

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, March 7, 2005 in Room 3210 WMC at 7:00 pm
Open Session

Present: Stevenson, Michael, President and Chair of Senate

Blackman, Roger
Breden, Felix
Brennand, Tracy
Budd, James
da Silva, Gisele
Dean, Charmaine
Delgrande, James
Dickinson, John
Driver, Jon
Dunsterville, Valerie
Easton, Stephen
Fizzell, Maureen
Giacomantonio, Chris
Gordon, Irene
Gordon, Robert
Gupta, Kamal
Harder, Derrick
Haunerland, Norbert
Hayes, Michael
Honda, Barry
Hunsdale, Shawn
Johansen, Elinor
Krane, Bill
Lewis, Brian
Love, Ernie
MacKenzie, Christine
MacLean, David
McInnes, Marcia
Percival, Paul
Plischke, Michael
Rozell, Sara
Schellenberg, Betty
Shaker, Paul
Smit, Bernard
Smith, Don
Waterhouse, John
Weeks, Daniel
Wong, Josephine
Yerbury, Colin

Absent:

Apaak, Clement
Beynon, Peter
Copeland, Lynne
Fung, Edward
Grimmett, Peter
Higgins, Anne
Horvath, Adam
Li, Ze-Nian
Mauser, Gary
McArthur, James
McFetridge, Paul
Pierce, John
Pinto, Mario
Sears, Camilla
Scott, Jamie
Tombe, Trevor
Wessel, Sylvia
Wong, Milton
Woodbury, Robert
Zandvliet, David

In attendance:

Brandhorst, Bruce
Wrenn, Phyllis

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

1. Approval of the Agenda
The Agenda was approved as distributed.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of February 7, 2005
The Minutes were approved as distributed.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
There was no business arising from the Minutes.
4. Report of the Chair
 - i) The Chair advised that he was still not in a position to provide a report on the budget but indicated that the Vice-Presidents, Finance of each University were meeting in Victoria on March 8th with Ministry officials to discuss financial issues.
 - ii) As announced recently in the press, the Chair reported that the University has partnered with the Bill Reid Foundation which not only manages the artistic holdings of the Bill Reid personal collection but also has a mandate to work towards the acquisition of significant works in the West Coast First Nations arts traditions. The agreement between SFU and the Foundation involves a partnership in the appointment of a new President of the Foundation, who will also hold an Adjunct appointment in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, working with the Department of Archaeology and the First Nations programs to develop and create a Bill Reid Centre of North West Coast Art Study.
 - iii) Referring to another recent press announcement about the redevelopment of the Woodward's site, the Chair reported on the participation of SFU, with the relocation of the School for Contemporary Arts within that development. Senate was informed that although SFU has received a gift in land valued at over six million dollars, which establishes SFU's independent presence on that site, significant fundraising requirements still need to be met in order to fully occupy the location. Senate was assured that there are contingencies in the agreement should the fundraising efforts fail, but there appears to be a significant amount of excitement and interest within the University and among private developers in having SFU part of the redevelopment.
 - iv) With respect to operating grants and capital funding, as reported earlier, the Chair indicated that discussions with the Ministry have been productive, and a proposal will be submitted to the Treasury Board in the near future with respect to funding requirements related to the enrolment growth expectations. Senate was reminded that the TASC I building, which was funded under the Double the Opportunity program is currently under construction, as is the Science module next to it, which includes a significant CFI component. Construction will soon begin on a new Arts and Social Sciences building, and finally, a new Health Sciences building is planned and awaiting approval.
 - v) Senate was advised that the Canadian Mint will unveil a new coin commemorative of Terry Fox. The public unveiling ceremony is scheduled to be held at Simon Fraser University on March 14, 2005.

In response to a question as to when SCUP might expect to discuss budget matters, J. Waterhouse indicated that the SCUP budget consultations would be postponed until more information was available from the Province, so it would likely be at the second meeting of SCUP in March.

In response to an inquiry as to whether SFU would seek a matching gift from the Government in relation to the donation received for the School for the Contemporary Arts, the Chair assured Senate that the intention was to do so.

5. Question Period

Question was posed as to whether or not a Faculty Senator had been found to chair the new SCAISLE committee, and suggestion was made that consideration be given by SCAR to change the terms of reference so someone else can chair the committee if no Senator could be found. A number of policy matters remain unresolved and the Student Society would like to see the committee operational as soon as possible.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on University Priorities

i) Paper S.05-35 – External Review – School of Kinesiology

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by S. Hunsdale

“that Senate concur with the recommendations from the Senate Committee on University Priorities concerning advice to the School of Kinesiology on priority items resulting from the external review”

J. Dickinson, Senator and Director of the School, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.05-36 – External Review – Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by I. Gordon

“that Senate concur with the recommendations from the Senate Committee on University Priorities concerning advice to the Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry on priority items resulting from the external review”

B. Brandhorst, Chair of the Department, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Brief discussion followed with respect to the report. It was pointed out that much of what was recommended has already been implemented.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- iii) Paper S.05-37 – Joint Honors Program in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Administration

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by M. Fizzell

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for a new Joint Honors Program in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Administration”

B. Brandhorst, Chair of the Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, and M. Fizzell, Senator and Undergraduate Curriculum Chair, Business Administration were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- iv) Paper S.05-38 – Minor in International and Global Education

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by D. Weeks

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for a Minor in International and Global Education in the Faculty of Education”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- v) Paper S.05-39 – Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Special Education for Educators and Healthcare Professionals

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by S. Hunsdale

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for a Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Special Education for Educators and Healthcare Professionals”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

vi) Paper S.05-40 – Certificate Program in Italian Studies

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by S. Hunsdale

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for a Certificate program in Italian Studies, as outlined in S.05-40”

P. Wrenn, Chair of the Department of French, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

A brief discussion took place with respect to the possible future of Italian studies within the framework of the Department. It was pointed out that the reference to the Faculty of Arts in the Calendar entry should be changed to the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

B) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

i) Paper S.05-41 – Election of Faculty Members to the Board of Governors

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by S. Hunsdale (the motion was editorially amended to read as follows):

“that Senate approve that, in the election of faculty members to the Board of Governors in 2005 only, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected for a three year term of office and the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes be declared elected for a two year term of office. Thereafter, the usual procedures shall apply”

Brief discussion occurred with respect to the election process for faculty members.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.05-42 – Revision to the Specially-Funded Appointments Policy, A10.06

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by M. Plischke

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that Academic Policy A10.06 be amended as indicated, effective 1 April 2005”

In response to a question as to why the policy revisions did not go to SCUP, it was pointed out that SCUP dealt with the terms for each individual chair, not the appointments policy itself.

A concern was expressed that the change giving the Dean the discretion to waive letters of reference would result in people being treated differently and could be perceived as an

opportunity for favouritism or bias. Rationale was requested for the increase in the number of reference letters for junior chairs, and it was noted that the policy did not reference non-departmentalized faculties. Senate was advised that there was an omnibus inclusion in the policies covering non-departmentalized faculties; and that because referee time was scarce and shouldn't be imposed upon excessively, the process for obtaining letters of reference for junior and senior chairs was revised. It was also pointed out that the Dean would not be acting unilaterally since all appointments and reappointments must involve the appropriate departmental or faculty level committees.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.05-43 – Revision to the Committee to Review the Research Ethics Policy

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by M. Hayes

“that Senate approve the revised membership for the Committee which will review Policy R20.01 Ethics Review of Research involving Human Subjects”

Reference was made to the proposal to circulate the first draft of the report to the VPs, Deans and President. It was suggested that this was an unnecessary step since the policy arises mainly from the Tri-Council policies on ethics and there were already a number of experts in ethics and law on the committee. Unless there was an administrative or financial issue that needed specific senior administrative input, perhaps it would be satisfactory for the first draft to be circulated to the university community for input. The Chair indicated that the suggestion would be passed on to the Vice President Research.

A question was posed about the reason why two members of the Research Ethics Board were changed from committee members to resource people. The response indicated that there was a perception of conflict of interest.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

C) Senate Graduate Studies Committee

i) Paper S.05-44 – Faculty of Education (For Information)

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

ii) Paper S.05-45 – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved three new courses in the Masters of Public Policy program.

iii) Paper S.05-46 – Annual Report (For Information)

The Dean of Graduate Studies pointed out an error in the first paragraph, which incorrectly stated that the Faculty of Health Sciences did not have a graduate program.

The Faculty does have a graduate program and it will be represented on the Senate Graduate Studies Committee as soon as possible.

Following this correction, the Report was received by Senate for information.

D) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

i) Paper S.05-47 – Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved ten new courses and minor revisions to existing programs, requirements and courses in Computing Science, Kinesiology, Communication, and Engineering Science, including the introduction of a Biomedical Engineering Option to replace the existing Biomedical Engineering Stream.

ii) Paper S.05-48 – New Courses – Faculty of Health Sciences (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved seven new courses in Health Sciences. In response to inquiries, Senate was advised that there were faculty members available to offer the courses, some of which would be offered in the Fall semester and some in the Spring semester, and that the courses would be available to students in other Faculties. The courses were presently being evaluated to offer as breadth courses.

iii) Paper S.05-49 – Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (For Information)

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

E) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.05-50 Elections

Senate was advised that S. Zwagerman was nominated for a Faculty position on the Senate Committee on Academic Integrity in Student Learning and Evaluation and was elected by acclamation for term of office to May 31, 2007; and that F. Breden was elected to the Research Ethics Policy Review Committee for the term of the review. All other vacancies will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Secretary's Note: As Senator Breden is a member of the Research Ethics Board, he is ineligible to stand for this position and further nominations will be sought.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information

The next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled to take place on Monday, April 4, 2005.

Open Session adjourned at 7:45 pm and moved into Closed Session following a brief recess.