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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on  
Monday, July 7, 2014 at 5:30 pm at Robert C. Brown Hall (Room RCB 8100)

## Open Session

**Present:** Andrew Petter, Chair

Arzanpour, Siamak  
Birmingham, Elina  
Brennand, Tracy  
Budra, Paul  
Bueckert, Chardaye  
Chapman, Brandon  
Chapman, Glenn  
Chong, Dion  
Chu, Colin  
Delgrande, Jim  
Escarcha, Shirin  
Fairey, Elaine  
Gajdics, Sylvia  
Giardini, Anne  
Gordon, Rob (for J. Craig)  
Guttman, Julian  
Hedley, Nick  
Jozaghi, Ehsan  
Laitsch, Dan  
Leacock, Tracey  
McTavish, Rob  
Myers, Gordon  
Ossinsky, Dimitri  
Pappas, Panayiotis  
Parkhouse, Wade  
Paterson, David  
Percival, Colin  
Percival, Paul  
Pierce, John  
Pinto, Mario  
Quarmby, Lynne  
Rajapakse, Nimal  
Ruben, Peter  
Shapiro, Lisa  
Simpkin, Madelaine  
Smith, Jon  
Somers, Julian

Spector, Stephen  
Tingling, Peter  
Yoon, Paul

**Absent:**

Antle, Alissa  
Abramson, Neil  
Burley, David  
Chapman, Nicholas  
Cupples, Claire  
Driver, Jon  
Easton, Stephen  
Eikerling, Michael  
Elle, Elizabeth  
Fatoba, Kayode  
Flodr, Sarah-Sophia  
Gotfrit, Martin  
Huang, Amelia  
Jermias, Johnny  
Kessler, Anke  
Liu, Ting (Emma)  
Leznoff, Daniel  
Magnusson, Kris  
O'Neil, John  
Pilarinos, Athina  
Shapiro, Daniel  
Shaw, Chris  
Szymczyk, Barbara  
Wussow, Helen

**In Attendance:**

Li, Ze-Nian

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session on June 9, 2014**

The minutes of the open session on June 9, 2014 were approved as distributed.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. Report of the Chair**

The Chair welcomed SFU Chancellor Anne Giardini to Senate.

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, expressed appreciation to the following senators whose terms of office expire on August 31, 2014: John Pierce, Dean of the Faculty of Environment; Mario Pinto, Vice-President, Research; Danny Shapiro, Dean of the Beedie School of Business; Jon Smith, faculty senator; and Martin Gotfrit, Dean pro tem of the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology.

The Chair reported on recent research successes. The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Discovery Grant and Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) competition was announced recently. SFU researchers surpassed the national average in all three categories of the competition (early-career, established-renewing, and established-new) with an 84% overall success rate (64% national average). SFU will receive about \$13 million in new monies compared to \$7 million in the previous year.

The Chair reported that a national incubator/accelerator network project is one of 15 proposals to be funded under the Canada Accelerator and Incubator Program (CAIP). The project is led by Ryerson University in partnership with SFU and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT). The three institutions will collaborate to create Zones of Incubation and Innovation (ZI<sup>2</sup>) targeting sectors in digital technologies and gaming, and creating an incubation and acceleration network between Western and Eastern Canada for both students and faculty.

The Chair reported that the SFU Innovation Office submitted its annual licensing survey to the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) for 2012-2013. Preliminary results from Canadian reporting institutions indicate that SFU ranks among the top five with respect to U.S. patents issued and also surpassed other reporting universities in its average licensing income of \$329,000.

The Chair reported that three SFU faculty members from Molecular Biology and Biochemistry are among 90 Canadians on the Thomson Reuters list of the World's Most Influential Scientific Minds for 2014, spanning 21 fields in the physical and social sciences. Professors Fiona Brinkman and Steve Jones and adjunct professor Marco Marra are among 3,215 individuals recognized as the world's leading scientific researchers.

The Chair reported that SFU Chemistry lecturer Sophie Lavieri, one of the driving forces behind the Science in Action program, was awarded the Waldo Briño Award for her work in Vancouver's Latin American community.

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, congratulated outgoing Vice-President, Research Mario Pinto, who has been named as the next president of NSERC.

**5. Question Period**

There were no questions submitted.

**6. Reports of Committees**

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

**i) Business Minor Program Admission Changes (S.14-89)**

Moved by G. Myers; seconded S. Spector

“That Senate approve the admission requirement changes to the Business Minor Program within the Beedie School of Business effective Spring 2015.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**ii) SFU/ZJU Dual Degree Program Admission Changes (S.14-90)**

Moved by G. Myers; seconded P. Pappas

“That Senate approve the admission changes to the SFU/ZJU Dual Degree Program in the School of Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences effective Spring 2015.”

Ze-Nian Li from the School of Computing Science was in attendance to respond to questions.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**iii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.14-91)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to an existing program in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (School of Computing Science).

**iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.14-92)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, added new courses and made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Co-operative education programs; Economics; English; French; History; Humanities; School for International Studies; Labour Studies Program; Language Training Institute; Linguistics; Psychology).

A question was asked regarding foreign language requirements in the International Studies Major, Honours, Minor and Joint Major programs and why they were removed. Senate was informed that the program changes were discussed by the Language Training Institute (Department of Humanities) and the School for International Studies, both of which are within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The language requirement is not the norm in equivalent programs at other institutions. Senate was further informed that the School for International Studies would be undergoing an external review and this issue could be addressed at that time.

A question was asked whether additional resources would be allocated to ensure that field schools are available for International Studies students. Senate was informed that the question would be taken under advisement and a response would be forthcoming.

**v) Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.14-93)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to an existing program in the Beedie School of Business.

**vi) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.14-94)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School for the Contemporary Arts).

**vii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.14-95)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to an existing course in the Faculty of Education.

**viii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.14-96)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, added new courses and made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Environment (Archaeology; Geography; School of Resource and Environmental Management).

**ix) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.14-97)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, added new courses and made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Science (Mathematics; Physics; Statistics and Actuarial Science).

A question was asked why MACM 203 and 204 are not prerequisites when the rationale provided for adding them to the Mathematics program's lower division requirements is to ensure that students take these two courses prior to taking upper division courses. Senate was informed that the department wanted students in these programs to take the two courses earlier in their career so that they would already have a full understanding of the computer programs used in these courses when taking upper division courses. Senate was informed that the department would be contacted for further clarification of the answer.

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

**i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.14-98)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to existing courses and a program in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

**ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.14-99)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to existing courses and a program in the Faculty of Science (Earth Sciences).

**C) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)**

**i) Senate Committee Elections (S.14-100)**

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**

Senator Leacock noted that she was impressed with the usefulness and informative nature of the rationales in the SCUS and SGSC documents submitted to Senate and thanked those individuals who were responsible.

**8. Information**

**i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, September 8, 2014.**

Senate was informed that the September meeting would be scheduled for 7:00 pm with a Senate dinner at the Diamond Alumni Centre at 5:30 pm.

Open session adjourned at 5:56 pm and Senate moved into the closed session.

Jo Hinchliffe

Acting Executive Director, Student Enrolment, and Associate Registrar