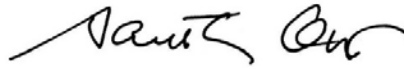


<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACADEMIC PRESENTATION - ACADEMIC FREEDOM</b>
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 21, 2017</b>

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Santa J. Ono, President and Vice-Chancellor

<b>DECISION REQUESTED</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Report Date</b>	August 24, 2017

**Presented By** Andrew Szeri, Provost and Vice-President Academic  
 Deborah Buszard, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Okanagan  
 Cynthia Mathieson, Provost and Vice-Principal Academic  
 Neil Guppy, Senior Advisor to the Provosts on Academic Freedom

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At their best, university campuses are places where rigorous and responsible debate and discussion about contentious, charged issues can safely occur. In recent years there has been growing strife related to this aspect of UBC’s mission, with calls for the dismissal of faculty, of barring specific speakers from campuses, of censoring the views of students, staff, and faculty, and of obstructing or constraining the rights of people to speak and act freely, openly, and forcefully.

Briefly, this session focuses upon academic freedom, what it means, how it differs from freedom of expression, and how it both enables and constrains campus speech and activity.

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- ✓ Learning
  - ✓ Research
  - ✓ Innovation
  - ✓ Engagement  
(Internal / External)
  - ✓ International
- or  Operational