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Introduction

The creation of a university in British Columbia was first advocated in 1877. In 1890, an act of the provincial legislature established "The University of British Columbia," but the venture failed for lack of a quorum at the first meeting of the Senate. In 1908, the earlier act was repealed and a new act was established, incorporating the University. The University operated under this act and its amendments as the sole public university in the province until 1963, at which time a new Universities Act was passed by the legislature, making provision for sister institutions.

The University opened its Vancouver campus in the autumn of 1915 in temporary quarters on part of the site of the General Hospital in Fairview. At the beginning of the 1925/26 Session, the University commenced work on its permanent Vancouver campus at Point Grey.

The University opened its Okanagan campus on April 1, 2005, on the North Kelowna site of the former Okanagan University College. The first UBC Okanagan campus students began their studies in September 2005.

University Act

The Universities Act was rewritten in 1974 and has since been further revised. The University currently operates under the authority of the British Columbia University Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 468.

The full and unedited text of the University Act (http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/freeside/00_96468_01) is available at BC Laws (http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/U/96468_01.htm).

Changes to the University Act introduced by the University Amendment Act (S.B.C. 2004, c. 74) led to the establishment of UBC's Okanagan campus in Kelowna on April 1, 2005.

Coat of Arms

The following description of the University of British Columbia's institutional Coat of Arms is from the Grant of Arms issued by the College of Arms on September 23, 1915:

"Argent three bars wavy Azure issuant from the base a demi-sun in splendour proper, on a chief of the second an open book proper edged, strap and buckled Or inscribed with the words TUUM EST Sable."

Honorary Degrees

The degrees of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa), Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa), and Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) - LL.D., D.Sc., and D.Litt., respectively - are the honorary degrees conferred from time to time by the Senates of the University upon persons who have achieved distinction in scholarship or public service.

UBC Vision and Initiatives

Introduction
The University of British Columbia provides its students, faculty, staff, and alumni with the best possible resources and conditions in which to learn, discover, and contribute, each in his or her own way. UBC creates a fulfilling environment in which to work and live that is reflective of the values of excellence, equity, and mutual respect. In cooperation with government, business, and industry as well as with Aboriginal people, other educational institutions, and the greater community, UBC creates an exceptional learning environment that fosters global citizenship, advances a civil and sustainable society, and supports outstanding research to serve the people of British Columbia, Canada, and the world.

Graduates of UBC will have strong analytical, problem-solving, and critical thinking abilities; excellent research and communication skills; greater intercultural understanding and awareness; and an aptitude for flexibility and innovation. They will value diversity, work with and for their communities, and be agents for positive change. Acknowledging their obligations as global citizens, they will strive to secure a sustainable and equitable future for all.

Shaping UBC’s Next Century

For over a hundred years, UBC's motto, Tuum Est (It is Yours), has been a declaration of our commitment to attracting and supporting those who have the drive to shape a better world. The founders of UBC understood the university's potential as a place of engagement; a place where relevant, innovative and impactful research would be conducted; a place where pressing societal issues would be examined, deliberated and resolved; and a place where critical thinking would always be welcomed and informed citizens shaped.

Now, as UBC embarks on its next century as a leading public university, we continue to reflect on this ongoing commitment to excellence in the academic mission and to citizenship. Shaping UBC's Next Century is our road map, articulating the University's core commitments in research excellence, learning and community engagement. Underpinning these commitments are our people, who not only form the cornerstone of UBC, but who also endow our university with its special qualities and define how our work is accomplished.

Shaping UBC’s Next Century will guide our decisions, actions and interactions into the future. Our new plan focuses on three themes that we believe are critical to society today: inclusion, collaboration and innovation. It also outlines the goals and actions designed to realize the University's vision for the future: “Inspiring people, ideas and actions for a better world.” This is our moment to harness the energies and strengths of an extraordinary institution to contribute to sustainable and positive change, both locally and globally. Visit UBC's Strategic Plan website (http://strategicplan.ubc.ca) to learn more.

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Board of Governors
Board of Governors > Composition of the Board

Please see the Board of Governors (http://www.bog.ubc.ca) (the Board) for full information, including current membership.

The following text is based on section 19 (2) of the University Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 468 (the University Act):

Section 19 (2)

(2) The Board of the University of British Columbia is composed of 21 members, as follows:

(a) the chancellor;
(b) the president;
(c) a faculty member who works through a part specified under section 3.1 [of the University Act], elected by the faculty members who work through the part;
(d) two faculty members who work through a part not specified under section 3.1, elected by the faculty members who work through the part;
(e) 11 persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, two of whom are to be appointed from among persons nominated by the alumni association;
(f) a student who studies through a part specified under section 3.1, elected from the students who (i) are members of an undergraduate student society or a graduate student society, and (ii) study through any part specified under section 3.1;
(g) two students who study through a part not specified under section 3.1, elected from the students who (i) are members of an undergraduate student society or a graduate student society, and (ii) study through any part not specified under section 3.1;
(h) one person who must work through a part specified under section 3.1, elected by and from the employees of the university who (i) are not faculty members, and (ii) work through any part specified under section 3.1;
(i) one person who must work through a part not specified under section 3.1, elected by and from the employees of the university who (i) are not faculty members, and (ii) work through any part not specified under section 3.1.

The full and unedited text of the University Act is available at BC Laws (http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/U/96468_01.htm).

Board of Governors > Term of Office

The following text is based on section 20 of the University Act:

Section 20

(1) Each member of the Board elected under section 19 (1) (c) and (f) and (2) (c), (d), (h), and (i) holds office for three years and after that until a successor is elected.

(1.1) Each member of the Board appointed under section 19 (1) (d) and (2) (e) holds office for a term of up to three years and after that until a successor is appointed.

(2) Each member of the Board elected under section 19 (1) (e) or (2) (f) or (g) holds office for one year and after that until a successor is elected.
(3) The chancellor and president are members of the Board for so long as they hold their respective offices.

The full and unedited text of the *University Act* is available at BC Laws (http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/U/96468_01.htm).

**Okanagan Senate**

**Okanagan Senate > Composition of the Senate**

Please see the Okanagan Senate (http://senate.ubc.ca/okanagan) (the Senate) for full information, including meeting schedules and current membership.

The following text is based on section 35.1 of the *University Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 468 (the *University Act*):

**Section 35.1**

(3) The Okanagan Senate is composed of the following:

(a) the chancellor;

(b) the president, who is the Senate's chair;

(c) the academic vice-president who must work through a part specified under section 3.1 [of the *University Act*] or equivalent;

(d) the deans of faculties who must work through a part specified under section 3.1;

(e) the chief librarian or a person designated for the purpose by the chief librarian;

(f) the director of continuing education or a person designated for the purpose by the director;

(g) a number of faculty members equal to twice the number of Senate members provided in paragraphs (a) to (f), to consist of two members of each faculty elected by the members of that faculty, and the remainder elected by the faculty members in the manner that they, in joint meeting, determine, but only faculty members employed through parts specified under section 3.1 can vote or be elected;

(h) a number of students, equal to the number of Senate members provided in paragraphs (a) to (f), elected from the students who are members of an undergraduate student society or a graduate student society, in a manner that ensures that at least one student from each faculty is elected, but only students studying through parts specified under section 3.1 can vote or be elected;

(i) two persons who are not faculty members, elected by and from the convocation;

(j) additional members, determined by the Senate, without altering the ratio set out in paragraphs (g) and (h).

Pursuant to Section 35.1(3)(j) above, the Okanagan Senate has added the following UBC Okanagan representatives: the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies; the Provost; four representatives of the joint faculties; and two student representatives at-large.

The full and unedited text of the *University Act* is available at BC Laws (http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/U/96468_01.htm).

**Okanagan Senate > Term of Office**
The following text is based on section 36 of the *University Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 468 (the *University Act*):

Section 36

(1) The term of office of a member of the Senate, other than one elected under section 35 (2) (h) or (3) (h) or 35.2 (2) (h) or appointed under section 35.2 (2) (k), is three years and after that until a successor is appointed or elected.

(2) The term of office of a member of the Senate elected under section 35 (2) (h), 35.1 (2) (h) or (3) (h) or 35.2 (2) (h) or appointed under section 35.2 (2) (k) is one year and after that until a successor is elected.

(3) Members of a Senate who remain eligible under section 35, 35.1 or 35.2 may be reappointed or re-elected in the manner provided under section 35, 35.1 or 35.2 for further terms.

(4) If a vacancy arises on the Senate, the vacancy must be filled, (a) in the case of an appointed member, by the body possessing the power of appointment, or (b) in the case of an elected member, in the manner specified by the Senate.

(5) A person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy holds office for the remainder of the term for which the person's predecessor was appointed or elected.

(6) The secretary of the Senate must enter a declaration of the vacancy in the minutes of the Senate.

(7) A declaration under subsection (6) is conclusive evidence of the vacancy.

The full and unedited text of the *University Act* is available at BC Laws ([http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/U/96468_01.htm](http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/U/96468_01.htm)).

**Vancouver Senate**

**Vancouver Senate > Composition of the Senate**

Please see the Vancouver Senate ([http://senate.ubc.ca/vancouver](http://senate.ubc.ca/vancouver)) (the Senate) for full information, including meeting schedules and current membership.

The following text is based on section 35.1 of the *University Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 468 (the *University Act*):

Section 35.1

(2) The Vancouver Senate is composed of the following:

(a) the chancellor;

(b) the president, who is the Senate's chair;

(c) the academic vice-president who must work through a part not specified under section 3.1 [of the *University Act*] or equivalent;

(d) the deans of faculties who must work through a part not specified under section 3.1;

(e) the chief librarian or a person designated for the purpose by the chief librarian;

(f) the director of continuing education or a person designated for the purpose by the director;
(g) a number of faculty members equal to twice the number of Senate members provided in paragraphs (a) to (f), to consist of two members of each faculty elected by the members of that faculty, and the remainder elected by the faculty members in the manner that they, in joint meeting, determine, but only faculty members employed through parts not specified under section 3.1 can vote or be elected;

(h) a number of students, equal to the number of Senate members provided in paragraphs (a) to (f), elected from the students who are members of an undergraduate student society or a graduate student society, in a manner that ensures that at least one student from each faculty is elected, but only students studying through parts not specified under section 3.1 can vote or be elected;

(i) four persons who are not faculty members, elected by and from the convocation;

(j) one member to be elected by the governing body of each affiliated college of the university;

(k) additional members, determined by the Senate, without altering the ratio set out in paragraphs (g) and (h).

The full and unedited text of the University Act is available at BC Laws (http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/U/96468_01.htm).

Vancouver Senate > Term of Office

The following text is based on section 36 of the University Act:

Section 36

(1) The term of office of a member of the Senate, other than one elected under section 35.1 (2) (h) or (3) (h), is three years and after that until a successor is appointed or elected.

(2) The term of office of a member of the Senate elected under section 35.1 (2) (h) or (3) (h) is one year and after that until a successor is elected.

(3) Members of a Senate who remain eligible under section 35.1 may be reappointed or re-elected in the manner provided under section 35.1 for further terms.

(4) If a vacancy arises on the Senate, the vacancy must be filled,

(a) in the case of an appointed member, by the body possessing the power of appointment, or (b) in the case of an elected member, in the manner specified by the Senate.

(5) A person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy holds office for the remainder of the term for which the person's predecessor was appointed or elected.

(6) The secretary of the Senate must enter a declaration of the vacancy in the minutes of the Senate.

(7) A declaration under subsection (6) is conclusive evidence of the vacancy.

The full and unedited text of the University Act is available at BC Laws (http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/U/96468_01.htm).

Council of Senates

Composition and Term of the Council
Please see the Council of Senates (http://senate.ubc.ca/council/) for full information, including meeting schedules and current membership.

The following text is based on section 38.1 of the University Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 468 (the University Act):

Section 38.1

(1) A Council of Senates of the University of British Columbia is established for the University of British Columbia and is composed of the following:

(a) the chancellor;

(b) the president, who is the chair;

(c) the academic vice-president or equivalent, for the parts specified under section 3.1 [of the University Act];

(d) the academic vice-president or equivalent, for the parts of the university not specified under section 3.1;

(e) four persons who are not referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d), elected by the Vancouver Senate from among its members;

(f) four persons who are not referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d), elected by the Okanagan Senate from among its members;

(g) one or two persons designated by the president and, if two are designated, one must be designated for the Okanagan Senate and one must be designated for the Vancouver Senate;

(h) up to ten chairs of the standing committees of the Vancouver Senate elected by the persons referred to in paragraphs (a) to (g);

(i) up to ten chairs of the standing committees of the Okanagan Senate elected by the persons referred to in paragraph (a) to (g).

(2) The vice-chair of the Council of Senates is the member of the council specified by the president and serves as chair in the absence of the president.

(3) The term of office on the Council of Senates of an person referred to in subsection (1) (e) or (f) is three years from the date of their election and they may continue in office after that date until another person is elected to the position.

(4) The fact that persons referred to in subsection (1) (e) or (f) cease to be members of the Vancouver Senate or the Okanagan Senate does not disqualify them from completing their term of office on the Council of Senates of the University of British Columbia.

The full and unedited text of the University Act is available at BC Laws (http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/U/96468_01.htm).

Administrative Officers

Note: Vice-Presidents and Associate Vice-Presidents are listed by campus location, although some have responsibility for both the UBC Okanagan and UBC Vancouver campuses.

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