference of the Senate Agenda, Awards and Nominating Committees as set out above;

That Senate approve the merger of the Senate Library Committee and Senate Teaching & Learning Committee into a Senate Teaching, Learning & Library Committee with the composition and terms of reference set out above, effective 1 September 2026; and

That Senate recommend to the Council of Senates that the membership of the Council Budget Committee be amended as set out above.

Senator Britton reported that the review included feedback from the university community, Senators, Senate committees, and committee chairs, and resulted in recommendations regarding changes to the composition and terms of reference of Senate committees, including the merger of the Senate Library Committee and Senate Teaching and Learning Committee into the Senate Teaching, Learning, and Library Committee, effective September 1, 2026.

Senator Britton explained that the merger recognized the relationship between library services and the academic mission of the University. He noted that the new committee structure increased student representation and recommended that the new committee review its terms of reference following its establishment.

Senator Laura Moss spoke regarding the proposed establishment of the Teaching, Learning, and Library Committee. She noted that the Teaching and Learning Committee had met earlier that day to discuss the merger and supported the proposal. She identified substantial overlap between the committees but raised questions regarding workload and the potential deferral of important issues. She noted that the Teaching and Learning Committee provided an opportunity for in-depth discussion and expressed concern that adding another committee within the same timeframe could limit the ability to address matters thoroughly. She indicated that, while considering workload implications, the Teaching and Learning Committee supported the merger.

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Senator Richard Spencer commented on the report's recommendation that no changes be made to the Academic Policy Committee. He noted that the External Review of Senate had recommended significant changes and that the committee's work had focused primarily on implementing policy through changes to academic regulations rather than addressing significant academic policy matters. He indicated that he hoped future consideration would be given to the role of the Academic Policy Committee.

The University Librarian, Senator Susan Parker, identified the Library's role in supporting teaching, learning, research, and scholarship, and noted that library matters extended across the University. She indicated that the proposed committee merger could provide benefits while noting the importance of maintaining opportunities for in-depth discussion of issues and reviewing the committee's work during the next triennium.

Senator Santokh Singh commented on the proposed merger and noted that the Library Committee had a unique role that did not fit within a single combined committee due to its connections with other areas, including research. He indicated that the Library Committee's independent status allowed it to address library-specific matters and noted that he preferred it to remain a separate committee with revised terms of reference.

Senator Francis Andrew commented on the proposed merger and noted the importance of maintaining a Senate committee with Library in its name. He noted that library matters extended beyond teaching and learning, including university-wide activities, new technologies, and national and international developments.

Senator Britton noted that the Teaching and Learning Committee supported the motion and that Senator Parker, University Librarian, also supported it. In response to comments regarding academic policy, he advised that governance matters would be considered during discussion of the external review. He explained that the current item concerned the substantive changes to the committees' Terms of Reference and membership.

Approved

APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT SENATORS TO COMMITTEES OF SENATE AND COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL OF SENATES

Ben Britton Laura Moss	*That Zarifa Nawar, Jasper Lorien, and Jaiya Panchi be appointed to the Senate Academic Policy Committee until 31 March 2027 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Jasper Lorien, Zarifa Nawar, and Solomon Yi-Kieran;*

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That Pratyaksha Awasthi and Alex Chiu be appointed to the Senate Admissions Committee until 31 March 2027 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Amin Abidi and Yi Chen;

That Drédyn Fontana and Jaiya Panchi be appointed to the Senate Agenda Committee until 31 March 2027 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Drédyn Fontana and Jasper Lorien;

That Ian Chung, Bryan Buraga, Zarifa Nawar, and Dylan Evans be appointed to the Senate Committee on Appeals on Academic Standing until 31 March 2027 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Cade Desjarlais, Ananya Gupta, Taran Gill, and Judy Xu;

That Pratyaksha Awasthi and Sarah Kamal be appointed to the Senate Awards Committee until 31 March 2027 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Taran Gill and Jacky Xue;

That Ethan Ruggiero and Max Wilson Sladkus be appointed to the Council Budget Committee until 31 March 2027 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Dylan Evans and Kareem Hassib;

That Ian Chung, Kevin Li, Ethan Ruggiero, Brian Agafitei and Nicholas Viegas be appointed to the Senate Curriculum Committee until 31 March 2027 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Brian Afafitei, Alex Chui, Chaeyoung Lim, Amy Wang, and Judy Xu;

That Sarah Kamal and Sultana Razia be appointed to the Senate Research & Scholarship Committee until 31 March 2027 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Amin Abidi and Amy Wang;

That Priscilla Ng, Chaeyoung Lim, and Max Wilson Sladkus be appointed to the Senate Committee on Student Appeals of Discipline until

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31 March 2027 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Yi Chen, Cade Desjarlais, and Jacky Xue;

That Bryan Buraga, Nicholas Viegas, Dylan Evans, Alex Chui be appointed to the Senate Teaching, Learning, and Library Committee until 31 March 2027 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Amin Abidi, Kareem Hassib, and Zarifa Nawar;

That Chaeyoung Lim and Priscilla Ng be appointed to the Senate Tributes Committee until 31 March 2027 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Chaeyoung Lim and Jacky Xue;

That Chaeyoung Lim be appointed to the Council Elections Committee until 31 March 2027 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Kareem Hassib;

That Bryan Buraga be appointed to Council of Senates Representative Committee One until 31 March 2027 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Alex Chui;

That Drédyn Fontana be appointed to Council of Senates Representative Committee Two until 31 March 2027 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Yi Chen; and

That Jasper Lorien be appointed to Council of Senates Representative Committee Three until 31 March 2027 and thereafter until replaced, to replace Taran Gill.

Approved

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APPOINTMENT TO A PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SELECTION OF A VICE-PRESIDENT STUDENTS

Ben Britton Kin Lo	*That HsingChi von Bergmann be appointed to the President's Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Vice-President Students.*

Approved

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RESPONSE TO EXTERNAL REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

Senator Ben Britton noted that the external review identified opportunities for Senate to continue strengthening its approach to governance within its areas of responsibility and its engagement with other governance bodies. He noted that governance planning would be an important consideration for committees at the beginning of the next triennium.

Senator Britton discussed the review's observations regarding Senate appeals processes. He explained that the Admissions, Appeals on Academic Standing, and Student Appeals of Discipline Committees each had distinct responsibilities and recognized the substantial work undertaken through the appeals process. He reported that work had been underway since the external review to consider opportunities for improvement.

Senator Britton advised that the response included actions to support the effectiveness of the appeals processes handled by the Appeals on Academic Standing and Student Appeals of Discipline Committees while continuing to operate within the University's governance framework. He noted that the quasi-judicial nature of the appeals process required consultation to inform potential policy or process updates.

Senator Britton highlighted the scope of work undertaken by Senate committees and the Senate Office. He reported that the Vancouver Senate had considered 1,248 curriculum proposals, each requiring substantial review. He noted that the report provided an overview of the breadth of work undertaken by the Secretariat and was intended to illustrate the range of activities supporting Senate.

Senator Britton noted that consideration of resources included both Senate Office support and the structures that enable Senate governance. He reported that the Nominating Committee and the Agenda Committee had brought forward motions related to governance structures for consideration.

Senator Britton also recognized the time and commitment contributed by Faculty, Student, Convocation, and Ex Officio Senators. He noted that the complexity of Senate's work required sufficient opportunities for consideration, consultation, and understanding of governance

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processes. He added that the committee had identified actions to support Senate's continued effectiveness in carrying out its governance responsibilities.

Senator Jasper Lorien noted that the Agenda Committee supported the recommendations regarding Senate Office resourcing and reported that the committee had recommended a joint meeting with the Budget and Academic Buildings Committee to discuss the matter.

Senator Lorien also discussed the recommendation regarding topics of broad economic interest. Senator Lorien reported that the Agenda Committee had discussed the matter and agreed on a process for moving this work forward. Senator Lorien advised that additional information would be circulated and that materials would be prepared for the incoming Agenda Committee in the upcoming triennium.

Teaching and Learning Committee

The Chair of the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee, Dr Laura Moss, presented.

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Senator Moss expressed appreciation to the members of the committee and recognized their contributions to the Committee's work. She noted that the committee provided an opportunity for in-depth discussion on matters related to teaching and learning, including artificial intelligence, evaluations of teaching, and the integrated evaluation of teaching.

Senator Moss reported that the Committee had met with 10 groups during the year and appreciated their contributions and engagement. She noted that the committee's mandate was to provide a leading forum for discussion of the teaching and learning environment at the University and indicated that the committee had fulfilled this role through discussion, deliberation, and debate.

Senator Moss noted the importance of teaching and learning to the University's academic mission and noted that the committee had engaged substantively with relevant issues. She expressed appreciation to Lindsey Kovacevic of the Senate Office for her support.

Senator Moss noted that the report included several recommendations and advised that these reflected broader recommendations and discussions undertaken by the committee throughout the year.

Tributes Committee

The Chair of the Senate Tributes Committee, Dr John H. V. Gilbert, presented.

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EMERITUS APPOINTMENTS

See Appendix D: Emeritus Report

John H. V. Gilbert Paul Harrison	*That the attached list of individuals for emeritus status be approved and that, pursuant to section 9(2) of the* University Act*, all persons with the ranks of Professor Emeritus, Associate Professor Emeritus, Professor of Teaching Emeritus, Associate Professor of Teaching Emeritus, and Librarian Emeritus be added to the Roll of Convocation, effective the retirement date as set out in the attached.*

Senator Gilbert recognized members who had received emeritus status and noted that they would join the UBC Emeritus College. He described the College as a unique institution in Canada and acknowledged the support provided by the President and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic. He also recognized Senator Paul Harrison's previous role as Principal of the Emeritus College.

Senator Gilbert thanked the Tributes Committee members for their collaborative work and noted that the committee sought to make thoughtful decisions regarding honorary degrees. He encouraged Senators to submit nominations when opportunities arose.

Senator Gilbert expressed appreciation for the Clerk of Senate's guidance and contributions to the Committee's work. He also acknowledged Amandeep Breen of the Senate Office for her support and assistance with the Committee's activities.

Approved

Report from the Registrar

The Registrar, Dr Rella Ng, presented.

2026-2029 TRIENNIAL ELECTION RESULTS (CONTINUED)

The Registrar advised Senate that pursuant to Section 15 of the *University Act*, that the following faculty members were acclaimed as elected as representatives on the Vancouver Senate for terms beginning on September 1, 2026 and ending August 31, 2029 and thereafter until successors are elected:

- Benjamin Goold, Professor, Peter A. Allard School of Law

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- Minghao Li, Associate Professor, Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Stewardship
- Anubhav Pratap-Singh, Associate Professor, Faculty of Land and Food Systems
- Candice Rideout, Professor of Teaching, Faculty of Land and Food Systems
- Althea Thauberger, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts

The Registrar advised Senate that pursuant to Section 16 of the *University Act*, that the following faculty members were acclaimed as elected as representatives on the Vancouver Senate for terms beginning on September 1, 2026 and ending August 31, 2029 and thereafter until successors are elected:

- Susan Forwell, Professor, Faculty of Medicine
- Dustin Garnet, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education

The Registrar noted that an election was required for the Faculty of Applied Science, with polls scheduled from April 29 to May 13, 2026. She further noted that a call for nominations for the remaining Joint Faculties and Faculty positions would be issued in mid-May 2026.

Other Business

MOTION ON AD HOC COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDENT FUNDING POLICY

Martin Hirst
Charles Menzies

That the Senate of the University of British Columbia establish an ad hoc Senate committee to review the implementation of the Minimum Stipend Policy and to advise Senate on the most effective and equitable path forward to support graduate students; and

That the committee be mandated to:

- *Consult broadly with graduate programs across Faculties and disciplines;*
- *Review the impacts of the Minimum Stipend Policy across MSc and PhD programs;*
- *Examine Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (G+PS) policies, including:*
  - *The four-year PhD funding window;*
  - *Funding structures and support for MSc students;*

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- *Develop recommendations for a fair and transparent framework for the allocation of central funding;*
- *Define guiding principles for the distribution of funds, including consideration of equity versus need-based approaches, and the potential unintended consequences of each;*
- *Ensure that implementation does not result in reduced financial support relative to existing program models;*

That the committee be granted access to all relevant institutional data required to carry out its work and report back to Senate by December 2026.

Senator Martin Hirst commented that graduate students were central to the University's research, teaching, and innovation activities. He clarified that his comments did not oppose increasing graduate student stipends, but focused on ensuring that any changes were implemented in a sustainable and equitable manner.

Senator Hirst explained that graduate funding at the University had developed through a distributed model across programs and Faculties, reflecting disciplinary contexts, research funding environments, tuition structures, and training timelines. He recognized the efforts of programs that had increased graduate student support through various approaches over time.

Senator Hirst raised considerations regarding the proposed policy and funding model, including potential impacts on equity among programs and on programs that had already increased student support. He identified factors including differences between master's and doctoral programs, doctoral completion timelines, tuition structures, and potential impacts on graduate enrolment.

Senator Hirst described the proposed ad hoc committee as a mechanism for institutional oversight, consultation across Faculties and disciplines, examination of relevant data, and development of principles to support the distribution of graduate student support.

Senator Hirst commented that the proposed policy represented a significant change affecting students, supervisors, departments, research capacity, and institutional competitiveness. He recommended continued review through a transparent and consultative Senate process.

Dean Shannon Hagerman described the new graduate funding program and its focus on supporting Doctor of Philosophy students through a minimum funding package intended to

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support academic success and well-being. She commented that the new funding threshold represented a significant change for the University and that implementation would require consideration of program- and discipline-specific contexts.

Dean Hagerman explained that the Graduate Awards and Scholarships Committee, a sub-committee of Graduate Council, had been working on implementation matters since the announcement of the program. She described the committee's membership, including representation from disciplinary Faculties, associate deans, directors, and graduate students, and outlined its mandate to evaluate the impact of new initiatives and policies on the graduate community and to develop and review funding allocation models.

Dean Hagerman reported that the Graduate Awards and Scholarships Committee had met twice since the announcement of the program and that the Chair had provided updates to the Council of Deans and Graduate Council. She advised that the committee was available to provide updates to Senate as appropriate.

Dean Hagerman described the committee's work across two phases. She explained that the first phase focused on readiness for September, including the increase to the four-year fellowship and the Supplemental Graduate Student Support Initiative to support students below the funding threshold. She reported that the second phase would include a review of graduate funding mechanisms and allocation models, as well as consultation regarding master's funding and fifth-year doctoral support.

Dean Hagerman reported that the Graduate Awards team in the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies had been working with Faculties and programs to support the transition, including through the provision of student-level funding data and forecasting tools. She added that the Chair of the committee, with support from the Awards team, had held two university-wide town halls to address emerging questions and provide support, with a third session planned.

Dean Hagerman advised that further work remained, including additional guidance on offer letter language and development of new data products. She reported that governance structures were in place to support continued collaboration.

Senator Ben Britton commented that the motion related to Senate's responsibilities, including considerations related to admissions arising from offer letter language. He explained that the increase in the minimum funding amount represented a significant change in implementation and raised considerations regarding the distribution of supplemental and ongoing funding, enrolment impacts, and differences among student groups.

Senator Britton identified additional considerations related to master's students, including thesis-based master's programs, and noted that the implementation of the minimum funding policy involved matters related to employment arrangements, offer letter terms, and policy implementation that required broader consultation.

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Senator Britton discussed challenges associated with accessing current data to support forecasting and planning. He noted that existing data used for gap analysis was based on previous information and explained that updated information would assist programs and Faculties in assessing funding impacts, admissions considerations, and research funding implications.

Senator Britton proposed amendments to the motion. He suggested replacing references to Master of Science students with thesis-based master's students and recommended that Senate delegate authority to the Nominating Committee to develop terms of reference and propose membership for the proposed committee, including authority to appoint members, in order to support timely consultation during the summer recess.

MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO ADJOURN

Joanne Fox Jasper Lorien	*That the time to adjourn be extended by 15 minutes.*

Approved

The Clerk explained that Senator Britton had raised multiple procedural matters and inquired whether the reference to MSc students be amended to thesis-based master's students.

By general consent, the amendment to replace "MSc students" with "thesis-based master's students" was adopted.

The Clerk further explained the process and timing for establishing an ad hoc committee. He advised that, under the usual process, the Nominating Committee would report back at a subsequent Senate meeting with proposed terms of reference and membership. He explained that to delegate authority to the Nominating Committee to establish the committee, including its terms of reference and membership, would require a separate motion and a two-thirds majority vote.

The Clerk clarified that, if the delegation motion was approved, the matter would be resolved, and if it was not approved, other options, including referrals, could be considered. He advised that a motion would be required to refer the matter to a committee and delegate authority to establish the committee, including its terms of reference and membership.

Senator Menzies raised considerations regarding the implementation of previous minimum funding policies and their impact on graduate admissions and the balance between master's and doctoral enrolment. He commented that these broader implications required further consideration in the current funding model.

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Senator Menzies acknowledged the work of the existing committee within the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and recognized the efforts of its members. He commented that Senate had a role in providing oversight and considering the broader policy implications of the funding model.

Senator Steven Pelech discussed his experience with the Experimental Medicine graduate program and his previous support for establishing minimum stipends for master's and graduate students. He raised considerations regarding the impact of grant funding conditions, inflation, and differences in available resources among Faculties in supporting graduate students.

Senator Pelech also raised a question regarding the sustainability of the funding, noting his understanding that it was a one-time top-up and seeking clarification on how ongoing support would be maintained.

> The Provost clarified that the funding contribution was ongoing rather than a one-time contribution. He reported that the University was providing approximately $9 million in permanent funding to support graduate student funding costs.

The Provost commented that Senate had interests in the matter. He suggested that Senate consider referring the matter to existing standing committees rather than establishing an ad hoc committee.

Senator Jasper Lorien commented on the proposed delegation of authority to the Nominating Committee and raised considerations regarding the committee composition and the opportunity for Senate to discuss the matter directly. Senator Lorien noted that the Nominating Committee did not include graduate Student Senators and commented that committee composition was an important consideration for matters of this nature. Senator Lorien also noted the potential duplication of existing work and acknowledged the work of the Graduate Awards and Scholarships Committee.

MOTION TO REFER

Bryan Buraga Sarah Kamal	*That the motion on the Ad Hoc Committee on Graduate Student Funding Policy be referred to the Research and Scholarship Committee.*

The President inquired whether referring the motion to an existing committee, with instructions from Senate regarding implementation and reporting to Senate, would address the intended objectives.

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Senator Martin Hirst indicated that this approach would meet the objectives of the motion, provided that the committee provided oversight and reported its findings back to Senate.

The President asked Senator Wendy Norman whether she would be prepared to accept this responsibility as Chair of the Research and Scholarships Committee.

Senator Wendy Norman responded that the Research and Scholarships Committee would support the decision of Senate.

Dean Hagerman requested clarification regarding how the motion, if passed, would affect the ongoing work of the Graduate Awards and Scholarships Committee, noting that the committee included representation from all Faculties and graduate students and was actively engaged in its work.

The President responded that, in his view, the motion would not affect the Graduate Awards and Scholarships Committee's ongoing work. He encouraged the Research and Scholarships Committee to engage with the Graduate Awards and Scholarships Committee currently undertaking the work.

The Clerk sought clarification regarding the wording of the motion to refer, asking whether Senate would refer the motion to the Senate Research and Scholarship Committee and direct the committee to report back to Senate with its findings and recommendations by December 2026.

By general consent, the revision to the motion to refer, adding that the Senate Research and Scholarship Committee report back to Senate with its findings and recommendations by December 2026, was approved.

Senator Jenny Phelps inquired whether the Research and Scholarship Committee was expected to undertake the work related to quality assurance and policy implementation, or whether the Graduate Awards and Scholarships Committee would report to the Research and Scholarship Committee and would have reporting responsibility to Senate.

The President clarified that his understanding was that Senate wished to maintain oversight of the implementation process and that this oversight would be delegated to the Research and Scholarship Committee.

Senator Lorien suggested that the Research and Scholarship Committee could engage in substantive discussions with the Graduate Awards and Scholarships Committee, through joint meetings or a series of consultations, while maintaining the intended oversight role.

Senator Kin Lo inquired whether the motion was instead an amendment to substitute the ad hoc committee with the Research and Scholarship Committee.

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The Clerk clarified that the intent of the motion to refer was not to establish an ad hoc committee, but to assign the substantive responsibilities proposed for an ad hoc committee to the Research and Scholarship Committee and have the committee report back to Senate on the matter.

Senator Norman suggested that, if Senators agreed with the substantive intent of the motion under consideration, Senate could then consider the process for addressing the matter, including the option of delegating the work to the Research and Scholarship Committee. Senator Norman noted that Senate had not yet determined its position on the substantive issue before deciding which body would address the matter.

The Clerk indicated that the intent was for the Research and Scholarship Committee to review the implementation of the minimum stipend policy and advise Senate on an effective and equitable path forward to support graduate students. The Clerk noted that the Research and Scholarship Committee could determine how to address the further resolved elements, including consultation requirements and the principles to guide the review. The Clerk suggested that the simplest approach was to refer the resolved aspects of the motion and allow the Research and Scholarship Committee to determine how to address the further resolved elements.

MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO ADJOURN

Kin Lo Martin Hirst	*That the time to adjourn be extended by a further 15 minutes.*

Approved

Senator Charles Menzies moved the Previous Question.

By general consent, the motion to call the Previous Question was approved.

The Clerk read the amended wording of the motion to refer:

That Senate refer the motion to the Senate Research and Scholarship Committee;

That the Research and Scholarship Committee be directed to review the implementation of the Minimum Stipend Policy and to advise Senate on the most effective and equitable path forward to support graduate students; and

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That the Senate Research and Scholarship Committee be directed to report back to Senate with its findings and any recommendations by December 2026.

Motion to Refer
Approved

NOTICE OF MOTION

Senator Bryan Buraga gave notice for the following motion:

That the Vancouver Senate direct the Registrar to conduct non-binding referenda regarding whether faculty and librarians at the Vancouver campus are in favour of the motion regarding agreements and partnerships with certain institutions and states violating the prohibition on apartheid.

Adjournment

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

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Appendix A: Correspondence

To: Senate
From: Senate Agenda Committee
Re: Motion Referred to Senate Agenda Committee on 15 April 2026
Date: 8 May 2026

In response to the referral of Senator Fontana's motion at the 15 April 2026 meeting of Senate, the Senate Agenda Committee has met twice, including a joint meeting with the Provost's Working Group on Global Partnerships.

The Committee discussed the motion, the history of concerns raised at Senate regarding a number of global partnerships, the context that motivated the creation of the Working Group, and the discussions that have taken place in the Working Group over the past year.

The Agenda Committee has agreed on a plan and timeline to move forward as set out below. The Committee believes that this issue is best approached through a structured framework and principles, and that these principles will be best informed by the Working Group completing its work and making recommendations to the University.

The Agenda Committee acknowledges the high level of interest in UBC's affiliation agreements with Israeli universities and the importance of this matter being discussed in a timely manner. To that end, the Agenda Committee set out an expedited timeline and has received a commitment from the Provost that the Working Group will complete its work by the end of September 2026. This work will also include consultations with the Senate Admissions Committee (given their role in approving or recommending mobility and other affiliation agreements for UBC), the proponents of the motion, and other relevant or affected parties. The Committee also notes that no affiliation agreements with the specified universities are scheduled to be renewed during this time.

Following the report of the Working Group, the Agenda Committee will be prepared to return the substantive matter referred to the Senate in the fall for an informed discussion, taking into consideration work done over the summer months as well as relevant submissions and materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix B: Awards Report

NEW AWARDS – ENDOWED

Kenneth Bieber Memorial Award in Chemistry

Awards totalling $1,950 have been made available through an endowment established by Madhu Bieber, in memory of her husband Kenneth "Ken" Bieber (1950–2023), for graduate students studying chemistry who are engaged in summer research and do not hold other major awards (e.g. NSERC). Preference will be given to international students. Following his high school years as a cross-country runner, Ken earned a degree in Chemistry from the University of Waterloo, as well as degrees in Chemistry and Mathematics from UBC. He went on to build a long career as a chemist, working as a designer and head chemist for a variety of organizations across Canada and the United States. The awards are made on the recommendation of Department of Chemistry, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Jan Erik Christoffersen Scholarship in Geology

Scholarships totalling $1,750 have been made available through an endowment established by family, friends and colleagues, in memory of Jan Erik Christoffersen (1944–2025), for outstanding students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Geological Sciences or the Bachelor of Applied Sciences in Geological Engineering program. Preference will be given to students focusing on mining. Jan's (B.Sc., P.Eng, M.B.A. 1989) extensive career in exploration geology spanned more than 50 years and took him to 72 countries. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences. (First award available for 2026/2027 winter session).

Chaudhary Hans Raj Dayal Centennial Scholars Award

Renewable entrance awards totalling $10,000 have been made available through an endowment established by Bhupinder (B.A.Sc. 1990) and Ravinder Dayal (B.Com. 1991, B.Ed. 1993), in memory of Chaudhary Hans Raj Dayal (1905–1986), for outstanding domestic students entering undergraduate programs directly from secondary school or transferring from another post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to students entering the Bachelor of Commerce program or engineering students entering the Bachelor of Applied Science program. Recipients are academically qualified and would not be able to attend UBC without financial assistance. In addition to academic merit, consideration is given to qualities such as leadership skills, community service and recognized extra-curricular achievement. Subject to continued good academic standing, the awards will be renewed for a further three years of study or until the first undergraduate degree is obtained (whichever comes first). Ordinarily, each award will be valued at no less than $10,000. Through the establishment of this award, Bhupinder is proud to honour Hans Raj, his paternal grandfather and a central figure in his life, upholding his legacy of empowering others in achieving their full potential through education. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Centennial Scholars Entrance Award Committee. (First award available for the 2027/2028 winter session).

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Durgi Dayal Centennial Scholars Award
Renewable entrance awards totalling $5,000 have been made available through an endowment established by Bhupinder (B.A.Sc. 1990) and Ravinder Dayal (B.Com. 1991, B.Ed. 1993), in memory of Durgi Dayal (1926–1976), for outstanding domestic students entering undergraduate programs directly from secondary school or transferring from another post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to engineering students entering the Bachelor of Applied Science program. Recipients are academically qualified and would not be able to attend UBC without financial assistance. In addition to academic merit, consideration is given to qualities such as leadership skills, community service and recognized extra-curricular achievement. Subject to continued good academic standing, the awards will be renewed for a further three years of study or until the first undergraduate degree is obtained (whichever comes first). Ordinarily, each award will be valued at no less than $5,000. Bhupinder is proud to honour Durgi Dayal, his mother, who was born in a remote village in Punjab, India, in the 1920s. Although she never attended school due to limited access, Durgi inspired her children to pursue higher education. This award therefore honours her commitment to selfless service and helping others to succeed. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Centennial Scholars Entrance Award Committee. (First award available for the 2027/2028 winter session).

Amarjeet Kaur Sandhu Centennial Scholars Award
Renewable entrance awards totalling $5,000 have been made available through an endowment established by Ravinder (B.Com. 1991, B.Ed. 1993) and Bhupinder Dayal (B.A.Sc. 1990), in honour of Amarjeet Kaur Sandhu, for outstanding domestic students entering undergraduate programs directly from secondary school or transferring from another post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to students entering the Bachelor Commerce program. Recipients are academically qualified and would not be able to attend UBC without financial assistance. In addition to academic merit, consideration is given to qualities such as leadership skills, community service and recognized extra-curricular achievement. Subject to continued good academic standing, the awards will be renewed for a further three years of study or until the first undergraduate degree is obtained (whichever comes first). Ordinarily, each award will be valued at no less than $5,000. Ravinder is proud to honour her mother by establishing this award. In the early 1970s, Amarjeet Kaur Sandhu immigrated to Canada, making a commitment to build a better future for her young family. She believed in the power of education to create transformative opportunities for generations to come and believed that education was the one asset that could never be taken away, no matter the circumstance. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Centennial Scholars Entrance Award Committee. (First award available for the 2027/2028 winter session).

Faculty Women's Club Graduate Award in Community and Regional Planning
A $2,000 award has been made available through an endowment established by the Faculty Women's Club for an outstanding woman enrolled in a Master's or Ph.D. program in the School of Community and Regional Planning. Preference will be given to domestic students who demonstrate leadership and a commitment to sustainability and community engagement. The

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award is made on the recommendation of the School of Community and Regional Planning, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Robert and Maureen Hole Thunderbird Award
Awards totalling $8,750, which may range from a minimum value of $500 each to the maximum allowable under athletic association regulations, have been made available through an endowment established by Robert and Maureen Hole for varsity athletes who are enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce program. Preference will be given to members of the UBC Thunderbirds Men's Baseball team. Robert (B.Com. 1975) and Maureen (B.A. 1974, M.B.A. 1976) are dedicated members of the UBC community and are proud to support the athletic endeavors of commerce students. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics Awards Committee, in consultation with the UBC Sauder School of Business. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Matthew Jackson Memorial Entrance Award in Physical Therapy
Entrance awards totalling $1,750 have been made available through an endowment established by friends, family and colleagues, in memory of Matthew Jackson (1965–2023), for outstanding students entering of the Master of Physical Therapy program. Preference will be given to students in the Victoria cohort who demonstrate involvement in athletic clubs or activities. After emigrating from England with his family in 1968, Matthew (B.Sc. Kines., B.Sc. P.T. 1992) settled in Victoria, BC, where he spent his formative years. He completed numerous courses in orthopedics and manual therapy and worked at Cook and Pandora Physiotherapy before joining RebalanceMD when it opened in 2013. Matthew was a keen swimmer, cyclist, climber, hiker and surfer, and the family hope that the recipients of this award will share his love for the outdoors. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Physical Therapy, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Peter Mansbridge Travel Award in Journalism
Awards totalling $3,500 have been made available through an endowment established by Peter Mansbridge for outstanding students in the Master of Journalism program who are participating in an internship outside of BC. Mr. Mansbridge is a widely respected journalist who enjoyed a nearly 50-year career with CBC News, including more than three decades as Chief Correspondent and is an Officer of the Order of Canada. This award reflects Mr. Mansbridge's commitment to encouraging excellence in journalism by supporting students pursuing valuable professional opportunities outside the province and helping offset associated travel costs. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Journalism, Writing and Media, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

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Alfred and Constance Parminter Award in Indigenous Education
Awards totalling $1,750 have been made available through an endowment established by John Parminter (B.S.F. 1975, M.F. 1979), in memory of Alfred Vye Parminter (1916–1990) and Constance Parminter (1915–2011), for First Nations, Inuit, or Métis students of Canada in the Indigenous Teacher Education Program (NITEP) who demonstrate community service, volunteerism and/or leadership skills. Preference will be given to students pursuing a science teaching focus. Alfred (B.A. 1943, M.A. 1964) was a member of UBC's Faculty of Education's teaching staff from 1962 until his retirement in 1982. He received his Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1971; his thesis focused on education in Indigenous communities. While at UBC, he served on multiple committees addressing the challenges faced by Indigenous students in attaining their degrees. Constance (B.A. 1935, M.A. 1943) taught for 24 years, from kindergarten through university, taking a strong interest in her students' academic progress. John established this award to honour his parents' lifelong commitment to learning and their belief in the importance of post-secondary education. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Education's Indigenous Teacher Education Program. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Helen Ying Ping Shu Scholarship in Arts
A $3,000 scholarship has been made available through an endowment established by the estate of Helen Ying Ping Shu (1948–2024) for an outstanding student enrolled in a program in the Faculty of Arts. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Arts and, in the case of a graduate student, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Helen Ying Ping Shu Scholarship in Medicine
A $3,000 scholarship has been made available through an endowment established by the estate of Helen Ying Ping Shu (1948–2024) for an outstanding M.D. student. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Medicine. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Rajen S. Sidhu Memorial Award in Materials Engineering
Awards totalling $1,750 have been made available through an endowment established by Martha Dudek (B.A.Sc. 2004, Ph.D.), in memory of Rajen S. Sidhu (1979–2025), for Bachelor of Applied Science students specializing in Materials Engineering who have good academic standing. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated outstanding collegiality—demonstrating integrity, respect for others, and a commitment to fostering a supportive and collaborative engineering community. Rajen (B.A.Sc. 2003, Ph.D.) was a senior principal engineer who spent his career advancing semiconductor materials science at companies such as Intel Corporation and Advanced Micro Devices (AMD). His career was marked not only by technical excellence, but also by his generosity, humility, and collaborative spirit. Rajen was known for his calm presence, warm smile, and genuine willingness to help others, qualities that made him a trusted colleague, a friend and an inspiration to many. The awards are made on the

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recommendation of the Department of Materials Engineering. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

NEW AWARDS – ANNUAL

ANYLOAD Scholarship for Women in Engineering
A $2,500 scholarship has been made available annually through a gift from ANYLOAD Weigh & Measure Inc. for a woman in the Bachelor of Applied Science program studying engineering. Headquartered in Burnaby, BC, ANYLOAD Weigh & Measure Inc. is an integrated design and manufacturing company specializing in the development of load cells, scales, and weighing and force measurement solutions. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Applied Science. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Association of Women in Finance Award in Commerce
A $5,000 award has been made available annually through a gift from the Association of Women in Finance for an outstanding woman entering the Bachelor of Commerce program. Preference will be given to a student who demonstrates an interest in finance, community involvement and/or barriers to entering post-secondary education. Led by a group of professionals, the Association of Women in Finance is a non-profit organization devoted to supporting the advancement of women in finance. The award is made on the recommendation of the UBC Sauder School of Business. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Concert Properties Award in Commerce for Indigenous Students
Two awards of $5,000 each have been made available annually through a gift from Concert Properties for First Nations, Inuit, or Métis students of Canada who are enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce program. Financial need may be considered. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate involvement in their community. Concert Properties is a real estate company that aims to improve the lives of the people who live and work in their communities by building resilient, inclusive and sustainable communities across Canada. Concert is proud to establish this award to support the next generation of Indigenous students in commerce. The awards are made on the recommendation of the UBC Sauder School of Business. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Fiona Dalton Oxford Scholars Award
A $100,000 award has been made available annually through a gift from the Blenheim Foundation and augmented by donors, in honor of Fiona Dalton, for an outstanding domestic undergraduate student participating in a student study abroad program at St. Edmund Hall at the University of Oxford. Recipients must demonstrate academic excellence, intellectual promise and/or leadership abilities. Students on both the Vancouver and Okanagan campuses are eligible. The full cost of tuition and fees will be transferred to Oxford on behalf of the student. After graduating from Queen's College, Oxford University, Fiona (B.A., M.A., D.Sc.) had a distinguished career in the UK's National Health Service, before coming to Canada to lead BC's Providence Health Care. She is widely recognized for her forward-thinking, collaborative

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approach and her commitment to building strong, innovative organizations that leave a lasting legacy and improve the health and lives of patients, families, and caregivers across BC, Canada, and beyond. This award celebrates Fiona's dedication to leadership, international community and intellectual promise. The award is made on the recommendation of Go Global, in consultation with Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2027/2028 winter session).

Fasken Prize in Indigenous Law
Prizes totalling $3,000 have been made available annually through a gift from Fasken for J.D. students who have demonstrated academic excellence in the Indigenous Peoples and the Law course. Ordinarily, one prize of $750 will be awarded in each section of the course. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Peter A. Allard School of Law. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Holland Family Centennial Scholars Award in Commerce
Renewable entrance awards totalling $20,000 have been made available annually through a gift from the Holland family for outstanding domestic students entering the Bachelor of Commerce program directly from secondary school or transferring from another post-secondary institution. Recipients are academically qualified and would not be able to attend UBC without financial assistance. In addition to academic merit, consideration is given to qualities such as leadership skills, community service and recognized extra-curricular achievement. Subject to continued good academic standing, the awards will be renewed for a further three years of study or until the first undergraduate degree is obtained (whichever comes first). Ordinarily, each award will be valued at $5,000. The Holland family are proud to support the next generation of business people, ensuring individuals from all backgrounds have the means to succeed as they enter higher education. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Centennial Scholars Entrance Award Committee. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Honos Foundation Graduate Travel Award in Asian Studies
Awards totalling $5,000 have been made available annually through a gift from Honos Foundation, a donor-advised fund held at the Vancouver Foundation, for graduate students in the Department of Asian Studies who are conducting field research and/or travel for the presentation of papers at conferences relevant to the area of study. Established to foster academic inquiry and scholarly exchange in Asian studies, this award aligns with Honos Foundation's support of initiatives that promote scholarship and research with the objective of improving human capital. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Asian Studies, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available 2026/2027 winter session).

Dr. Rosalyn Ing and Dr. Greg Younging Memorial Award in Education
Awards totalling $2,000 have been made available annually through a gift from Dr. Alannah Young, in memory of her aunt, Dr. Rosalyn Ing (1938–2020) and her cousin, Dr. Greg Younging (1961–2019) for First Nations, Inuit, or Métis students of Canada, in the Bachelor of Education or the Indigenous Teacher Education Program (NITEP) program who demonstrate excellence in

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leadership and community engagement through a commitment to advancing Indigenous knowledge, self-determination and reconciliation through education. Dr. Ing (B.S.W. 1988, M.Ed. 1990, Ph.D. 2001) was a scholar and educator in UBC's Ts'kel Educational Studies program who supported Indigenous teachers and students in advancing Indigenous knowledge traditions. Dr. Younging (B.A., M.A., M.Pub., Ph.D. 2006) was a publisher and writer who advanced Indigenous editorial practices and Indigenous knowledge protocols across nations and was posthumously awarded the Association of Canadian Publishers' President's Award in 2019. Their work shaped national conversations on education, authorship, and Indigenous intellectual revitalization. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Education. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Integral Ecology Group Scholarship in Forestry
A $2,500 scholarship has been made available annually through a gift from Integral Ecology Group for a graduate student in the Faculty of Forestry & Environmental Stewardship whose studies or research focus on sustainable ecosystem management, stewardship, and/or restoration that supports diverse land users through disciplines such as: social science, ecology, and soil science. Research may also involve modelling, remote sensing, or other appropriate methods. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate engagement with Indigenous partners in Canada and/or a commitment to ethical, respectful, and inclusive approaches. Integral Ecology Group is a small employee-owned consulting company that provides expertise in practical applications of ecological and cultural research. The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Forestry & Environmental Stewardship, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

International Mother Language Day Award in Linguistics
Awards totalling $2,000 have been made available annually through a gift from Mother Language Lovers of the World Society for graduate students in the Department of Linguistics who have demonstrated an interest in mother languages and community involvement. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Linguistics in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Julie C. Jackson Memorial Award in Political Science
Awards totalling $2,000 have been made available annually through a gift from friends, family and the wider community, in memory of Julie C. Jackson, for undergraduate First Nations, Inuit or Métis students of Canada majoring in Political Science. Raised in Chilliwack, BC, Julie completed her undergraduate and graduate studies at UBC, including a scholarship that took her to Australia. Her career was dedicated to advancing the rights of Indigenous Peoples and reconciliation, and she was deeply engaged in politics and social justice. Julie lived and worked in various locations, including Victoria, Inuvik, Edmonton, Yellowknife, and Vancouver, while pursuing her professional and personal interests. This award recognizes Julie's contributions to political science and her commitment in advancing Indigenous rights and reconciliation. The

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awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Political Science. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

C.J. and David James Thunderbird Leadership Award
Two awards of $2,500 each have been made available annually through a gift from Chin Jan "C.J." and David James for women varsity athletes, in any year of study, who are pursuing a degree in any area of health sciences and demonstrate leadership. Preference will be given to outstanding students. C.J. (B.Com. 1994) had a distinguished career at KPMG Canada serving as a Partner and held various industry leadership roles at the firm. She holds both the FCPA and FCA designations from the Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia. C.J. and David are passionate about supporting student-athletes and hope this award will help ease the burden of tuition and living expenses, enabling recipients to balance rigorous training with their academic pursuits. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics Awards Committee. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Carol Kennedy Memorial Award in Physical Therapy
A $5,000 award has been made available annually through gifts from friends, family and colleagues, in memory of Carol Kennedy (1957–2023), for an outstanding second-year student enrolled in the Master of Physical Therapy program. Financial need may be considered. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate involvement with clubs and activities on campus, skills in manual therapy and/or high marks in private practice placements. Loving mother, wife, and friend, Carol (B.Sc., M.C.Sc. (P.T.)) was a nationally and internationally respected physiotherapist and among the first to attain the title of Clinical Specialist from the Canadian Physiotherapy Association. She contributed extensively to teaching, professional examinations, writing and clinical research in musculoskeletal physiotherapy, and was a sought-after speaker and mentor, including at international gatherings such as the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. Carol was a clinical associate professor at UBC from 1996 to 2023 and the lead instructor and developer of UBC's Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy. In 2022, Carol received the Enid Graham Memorial Lecture Award, the highest honour of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association. The award is made on the recommendation of the Department of Physical Therapy, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Rehan Ahmad Khan Memorial Bursary
Bursaries totalling $2,000 have been made available through a gift from Maliha Rehan (B.A. 2022) and Abdullah Rehan, in memory of their father Rehan Ahmad Khan (1966–2024), for undergraduate students enrolled in any program. Rehan completed his Bachelor of Commerce and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in Pakistan before immigrating to Canada, where he earned his CPA designation. One of his core values was the belief that education stays with a person for life and serves as the foundation for opportunity, independence, and dignity. This bursary has been established in honour of his legacy, with the hope of helping to reduce barriers to education and support academic pursuits. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

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Barbara MacDonald-Leroy Award in Early Childhood Education
Awards totalling $2,000 have been made available annually through a gift from Barbara MacDonald-Leroy (M.A. 2001) for graduate students studying early childhood education. Preference will be given to students whose gender identities are underrepresented in the field. Financial need may be considered. As one of twelve siblings, Barbara experienced firsthand the importance of financial assistance during her studies in the 1960s. Her teaching career in special education spanned Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. She established this award to encourage greater gender diversity in early childhood education. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Education, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Ethel L. Mulligan Graduate Scholarship in Creative Writing
Scholarships totalling $10,000 have been made available annually through a grant from the Gordon F. Mulligan Foundation held at Aqueduct Foundation for outstanding Master of Fine Arts students in the School of Creative Writing. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Creative Writing, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Adrian F. Mulligan Graduate Scholarship in Mathematics
Scholarships totalling $10,000 have been made available annually through a grant from the Gordon F. Mulligan Foundation held at Aqueduct Foundation for outstanding graduate students studying mathematics in the Faculty of Science. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Mathematics, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Oakwyn Realty WOO Award for Women in Commerce
Awards totalling $10,000 have been made available annually through a gift from Oakwyn Realty for women in the Bachelor of Commerce program who demonstrate an interest in real estate and leadership through community service, volunteerism and/or extra-curricular activities. Ordinarily, each award will be valued at $1,000. This award marks 10 years of Oakwyn Realty's Women of Oakwyn (WOO) program, which celebrates the impact that women have made throughout the organization. The awards are made on the recommendation of the UBC Sauder School of Business. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Pomerleau Award for Women in Civil Engineering
Awards totalling $9,000 have been made available annually through a gift from Pomerleau for outstanding women in the second year of the Bachelor of Applied Science program studying civil engineering who demonstrate leadership through community service, volunteerism or extra-curricular activities. Financial need may be considered. Ordinarily, each award will be valued at $3,000. Pomerleau is a construction company that specializes in the building, infrastructure, and civil engineering sectors, and is proud to support the next generation of women engineers. The

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awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Applied Science. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Dr. Bob Pritchard and Dr. Keith Hamel Award in Music Technology and New Media
Awards totalling $2,000 have been made available annually, in honour of Dr. Pritchard and Dr. Hamel, for outstanding students taking courses in the School of Music whose research or studies relate to music technology and new media. Professor emeritus Dr. Pritchard (B.Mus. 1978, M.Mus., D.M.A. 1992) taught music technology in acoustic, electroacoustic and interactive media as well as with film/video, dance and installation art at UBC. He was a research associate with the UBC Institute for Computing, Information and Cognitive Systems (ISICS), a member of the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies and former Director of the UBC digital performance ensemble Sonic UBC Laptop Sounds and Sensors. Dr. Hamel (B.Mus., A.M, Ph.D.) was a Professor of Composition and Music Technology in the UBC School of Music from 1987 to 2025. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Music and, in the case of a graduate student, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Dr. K. Stockton Award for Excellence in Healthcare Advocacy
Awards totalling $2,000 have been made available annually for M.D. students and residents who demonstrate outstanding advocacy on behalf of patients, populations, and/or communities. Recipients can only receive the award once and must have made contributions to improving health outcomes through patient-centred advocacy, policy development and/or collaboration with communities and organizations. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Medicine. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation Award for Indigenous Students
Awards totalling $50,000 have been made available annually through a gift from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation for First Nations, Inuit, or Métis students of Canada who are enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce program. Recipients must demonstrate financial need, evidence of co-curricular and community activities. Preference will be given to students who graduated from a high school in Metro Vancouver or the Greater Victoria area. Ordinarily, each award will be valued at $5,000. The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation aims to improve the quality of people's lives by providing them with the tools they need to succeed. The awards are made on the recommendation of the UBC Sauder School of Business. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

Lee Wright Thunderbird Award in Men's Field Hockey
Awards totalling $2,000, which may range from a minimum value of $500 each to the maximum allowable under athletic association regulations, have been made available annually through a gift from the Wright Family, in memory of Lee Wright (1944–2025), for members of the UBC Men's Field Hockey team, in any year of study, who demonstrate leadership, athletic excellence and commitment to their sport. Lee (B.P.E. 1966) was first inducted into the UBC Sports Hall of Fame in 2019 as an individual and again in 2021 as part of the 1965/66 Men's Field Hockey

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team. He played a pivotal role in revitalizing field hockey at UBC by spearheading the creation of Wright Field, helping build the men's program, leading alumni fundraising initiatives and creating international tournament opportunities for young players. A member of UBC's "First Family" of Olympic sport, Lee represented Canada at the 1964 and 1976 Olympic Games, leaving a lasting legacy as a player, coach, mentor and benefactor of UBC and Canadian field hockey. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletic Awards Committee. (First award available for the 2026/2027 winter session).

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AWARDS WITH CHANGES IN TERMS OR FUNDING SOURCE

Endowed Awards

3282 - BJ Twaites Prize

Rationale for Proposed Changes
Pathology 408 is no longer being offered so mention of this specific course has been removed. Additional changes have been made to bring the award into alignment with current day writing practices.

Current Award Description
A $700 prize has been established to honour Mr. B. J. (Bev) Twaites, who retired as Manager of the Department of Pathology in 1991 after serving the University for 35 years. The prize is awarded by the Faculty of Medicine to the student in the graduating class for the B.M.L.Sc. degree who obtains the highest standing in Research and Career Skills (Pathology 408).

Proposed Description
A $700 prize has been made available through an endowment established by the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, ~~to~~ in honour of ~~Mr~~ B. J. ~~(~~"Bev"~~)~~ Twaites~~, who retired as Manager of the Department of Pathology in 1991 after serving the University for 35 years. The prize is awarded by the Faculty of Medicine to the~~ for a student in the graduating class for the B.M.L.Sc. degree who obtains the highest standing in courses covering Research and Career Skills ~~(Pathology 408)~~. Mr. Twaites retired as Manager of the Department of Pathology in 1991 after serving the University for 35 years. The prize is made on the recommendation of the Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science Final Marks Committee.

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3289 - Donald M McLean Prize in Medical Microbiology

Rationale for Proposed Changes

Pathology 327 is no longer being offered so mention of this specific course has been removed. Additional changes have been made to bring the award into alignment with current day writing practices.

Current Award Description

A $700 prize has been endowed in honour of Dr. Donald M. McLean who retired from UBC in 1991. The prize is awarded to a graduating student in the Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science Program with a scholarship average and with the highest standing in PATH 327 (Medical Microbiology). The prize is made on the recommendation of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

Proposed Award Description

A $700 prize has been ~~endowed~~ made available through an endowment established by the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, in honour of Dr. Donald M. McLean, ~~who retired from UBC in 1991. The prize is awarded to~~ for a graduating student in the Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science Program with a scholarship average and with the highest standing in courses covering Medical Microbiology topics ~~PATH 327 (Medical Microbiology)~~. Dr. McLean retired from UBC in 1991. The prize is made on the recommendation of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

5675 - William J Godolphin Prize

Rationale for Proposed Changes

Mentions of specific courses have been removed from the award description and the adjudication sentence has been changed to reflect that the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine submits recommendations for the prize. Additional changes have been made to bring the award into alignment with current day writing practices.

Current Award Description

A prize of $300 is awarded to the graduating student in the BMLSc program who has demonstrated excellence in critical thinking. The award is made on the recommendation of the coordinators of BMLSc courses that emphasize critical thinking (Path 404, Path 405, Path 406 and Path 407). Recommendation is made by the Faculty of Medicine.

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Proposed Award Description

A prize of $300 ~~is awarded to the~~ has been made available through an endowment established by the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine for a graduating student in the BMLSc program who has demonstrated excellence in critical thinking. ~~The award is made on the recommendation of the coordinators of BMLSc courses that emphasize critical thinking (Path 404, Path 405, Path 406 and Path 407). Recommendation is made by the Faculty of Medicine.~~ The prize is made on the recommendation of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

1520 - Morrow Scholarship in Commerce

Rationale for Proposed Changes

To reflect that Commerce 292 has been replaced by Commerce 192. Additional changes have been made to bring the award into alignment with current day writing practices.

Current Award Description

In honour of Professor Ellis Henry Morrow, from 1938 to 1950, Head of the Department of Commerce, and in recognition of his service to the University and the community, a fund has been endowed by the generosity of Walter and Leon Koerner. A scholarship of $550 is given to the outstanding student enrolled in Commerce 292.

Proposed Award Description

~~In honour of Professor Ellis Henry Morrow, from 1938 to 1950, Head of the Department of Commerce, and in recognition of his service to the University and the community, a fund has been endowed by the generosity of~~ A $550 scholarship has been made available through an endowment established by Walter and Leon Koerner~~. A scholarship of $550 is given to the outstanding student enrolled in Commerce 292.~~, in honour of Professor Ellis Henry Morrow, for an outstanding student enrolled in an introductory course covering management and organizational behaviour. The award is made on the recommendation of the UBC Sauder School of Business.

5618 - Eugenie Phyllis and Philip Edward Reid Memorial Prize in Morphological Sciences

Rationale for Proposed Changes

Mentions of specific courses have been removed from the award description. Additional changes have been made to bring the award into alignment with current day writing practices.

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Current Award Description
A $1,750 prize has been endowed by Janet Reid in memory of her husband Professor Philip E. Reid, who served tirelessly as Coordinator of the B.M.L.Sc. program from 1980 to 1994, and in memory of his mother, Eugenie Phyllis Reid, who encouraged and supported his life-long love of science. The prize is awarded to the graduating student in the B.M.L.Sc. program with the highest overall academic standing in morphological sciences courses (Pathology 304, Pathology 305, Pathology 404). The award is made by nomination of the Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science Committee.

Proposed Award Description
A $1,750 prize has been ~~endowed~~ made available through an endowment established by Janet Reid, in memory of her husband Professor Philip E. Reid~~, who served tirelessly as Coordinator of the B.M.L.Sc. program from 1980 to 1994,~~ and ~~in memory of~~ his mother Eugenie Phyllis Reid~~, who encouraged and supported his life-long love of science. The prize is awarded to the,~~ for a graduating student in the B.M.L.Sc. program with the highest overall academic standing in morphological sciences courses. Professor Reid served tirelessly as Coordinator of the B.M.L.Sc. program from 1980 to 1994. Eugenie encouraged and supported his life-long love of science. The ~~award~~ prize is made ~~by nomination~~ on the recommendation of the Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science Final Marks Committee.

3757- Kam Li Ma Scholarship in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Rationale for Proposed Changes:
The donor has requested revisions to the award title, description, and criteria to better reflect their intent, ensure appropriate cultural representation, and improve clarity and adjudication. These updates also support a broader and more accessible candidate pool, including the flexibility to allow for multiple awards.

Current Award Title: Kam Li Ma Scholarship in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Current Award Description
A $9,750 scholarship has been endowed by the Ma family in honour of Mr. Kam Li Ma. It is awarded to a graduate student in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences who is interested in the study and research of the traditional use of herbal and animal medicines based on the traditions of a particular society . The award is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

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Proposed Award Title: ~~Kam Li Ma~~ Ma Kam Li and Ma Cheng Sau Hing Scholarship in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Proposed Award Description
~~A~~ Scholarships totalling $9,750 scholarship ~~has~~ have been made available through an endowment established ~~endowed~~ by the Ma family in honour of ~~Mr. Kam Li Ma.~~ Ma Kam Li and Ma Cheng Sau Hing ~~It is awarded to a~~ for graduate students in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences who ~~is~~ are interested in the study and research of ~~the traditional use of~~ herbal ~~and animal~~ medicines ~~based on the traditions of a particular society~~ . Preference will be given to students who focus on traditional uses based on the traditions of a particular society. The awards ~~is~~ are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

4425 - Rajan Family Award in Computer Science

Rationale for Proposed Changes
The donors would like women to be included in the criteria. Changes have also been made to bring the description into alignment with current practices and remove typos.

Current Description
Awards totalling $2,850 have been made available through an endowment established by the Shiraz Rajan Family, who came to Canada in 1973 from East Africa. Three of the Rajan children, Tazim, Amynmohamed and Salima, attended university in British Columbia in the 1980's and 1990's. In the family tradition, the Rajan Family wished to give back to The University of British Columbia in particular and the Canadian community in general. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Computer Science to outstanding full-time undergraduate students in the Computer Science Program who have demonstrated outstanding community service, with preference to female candidates.

Proposed Description
Awards totalling $2,850 have been made available through an endowment established by the Shiraz Rajan family~~, who came to Canada in 1973 from East Africa. Three of the Rajan children, Tazim, Amynmohamed and Salima, attended university in British Columbia in the 1980's and 1990's. In the family tradition, the Rajan Family wished to give back to The University of British Columbia in particular and the Canadian community in general. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Computer Science to~~ for outstanding full-time undergraduate ~~students~~ women enrolled in a ~~the~~ Computer Science program who have

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demonstrated outstanding community service~~, with preference to female candidates~~. The Shiraz Rajan family came to Canada in 1973 from East Africa. Three of the children - Tazim, Amynmohamed and Salima - attended university in British Columbia in the 1980s and 1990s. The family are proud to uphold its tradition of philanthropy by supporting UBC students. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Computer Science.

Annual Awards

4494 - Integral Ecology Group Scholarship in Soil Science

Rationale for Proposed Changes
Alongside an increase to their annual donation, the donor has requested changes to the criteria to better align with their intended areas of study and interests. The preference language has also been updated, and the donor has indicated a preference for the award to be granted to a single student.

Current Award Title: Integral Ecology Group Scholarship in Soil Science

Current Award Description
Scholarships totalling $2,000 have been made available annually through a gift from Integral Ecology Group for outstanding third or fourth year undergraduate students or graduate students in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems studying or researching land rehabilitation through the discipline of soil science. Preference will be given to students who are (1) First Nations, Inuit or Metis or (2) female. Integral Ecology Group is a company based in Duncan, British Columbia that provides expertise in practical applications of ecological and cultural research. The scholarships are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Land and Food Systems and, in the case of a graduate student, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Proposed Award Title: Integral Ecology Group Scholarship in ~~Soil Science~~ Ecological and Cultural Research

Proposed Award Description:
A $2,500 scholarship ~~Scholarships totalling $2,000 have~~ has been made available annually through a gift from Integral Ecology Group for an outstanding ~~third or fourth year undergraduate students or~~ graduate students ~~s~~ in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems studying ecosystem restoration, ecosystem management, ecosystem stewardship, or Indigenous food systems through

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a social science, ecology, soil science, remote sensing, modelling, or interdisciplinary approach. ~~or researching land rehabilitation through the discipline of soil science.~~ Preference will be given to students whose work bridges ecological science, Indigenous knowledge and/or a commitment to ethical, respectful, and inclusive approaches in ways that strengthen land stewardship, food systems, and community wellbeing work.~~who are (1) First Nations, Inuit or Metis or (2) female.~~ Integral Ecology Group is a small employee-owned consulting company ~~based in Duncan, British Columbia~~ that provides expertise in practical applications of ecological and cultural research. The ~~scholarships~~ award ~~are~~ is made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Land and Food Systems ~~and, in the case of a graduate student~~, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

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Appendix C: Curriculum Report

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE

New course
APPP_V 512 (3) AI, Agents and Data Analytics for Technical Management; **APPP_V 513 (1.5)** Techno-economic Analysis and Lifecycle Assessment; **APPP_V 514 (1.5)** Policy Landscapes for Technical Leaders; **APPP_V 515 (1.5)** Consultation, Engagement and Professional Communication; **APPP_V 516 (1.5)** Case Studies in Technical Leadership; **CHBE_V 431 (3)** Molecular Cloning Laboratory

New graduate certificates
Graduate Certificate in Marine Vessel Design; Graduate Certificate in Mechanical Engineering

Revised program
Master of Engineering Leadership

FACULTY OF ARTS

New courses
ASIX_V 440 (3) Decolonizing Methodologies for Asian Studies; **POLI_V 317 (3)** Queer Politics

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

New course
KIN_V 422 (3) Professional Practice in Kinesiology

FACULTY OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES

Pharmaceutical Sciences

New course
PHAR_V 598 (3-6) Graduate Practicum in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Science

New courses
EOSC_V 517 (3) Stable Isotopes in Earth, Ocean, and Environmental Sciences; **EOSC_V 519 (3)** Carbonate-rich Magmas and Their Mineral Deposits; **EOSC_V 580 (3)** Physical Climate Modelling; **PHYS_V 515 (3)** Modern Biophysics

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FACULTY OF MEDICINE

New courses
BMEG_V 427 (3) ImmunoEngineering**; BMEG_V 428 (3)** Wearable Technology in Clinical Care**; BMEG_V 429 (3)** Experimental Microfluidics for Bioanalytical Applications

New non-credit program microcertificates
Non-credit Program Microcertificate in Healthy Aging; Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Technician Training Program – Non-Credit Program Microcertificate

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

New courses
AI_V 240 (4) Introduction to Machine Learning; **AI_V 322 (3)** Foundations of Artificial Intelligence; **AI_V 360 (3)** Deep Learning; **CPSC_V 337 (3)** Introduction to Computer Security; **CPSC_V 423 (3)** Natural Language Processing; **FSCT_V 204 (3)** Bioethics; **FSCT_V 313 (3)** Crime and Incident Scene Investigation; **SCIE_V 466 (6)** New Venture Design; **STAT_V 303** (3) Introduction to Probabilistic Modelling and Simulation; **STAT_V 416 (3)** Advanced Linear Modelling

Revised programs
Bachelor of Computer Science > Option in Artificial Intelligence; Bachelor of Science > Honours in Computer Science > Option in Artificial Intelligence; Bachelor of Science > Major in Computer Science > Option in Artificial Intelligence

UBC EXTENDED LEARNING

New non-credit program microcertificate
Step Into Quantum: Non-Credit Program Microcertificate

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Appendix D: Emeritus Report

First Name	Last Name	Faculty	Emeritus Title	Retirement Date
Steven	Cockcroft	Applied Science	Professor Emeritus of Materials Engineering	8/31/2025
Bernard Mark	Garrett	Applied Science	Associate Professor Emeritus of Nursing	12/31/2025
Gary S.	Schajer	Applied Science	Professor Emeritus of Materials Engineering	12/31/2025
Tatiana	Teslenko	Applied Science	Professor of Teaching Emeritus of Materials Engineering	12/31/2025
Leslie	Robertson	Arts	Professor Emeritus of Anthropology	12/31/2025
Stephen	Heatley	Arts	Professor Emeritus of Theatre and Film	12/31/2025
Keith	Maillard	Arts	Professor Emeritus of Creative Writing	6/30/2025
Michael	Peters	Arts	Professor Emeritus of Economics	1/15/2026
Nancy	Perry	Education	Professor Emeritus of Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education	12/31/2025
Gerald	Fallon	Education	Associate Professor Emeritus of Educational Studies	12/31/2025
Tim	Kieffer	Medicine	Professor Emeritus of Cellular and Physiological Sciences	2026-04-01
David V.	Kason	Medicine	Clinical Professor Emeritus of Medicine	2025-04-30
Stefan	Grzybowski	Medicine	Professor Emeritus of Medicine	2025-08-31
Louis	Lefebvre	Medicine	Associate Professor Emeritus of Medical Genetics	2025-12-31
John A.	Fleetham	Medicine	Professor Emeritus of Medicine	2025-12-31
Rose	Hatala	Medicine	Professor Emeritus of Medicine	2025-12-31
Graydon S.	Meneilly	Medicine	Professor Emeritus of Medicine	2025-12-31
Francine	Tessier	Medicine	Clinical Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynaecology	2025-07-08
Donna	Drynan	Medicine	Professor of Teaching Emeritus of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy	2025-12-31
Christine M.	Alvarez	Medicine	Clinical Professor Emeritus of Orthopaedics	2025-06-27
Elizabeth Ann	Bryce	Medicine	Clinical Professor Emeritus of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine	2025-12-31
Mel	Krajden	Medicine	Professor Emeritus of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine	2026-03-31
Gerald	Krystal	Medicine	Professor Emeritus of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine	2026-03-31
Peter	Watson	Medicine	Professor Emeritus of Pathology and	2026-03-31

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Hamilton			Laboratory Medicine	
Paul	Dagg	Medicine	Clinical Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry	2025-11-30
John A.	Higenbottam	Medicine	Clinical Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry	2025-09-30
Ric Michael	Procyshyn	Medicine	Clinical Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry	2025-08-31
Rene	Weideman	Medicine	Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry	2025-08-31
Charles	Zwirewich	Medicine	Clinical Professor Emeritus of Radiology	2025-12-31
Mark	Hill	Medicine	Clinical Professor Emeritus of Surgery	2025-07-31
David	Taylor	Medicine	Associate Professor Emeritus of Surgery	2025-12-31
Patricia	Janssen	Medicine	Professor Emeritus of Population and Public Health	2025-11-30
Martin T.	Schechter	Medicine	Professor Emeritus of Population and Public Health	2025-06-30
Michael	Gold	Science	Professor Emeritus of Microbiology and Immunology	12/31/2025
Paul	Hickson	Science	Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy	6/30/2025
Linda	Matsuuchi	Science	Professor Emeritus of Zoology	12/31/2025
Rudolf**	Traichel	Library	Librarian Emeritus	

**Emeritus status, granted in Dec. 2022, to be put on hold until Dec. 2027