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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on  
Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

## Open Session

**Present:** Andrew Petter, Chair

Andersen, Holly  
Baharmand, Iman  
Bird, Gwen  
Burley, David  
Chen, Larissa  
Chisty, Mohammad  
Christians, Julian  
Christie, Claire  
Cupples, Claire  
Derksen, Jeff  
Forde, Nancy  
Gajdics, Sylvia  
Gray, Bonnie  
Kelipio, Kau'i  
Kropinski, Mary-Catherine  
Laitsch, Dan  
Leacock, Tracey  
Leung, Jeffrey  
Leznoff, Daniel  
Lord Ferguson, Sarah  
MacAlister, David  
Magnusson, Kris  
Memon, Abdul Ahad  
Nepomnaschy, Pablo  
Parent, Michael  
Parkhouse, Wade  
Percival, Colin  
Percival, Paul  
Pulkingham, Jane  
Singh, Amar  
Smith, Judy  
Somers, Julian  
Tingling, Peter  
Wang, Christine  
Wiese, Kay  
Zanette, Amanda

**Absent:**

Bains, Raman  
Bartram, Lyn  
Brennand, Tracy  
Bubela, Tania  
Budd, Thomas  
Chapman, Glenn  
Dastmalchian, Ali  
Fiume, Eugene  
Garcha, Raajan  
Giardini, Anne  
Hedley, Nick  
Johnson, Joy  
Keller, Peter  
Khehra, Alam  
Luelfesmann, Christoph  
Mac Namara, Aoife  
Moens, Alexander  
Mongrain, Steeve  
Ng, Dorothy  
O'Neill, Susan  
Peters, Joseph  
Poitras, Geoffrey  
Randhawa, Jaskarn  
Ruben, Peter  
Scott, Jamie  
Shaw, Chris  
Stefanovic, Ingrid  
Williams, Tony

**In Attendance:**

Andresen, Martin  
Campbell, Lara  
Gajdamaschki, Natalia  
Spear, Jennifer  
Tiffany, Evan

Rummana Khan Hemani, Registrar  
Steven Noel, Recording Secretary

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session on November 2, 2017**

The minutes of the open session on November 6, 2017 were approved as distributed, with two corrections.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- i) At the November Senate meeting Senator Leznoff asked about the removal of mylar rolls from classrooms. Senator Parkhouse informed Senate that the decision to remove mylar rolls was made in April, with the decision being communicated to the faculties in May notifying that the removal would take effect in September. It was noted that the decision was based on mylar being an obsolete product that is both unreliable and difficult to source. Faculty were asked to use acetate as an option going forward, however faculty unable to tolerate not having mylar rolls would be provided with the rolls until supplies run out.
- ii) Referencing a question asked at the November Senate meeting about the structure and academic oversight of the Philosophers' Café program, Senator Andersen asked when a response would be brought to Senate. Senator Smith informed Senate that a response would be brought to the February 2018 Senate meeting.

**4. Report of the Chair**

The Chair thanked Vice-Chair Peter Tingling for chairing the November meeting of Senate.

The Chair reported that he, along with Vice-President, Research and International Joy Johnson, led a mission to build upon our relationships with partner universities in Hong Kong, Singapore, Beijing, and Shanghai by looking at issues such as student exchange agreements, joint academic programs, and research collaborations. The mission allowed SFU to advance a range of other initiatives, notably in Singapore where we successfully bid to the Board of the *Asia Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE)* to host the 2020 APAIE conference in Vancouver. In Beijing, meetings were held with the Vice Minister of Environmental Protection and Secretary General of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) to discuss SFU's continuing role as the Canadian Executing Agency for the CCICED Project. Another objective of the mission was to engage with our growing number of alumni and pursue a number of advancement opportunities and connect with co-op and exchange students.

The Chair reported that in 2016 SFU International and Student Services coordinated a multi-pronged initiative to address refugee related issues. Engagement with refugee communities included research, scholarships, and support services for refugee students. Achievements to date include increasing the number of scholarships for refugee students from 4 to 6, engaging over 150 stakeholders in public events, and training and participating on community-based committees. This fall, the mandate was expanded to include newcomers and work is under way to expand support for students, research and community engagement.

The Chair reported that SFU has recently become a member of *Scholars at Risk*, an organization with a network 450 institutions worldwide that places scholars who face persecution for their

academic work. An advisory committee and process have been established to select, receive and support scholars.

The Chair reported that the *Aboriginal Reconciliation Council (ARC)* presented its final report to the University in October. University Administration is now reviewing the *Calls to Action* with the help of the Office of Aboriginal Peoples and the Indigenous Student Centre. The goal is to come up with a plan to respond to the *Calls to Action* and do so in a way that respects the principles set up in the ARC report. The first and perhaps most important of those principles is *Nothing About Us Without Us*, which means we're going to have to consult and implement many of the *Calls to Action* to ensure we are meeting the aspirations of indigenous students, faculty and community members, while also advancing the interest of the general University community. Senators are encouraged to review the report and familiarize themselves with the 33 *Calls to Action* and the 5 *Principles*.

After a question was asked at the September Senate meeting about recognizing SFU's location on traditional First Nations lands, the Chair reported that such recognition would be provided at the start of our calendar year in January and again at the start of the academic year in September, as a way of framing our work and acknowledging that we are privileged to be situated on the traditional territories of the Tsleil-Waututh, Squamish and Musqueam peoples.

The Chair reported that in November, SFU researchers were granted \$3.9 million in research funding for 64 proposals including projects under *Canadian Institutes of Health Research*, the *Canada Foundation for Innovation*, *Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council*, *Mitacs* and *BC Knowledge Development Fund*. Also, *Canada Research Chairs* officially announced the following appointments on November 30th:

- Mark Collard (Archeology), Canada Research Chair in Evolutionary Studies - moving from a Tier 2 to a Tier 1.
- Timothy Audas (MBB), NSERC Canada Research Chair in Functional RNA and Cellular Stress - new Tier 2.
- Bernard Crespi (Biological Sciences), NSERC Canada Research Chair in Evolutionary Genetics and Psychology - new Tier 1.
- Mila Lazarova (Beedie), SSHRC Canada Research Chair in Global Workforce Management - renewed Tier 2.

## 5. Question Period

Senator Baharmand submitted a question regarding the adding of the highest level of academic study to the parchment which was announced at the November Senate meeting. Senate was informed that an answer would be brought to the January Senate meeting.

## 6. Reports of Committees

### A) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)

#### i) Establishment of the Institute on Violence, Terrorism, and Security (S.17-103)

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by S. Gajdics

“That Senate approve the establishment of the Institute on Violence, Terrorism, and Security as a research institute for a five-year term.”

Martin Andresen, Professor - School of Criminology, was in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was asked about what will happen to the *International CyberCrime Research Centre (ICCRC)* given the establishment of the *Institute on Violence, Terrorism, and Security (IVTS)* and why was this proposed as an institute as opposed to a centre. Senate was informed that the *ICCRC* is a separate entity and will not be amalgamated into the *IVTS* at this time. The *IVTS* was proposed as an institute due to interest having been expressed by a number of faculties. Also, one of the criteria for being an institute is having international agreements with various institutions, which has already been established with the *Max Planck Institute* in Germany.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**ii) Full Program Proposal for the Social Justice in Education Minor Program (S.17-104)**

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by K. Magnusson

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the full program proposal for the Social Justice in Education Minor Program within the Faculty of Education, effective Summer 2018.”

Natalia Gajdamaschko, Director, Undergraduate Studies, was in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**iii) External Review of the Department of Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies (S.17-105)**

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by J. Pulkingham

“That Senate approve the Action Plan for the Department of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies that resulted from its External Review.”

Lara Campbell, Professor and Chair – Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, was in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was asked if there is any intention to increase gender diversity in the department. Senate was informed that the department is open to people of any gender identity, and that male sessional instructors have often been used. The occurrence of the faculty component being largely female is a reflection of the history of the unit.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**iv) External Review of the Department of History (S.17-106)**

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by S. Gajdics

“That Senate approve the Action Plan for the Department of History that resulted from its External Review.”

Jennifer Spear, Associate Professor and Chair – Department of History, was in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**v) External Review of the Department of Philosophy (S.17-107)**

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by J. Pulkingham

“That Senate approve the Action Plan for the Department of Philosophy that resulted from its External Review.”

Evan Tiffany, Associate Professor and Chair – Department of Philosophy, was in attendance to respond to questions.

Noting a comment in the external review identifying administrative and conflict of interest issues arising from the prevalence of academic couples in the unit, a question was asked if this problem needed to be addressed by the University or if it was an isolated problem to be dealt with by the Department of Philosophy. Senate was informed that this issue was thought significant enough by the external reviewers to be brought to the attention of the unit, the Dean, and the Vice-President, Academic.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)**

**i) Course Changes (S.17-108)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made course changes in the Beedie School of Business and the Faculty of Environment (Geography).

**ii) New Course Proposals (S.17-109)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved a new course proposal in the Faculty of Environment (Geography).

**iii) Program Changes (S.17-110)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved program changes in the Beedie School of Business, the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School of Interactive Arts and Technology, School of Communication), and the Faculty of Science (Mathematics).

**iv) Course Changes (S.17-111)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made course changes in the Faculty Arts and Social Sciences (School of Criminology, Centre for Hellenic Studies, History, School for International Studies, Labour Studies Program, Political Science, Psychology), the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School of Communication), the Faculty of Health Sciences, and the Faculty of Science (Earth Sciences, Physics, Statistics and Actuarial Science).

**v) New Course Proposals (S.17-112)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new course proposals in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (School of Criminology, Economics, Centre for Hellenic Studies, School for international

Studies, Labour Studies Program, Political Science), and the Faculty of Science (Molecular Biology and Biochemistry).

A question was asked about the addition of new International Studies courses and if the unit had the resources to offer these courses on a regular basis without removing other courses. Senate was informed that International Studies had removed courses earlier in the year, and that these are replacement courses.

**vi) Program Changes (S.17-113)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved program changes in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (English, First Nations Studies, School for International Studies, Labour Studies Program, Psychology), the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School of Interactive Arts and Technology), the Faculty of Health Sciences, and the Faculty of Science (Earth Science, Statistics and Actuarial Science, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry).

**C) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)**

**i) Course Changes (S.17-114)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, made course revisions in the Beedie School of Business and the Faculty of Science (Earth Science).

**ii) New Course Proposals (S.17-115)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved new course proposals in Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Economics) and the Faculty of Education.

**iii) Program Changes (S.17-116)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved program changes in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (School of Computing Science), the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Economics, Political Science), the Beedie School of Business, and the Faculty of Education.

**D) Senate Library Committee (SLC)**

**i) Annual Report 2016-2017 (S.17-117)**

Senate received for information the Senate Library Committee Annual Report.

A question was asked about the plan to establish a student-focused *Makerspace* in Bennett Library. Senate was informed that *Makerspace* is a student focused space that will provide 3D printing, audio visual production facilities, and some minor electronics building facilities.

A question was asked about the *Open Educational Resources Pilot* and how courses were selected. Senate was informed that it was a competitive process consisting of an adjudication committee that evaluated each proposal. One of the criteria was to target higher volume courses offered two or three times a year, thereby multiplying the savings out over a full year.

**E) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)**

**i) Senate Committee Elections (S.17-118)**

Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for the Senate committees.

**7. Other Business**

**8. Information**

**i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, January 8, 2018.**

Open session adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Rummana Khan Hemani  
Registrar