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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on  
Monday, January 10, 2011 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

## Open Session

**Present:** Petter, Andrew, President and Chair

Acierno, Kyle  
Brandhorst, Bruce  
Brinkhurst, Marena  
Chapman, Glenn  
Corbett, Kitty  
Craig, John  
Cupples, Claire  
Cyr, Dianne  
Dhillon, Arinder  
Dow, Greg  
Driver, Jon  
Easton, Stephen  
Eckman, Charles  
Francis, June  
Garneau-Scott, Christi  
Geisler, Cheryl  
Golnaraghi, Farid  
Gordon, Robert  
Kong, Shuyu  
Krane, Bill  
Kropinski, Mary Catherine  
Laitsch, Dan  
Law, Mona  
Lee, Benjamin  
Leznoff, Daniel  
Li, Fiona  
Magnusson, Kris  
Myers, Gordon  
O'Neil, John  
Parkhouse, Wade  
Paterson, David  
Patidar, Risha  
Patidar, Trisha  
Percival, Colin  
Percival, Paul  
Peters, Joseph  
Pierce, John  
Pinto, Mario  
Rajapakse, Nimal  
Russell, Robert

Saif, Mehrdad  
Shapiro, Daniel  
Somers, Julian  
van der Wey, Dolores  
Warner, D'Arcy  
Wussow, Helen

### **Absent:**

Bezglasnyy, Anton  
Black, Sam  
Brennan, Tracy  
Fizzell, Maureen  
Janes, Craig  
Kopahi, Moe  
Lewis, Cynthia  
Louie, Brandt  
MacGrotty, Alysia  
Mann, Geoff  
McArthur, James  
Moghaddamjoo, Sarah  
Morrison, John  
Patel, Ravi  
Pavsek, Christopher  
Ruben, Peter  
Sahinalp, Cenk  
Shaw, Chris  
Tashakor, Pasha  
Woodbury, Rob

### **In attendance:**

Busumtwi-Sam, James  
Gemino, Andrew  
Knowler, Duncan  
Lorimer, Rowland

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the understanding that the Senate documents would be renumbered.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of December 6, 2010.**

The minutes were approved as distributed.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- i) Response to question regarding Library and GIS (For Information) S.11-1

Senate received a written response to the question raised in the Senate meeting on December 6, 2010 regarding the Senate Library committee and GIS resources.

**4. Report of the Chair**

- i) enVISION SFU (Draft - For Information) S.11-2

The discussion paper, enVISION SFU, was received by Senate for information. The chair reported why this vision process is strategically important at this time. First, the government has increased awareness for the need to expand post-secondary education as evidenced in the report entitled “Skills for Growth: Labour Market Strategy for British Columbia”. Second, the vision process will give the SFU community a common purpose without in any way submerging or trying to stifle the creativity and diversity that are also a hallmark of SFU. Third, it will communicate the message to our community that we are a university that is student-centered, research-driven and community-engaged.

**5. Question Period**

There were no questions submitted for question period.

**6. Reports of Committees**

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

- i) **Minor in Print and Digital Publishing** S.11-3

Rowland Lorimer, Director of the Publishing Program, was in attendance to respond to questions.

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by Steve Easton

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Print and Digital Publishing in the Publishing Program within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective September 2011.”

It was clarified for Senate that administrative responsibility for the publishing minor is transferring from the School of Communication to the Publishing Program and with that change there have been revisions to the minor. Students currently in a declared Publishing Minor will be able to complete that program.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**ii) Double Degree in Engineering Science (Mechatronics) and Business Administration S.11-4**

Andrew Gemino, Associate Dean, Business and Farid Golnaraghi, Associate Director, Engineering Science were in attendance to respond to questions.

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by June Francis

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Double Degree in Engineering Science (Mechatronics) and Business Administration within the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Faculty of Business Administration, effective September 2011.”

A question was raised regarding the change in breadth requirements from two to one course. Senate was informed that some of the breadth courses in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences have been traded for courses in Business Administration and because Engineering Science is a credited program, there is less flexibility in allowing breadth. It was noted that originally when the WQB requirements were implemented, it was stated that these requirements could be relaxed with joint and double major programs.

Concern was raised regarding the heavy course load of this program. Senate was assured that only a small number of students will apply and be eligible for the program.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**iii) Minor in Development and Sustainability S.11-5**

Duncan Knowler, Associate Dean, Environment and James Busumtwi-Sam, Political Science were in attendance to respond to questions.

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by June Francis

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Development and Sustainability in the Development and Sustainability Program within the Faculty of Environment, effective September 2011.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**iv) Terms of Reference for the William J.A. Rowe EMBA Alumni Professorship S.11-6**

Daniel Shapiro, Dean, Business Administration was in attendance to respond to questions.

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by D’Arcy Warner

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the William J.A. Rowe EMBA Alumni Endowment Fund supporting the William J.A. Rowe EMBA Alumni Professorship Terms of Reference.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

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

- i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences S.11-7  
(For Information)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses and minor revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

- ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (For Information) S.11-8**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved minor revisions to existing courses in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology.

- iii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (For Information) S.11-9**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved minor revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Education.

- iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (For Information) S.11-10**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses and minor revisions to existing courses in the Faculty of Environment.

- v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (For Information) S.11-11**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses and minor revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Science.

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

- i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (For Information) S.11-12**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved minor revisions to existing courses in the Faculty of Education.

**ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (For Information) S.11-13**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a minor revision to an existing course in the Faculty of Science.

**D) Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB)****i) Annual Report (For Information) S.11-14**

Senate received the 2009/2010 SPCSAB annual report for information. It was noted that there is a significant issue concerning the increased enrollment of international graduate students and the lack of funding to support those students. Senate was advised that the registrar and dean of graduate studies are looking into this matter. A request was made to have the SPCSAB annual report include more trend data that shows how student enrollment and the budget has changed over the past few years.

**E) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)****i) Elections S.11-15**

Senate received a report from the Senate Nominating Committee on remaining vacancies. No new nominations were received.

**7. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**8. Information**

The date of the next meeting of Senate is Monday, February 7, 2011 in the West Mall Complex (room 3210).

Open session adjourned at 6:15 pm and Senate moved directly into closed session.

Kate Ross

Registrar and Secretary of Senate