



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom Video Conferencing

Open Session

Present: Joy Johnson, Chair

Andreoiu, Corina
Bains, Serena
Bhalloo, Shafik
Bird, Gwen
Brooks-Wilson, Anegla (for Dugan O'Neil)
Bubela, Tania
Chapman, Glenn
Chenier, Ele
Coleman, Gordon
Collard, Mark
Daniel, Bryan
Dauvergne, Catherine
Denholm, Julia
Derksen, Jeff
Dhesa, Priyanka
Egri, Carolyn
Elle, Elizabeth
Everton, Mike
Fiume, Eugene
Gardinetti, R. Georges
Gray, Bonnie
Hall, Peter
Hendrigan, Holly
Hoffer, Andy
Kandikova, Alisa
Kench, Paul
Krauth, Brian
Krogman, Naomi
Kumpulainen, Kristiina
Laitsch, Dan
Leznoff, Daniel
Liosis, Gabe
Liu, Connie
Lord Ferguson, Sarah
Malott, Brianna
Martell, Matt
Masri, Kamal
McTavish, Rob

Mirhady, David
Murphy, David
Myers, Gord
Nagy, Judit
Nepomnaschy, Pablo
Neustaedter, Carman
O'Neill, Susan
Pahou, Helen
Parent, Micheal
Parkhouse, Wade
Parmar, Abhishek
Percival, Colin
Phangura, Almas
Shapiro, Lisa
Shinkar, Igor
Spector, Stephen
Stockie, John
Walsby, Charles

Absent:

Brennand, Tracy
Chessell, Patrick
Chowdury, Saima
Hogg, Robert
Lu, Joseph
O'Neil, Dugan
Pantophlet, Ralph
Schiphorst, Thecla
Vrooman, Tamara

In Attendance:

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. The Minutes of the Open Session of September 13, 2021 will be considered for approval at the Senate meeting on November 1, 2021

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Senate was informed that the Board of Governors has been briefed on the *Motion in Support of Black Folks at SFU* (S.21-104), which was approved by Senate at its September 2021 meeting.

4. Report of the Chair

The Chair acknowledged the Tsleil-Waututh, Squamish, Kwikwetlem and Musqueam Nations on whose traditional territories we are privileged to gather this evening.

The Chair thanked all in the SFU Community who participated in National Day for Truth and Reconciliation events across SFU's three campuses or in their own communities.

The Chair reported that the architectural renderings for the First Peoples' Gathering House were showcased to the SFU community in mid-September. This project represents SFU's ongoing commitment to reconciliation through the calls to action in the *Walk This Path With Us* report, specifically the commitment to foster safe and welcoming indigenous spaces on campus. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2022.

The Chair reported that she, in her role as President, participated in a naming ceremony organized by the Faculty of Education. This was a naming ceremony for Michelle Pidgeon, Associate Dean, Indigeneity and included members from the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam Nations.

The Chair reported that the first month of returning back to campus has gone well and thanks was offered to all those who participated in that process. The University continues to work with the public health authority and colleagues within the post-secondary sector to ensure the safety of faculty, staff and students. It was added that discussions are ongoing about validating vaccination status, which up to this point has been self-reported, and that more information about this will be forthcoming. At this time, more than 85% of the SFU Community have self-reported their vaccine status, with 97% reporting they are vaccinated.

The Chair reported that SFU has partnered with Teck to outfit campuses and student residences with bacteria-fighting antimicrobial copper patches on high-touch surfaces.

The Chair reported that SFU expanded its commitment to climate action last week by acknowledging the ongoing climate emergency. The University has joined the United Nations *Race to Zero* campaign and is currently ahead of schedule on achieving many of the targets and actions set out in the 2020 Sustainability Plan.

The Chair reported that in September, the School for Contemporary Arts welcomed its first cohort of six PhD students. This interdisciplinary and practice-based PhD in Contemporary Arts

is the first of its kind in Western Canada and is academically significant because traditionally the highest level of academic achievement available for fine arts was a Master of Fine Arts.

The Chair reported that the President's Faculty Lectures began again on September 28th with a lecture by professor Wendy Chun on *Discriminating Data*. The next lecture will feature Tammara Soma, assistant professor at SFU's School of Resource and Environmental Management and the research director of SFU's Food Systems Lab, on the topic *Setting the Table for Food Justice: The Role of Community-Engaged Research*.

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, recognized Faculty of Science Dean Paul Kench, who is leaving the University at the end of the year.

5. Question Period

No questions were submitted.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

i) Program Changes (S.21-105)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved program changes in the Beedie School of Business, and the Faculty of Environment (School of Resource and Environmental Management).

ii) New Course Proposals (S.21-106)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new course proposals in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (School of Computing Science), the Beedie School of Business, and the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School for the Contemporary Arts).

iii) Course Changes (S.21-107)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved course changes in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (School of Computing Science, School of Mechatronics Systems Engineering, School of Sustainable Energy Engineering), the Beedie School of Business, the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School for the Contemporary Arts), and the Faculty of Environment (Geography).

B) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)

i) Program Changes (S.21-108)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved program changes in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Psychology), and the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School for the Contemporary Arts, Centre for Digital Media, School of Interactive Arts and Technology)

ii) New Course Proposals (S.21-109)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved new course proposals in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School for the Contemporary Arts, School of Interactive Arts and Technology) and Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies.

iii) Course Changes (S.21-110)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved course changes in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (School of Computing Science), the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School for the Contemporary Arts, School of Interactive Arts and Technology, Publishing), and Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Western Dean's Agreement.

C) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

i) Senate Committee Elections (S.20-111)

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

7. Other Business

8. Information

i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, November 1, 2021

Open session adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Tom Nault
Senate Secretary