Date: April 19, 2017
To: The Secretary of Senate
From: Dr. Nancy Wright, Chair, Senate Committee on Planning
Re: Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Planning for 2016-17

The terms of reference of the Senate Committee on Planning are as follows:

The Committee shall:

1. study and submit recommendations to Senate concerning proposals for the creation or dis-establishment of programs, faculties, schools, departments, centres and institutes, and major modifications of existing programs;
2. assist and advise Senate, after due consultation with the faculties, in the formation of appropriate academic policy; and
3. advise Senate and the President on academic issues, as required.

The voting members of the Senate Committee on Planning for 2016-17 were:

Dr. S. Nam
Dr. G. McDonough
Dr. J. Colby
Dr. V. Wyatt
Dr. A. Roudsari
Dr. R. St. Clair
Dr. S. Dosso
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Department of History
Department of History in Art
Department of Health Information Science
Deans' Representative
School of Earth and Ocean Sciences
Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering
Faculty of Law
Department of Biochemistry & Microbiology
Department of Anthropology
Medical Sciences
Department of Continuing Studies
Undergraduate Representative and Student Senator
Graduate Student Representative

Ex officio members include me, as Chair, and the following additional members:

Dr. N. Wright
Dr. V. Kuehne
Dr. D. Castle
Dr. M. Engineer
Ms. N. Greengoe
Ms. C. Andersen
Ms. A. Giles

Associate Vic-President Academic Planning, Chair
Vice-President Academic and Provost
Vice-President Research
Department of Economics
Registrar
Associate University Secretary
Director, Operations, Co-op. Education & Career Services

The 2016-17 Report covers the activities of the Committee in the period from its meeting September 8, 2016, through its meeting on April 11, 2017. During this period, the Committee held six meetings.
ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY SENATE:

1. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Nationhood, as described in the document “Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Nationhood (IN)”, dated July 5, 2016, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on October 7, 2016]

2. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Master of Arts in Germanic and Slavic Studies - Holocaust Studies Stream, as described in the document “Proposal for M.A. in Germanic and Slavic Studies - Holocaust Studies Stream”, dated June 30, 2016, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on October 7, 2016]

3. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Master of Arts Stream in Public History, as described in the document “Proposal for M.A. Stream in Public History”, dated May 1, 2016, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on October 7, 2016]

4. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Advanced Materials and Related Technology (CAMTEC) for the five-year period 1 October 2016 through 30 June 2021. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the external review report relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-President Research.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on October 7, 2016]

5. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate extend the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Youth and Society until June 30, 2017.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on November 4, 2016]

6. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve the disestablishment of the Centre for Cooperative and Community Based Economy (CCCBe) effective immediately.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on November 4, 2016]

7. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Addictions Research BC (CARBC) for the five-year period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the external report relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-President Research.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 2, 2016]
8. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve the change in name of the "Non-Bachelor of Social Work Entry Master of Social Work Program" to the "Master of Social Work Foundation Program".

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 2, 2016]

9. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Graduate Certificate in Health Terminology Standards, as described in the document "Graduate Certificate in Health Terminology Standards Program Proposal", dated October 25, 2016, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 2, 2016]

10. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the request for discontinuation of the Minor in the Economics Policy, as described in the document "Cancellation of the Minor in Economic Policy", dated October 25, 2016.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on February 3, 2017]

11. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a New Option in the Existing Degree Program in Computer/Electrical Engineering (Quantum Physics Option), as described in the document "Proposal for a New Option within an Existing Undergraduate Program", and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on February 3, 2017]

12. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Minor in Creative Writing, as described in the document "Proposal to Establish a Minor in Creative Writing", dated December 7, 2016, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on February 3, 2017]

13. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the reinstatement of the PhD degree program in Theatre History, as described in the document "Proposal for Re-regularizing the PhD Degree Program in Theatre History", dated September 19, 2016, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on February 3, 2017]

14. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal for the discontinuation of two Graduate Professional Certificates, (1) Library Sector Leadership and (2) Cultural Sector Leadership, as described in the document "Proposal to Delete from the Calendar Two Graduate Professional Certificates", dated December 12, 2016.
15. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of an Interdisciplinary Minor in Global Development Studies, as described in the document “Proposed Interdisciplinary Minor in Global Development Studies (GDS)”, dated December 14, 2016, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

16. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Minor in Museum Studies, as described in the document “Proposal for General and Minor in Museum Studies”, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

17. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Minor in Theatre, as described in the document “Proposal for a Minor in Theatre”, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

18. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Bachelor of Science with an Anthropology Major, as described in the document “Proposal for a Bachelor of Science with Anthropology Major”, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

19. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding and approval by the Ministry of Advanced Education, the establishment of joint degrees: Juris Doctor and Juris Indigenarum Doctor, as described in the document “Proposed Joint Degrees: Juris Doctor and Juris Indigenarum Doctor”, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

20. That the Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of the Department of Indigenous Education within the Faculty of Education, as described in the document “Department of Indigenous Education”.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 3, 2017]

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on April 7, 2017]
ACTION ITEMS THAT ARE PENDING REVIEW BY SENATE in 2016-2017:

1. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Youth and Society (CFYS) for the period 1 July 2017 through 30 June 2022. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the external review report relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-President Research.

2. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the request for Discontinuation of the Registered Nurse to Master of Nursing Program, as described in the document “Proposal for Discontinuation of the Registered Nurse to Master of Nursing program”.

ACTION ITEMS THAT ARE PENDING REVIEW BY SENATE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING 2016-2017:

There are no pending items for review by Senate Committee on Planning 2016-2017.

PROGRAM PROPOSALS FORWARDED TO MINISTRY’S POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION PROPOSAL SYSTEM (PSIPS) FOR 30-DAY PEER REVIEW:

There are no pending proposals with the Ministry’s Post-Secondary Institution Proposal System (PSIPS).

FULL PROGRAM PROPOSALS STATUS REPORT:

1. On May 30, 2016 the Master of Applied Science in Civil Engineering degree proposal was submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education for approval. After review by the Degree Quality Assessment Board, the proposal was approved on February 6, 2017.

2. On May 30, 2016 the Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering degree proposal was submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education for approval. After review by the Degree Quality Assessment Board, the proposal was approved on February 6, 2017.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Senate Committee on Planning reviewed a proposal to discontinue the Graduate Professional Diploma in Cultural Heritage Management. After a brief discussion, it was noted that the Graduate Professional Diploma in Cultural Heritage Management program was not offered in the five-year period. It was therefore determined that approval is automatically withdrawn and a motion to discontinue the program is unnecessary.

2. The Senate Committee on Planning reviewed the University of Victoria/BCIT Graduate Pathway proposal. It was determined that his proposal was brought to the committee in error and was subsequently forwarded to the Senate Committee on Admissions, Re-registration and Transfers for consideration.

3. The Sub-committee on Inter-institutional Agreements was established and met in spring 2017. Its work will continue into the 2017-18 academic year.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their careful deliberations and hard work over the last year.

Dr. Nancy Wright
Chair, Senate Committee on Planning