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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, February 4, 2002 at 5:30 pm in Room 3120 WMC

Open Session

Present: Gill, Alison, Vice-Chair of Senate

Aloi, Santa
Atkins, Stella
Barrow, Robin
Bawa, Parveen
Blackman, Roger (representing J. Pierce)
Chan, Albert
Clayman, Bruce
Davidson, Willie
Driver, Jon
Dunsterville, Valerie
Gerson, Carole
Haunerland, Norbert
Heaney, John
Jackson, Margaret
Jensen, Britta
Jones, John
Krane, Bill
Lewis, Brian
Love, Ernie
McArthur, James
McInnes, Dina
Mundle, Todd (representing L. Copeland)
Naef, Barbara
Percival, Paul
Peters, Joseph
Russell, Robert
Sirri, Odai
Steinbach, Christopher
Stephenson, Brock
Waterhouse, John
Wessel, Silvia
Wortis, Michael
Yerbury, Colin

Absent: Chang, Jack
D'Auria, John
Delgrande, James
Dempster, Peter
Grimmett, Peter
Jones, Colin
Klymson, Sarah
Mauser, Gary
McFetridge, Paul
Muirhead, Leah
Paterson, David
Sekhon, Devinder
Stevenson, Michael
Tansey, Caralyn
Thandi, Ranbir
Van Aalst, Jan
Warren, Joel
Weldon, Larry
Wong, Milton
Zaichkowsky, Judith

In attendance:

Anderson, Bob

Heath, Ron, Dean of Student Services and Registrar
Watt, Alison, Director, University Secretariat
Grant, Bobbie, Recording Secretary

A. Gill, Vice-Chair of Senate, advised that Michael Stevenson, President and Chair of Senate, was unable to be present for the meeting.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of January 7, 2002

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

i) Classification of Departments

Senators were reminded of the issue raised at the last meeting with respect to the classification of academic departments, particularly the Department of Chemistry. J. Waterhouse outlined that a review of the classification of departments last occurred in 1999. The goals at that time were to ensure that comparable units were similarly classified, that there was consistency between the level of chairs and the classification of the department, and to classify a number of departments that had not yet been classified. The classification was based on factors such as enrolment and weighted enrolment, faculty and support staff FTEs, instructional resources and course offerings. As a result of the review two units were changed from Level A to Level B, the Chemistry Department being one of these units, and two units were changed from Level B to A.

It was suggested that the determining factors related more closely to the teaching function of departments and did not take into account the considerable administrative responsibilities of the Chairs in the area of research, particularly the high operating grants and research facilities associated with Science departments. It was noted that one department with significant administrative activity was left as a Level A department, and perhaps the same reasoning should have applied to Chemistry.

It was also noted that having a very large student enrolment also requires a great deal of administrative energy in order to deal with student matters and is just as onerous as administering funds.

The Chair reminded Senate that the issue was one of information and if Senate wished to debate the issue, it should come forward as an agenda item at a future meeting.

4. Report of the Chair

i) Tech BC

J. Waterhouse, as Acting President, reported that at the request of the Government, SFU in common with a number of other universities, has submitted a proposal with respect to the Technical University of BC outlining how SFU might be able to assist students currently registered with Tech BC to complete their degrees and whether SFU would be prepared to establish a campus in Surrey. SCUP and SCAR have addressed these issues but until a final decision is

forthcoming from the Government about the fate of Tech BC it was not possible to provide specific information. Senate was assured that full consultation with Senate and its appropriate committees would take place with regard to any action taken.

5. Question Period

There were no questions submitted.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.02-10 – Elections

The following are the results of elections to Senate Committees. There were insufficient nominations to fill all positions; vacancies will be carried over and brought forward to the next meeting of Senate.

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

One Faculty Senator to replace P. Budra for term of office to May 31, 2002.

No nominations received

Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA)

One Student to replace J. Gupte for term of office to May 31, 2002.

No nominations received

Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA)

One Senator (at-large) to replace J. Driver for term of office to May 31, 2002.

Elected by acclamation:

Valerie Dunsterville

Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee (SUAAC)

One Undergraduate Student to replace J. Gupte for term of office to May 31, 2002.

No nominations received

B) Senate Committee on University Priorities

i) Paper S.02-11 – Establishment of The Dialogue Institute

R. Anderson, School of Communication, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by O. Sirri

“that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors the establishment of The Dialogue Institute as outlined in document S.02-11”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

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C) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

i) Paper S.02-12 – Curriculum Revision – Kinesiology (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved a change of description for KIN 143.

D) Senate Graduate Studies Committee

i) Paper S.02-13 – Curriculum Revisions – Business Administration (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved two new courses, a change in the name of Field Concentration, and a change of description and title for BUS 846.

ii) Paper S.02-14 – Curriculum Revisions – Resource and Environmental Management (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a change in title for REM 658.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, March 4, 2002.

Open Session adjourned at 5:50 pm. Following a brief recess, Senate moved into Closed Session.

Alison Watt
Director, University Secretariat