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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, May 16, 2005 in Room 3210 WMC at 7:00 pm
Open Session

Present: Stevenson, Michael, President and Chair of Senate

Apaak, Clement
Beynon, Peter
Brennand, Tracy
Budd, James
Copeland, Lynn
da Silva, Gisele
Dean, Charmaine
Dickinson, John
Driver, Jon
Dunsterville, Valerie
Easton, Stephen
Fizzell, Maureen
Fung, Edward
Giacomantonio, Chris
Gordon, Irene
Gordon, Robert
Hauerland, Norbert
Hayes, Michael
Honda, Barry
Horvath, Adam
Hunsdale, Shawn
Johansen, Elinor
Krane, Bill
Lewis, Brian
Li, Ze-Nian
Love, Ernie
Mauser, Gary
McInnes, Marcia
Percival, Paul
Pierce, John
Pinto, Mario
Plischke, Michael
Rozell, Sara
Sears, Camilla
Schellenberg, Betty
Shaker, Paul
Smit, Bernard
Waterhouse, John
Weeks, Daniel
Wong, Josephine
Woodbury, Robert
Zandvliet, David

Absent:

Blackman, Roger
Breden, Felix
Delgrande, James
Grimmett, Peter
Gupta, Kamal
Harder, Derrick
Higgins, Anne
MacKenzie, Christine
MacLean, David
McArthur, James
McFetridge, Paul
Scott, Jamie
Smith, Don
Tombe, Trevor
Wessel, Silvia
Wong, Milton
Yerbury, Colin

In attendance:

Allen, Diana
Andrews, Ian
Bowes, John
Hill, Ross
LeMare, Lucy
MacKinnon, Allen
O'Shea, Tom
Roitberg, Bernard

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 April 4, 2005

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

During a report at the last meeting about the construction activities currently taking place on campus, a question arose with respect to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification of the new buildings. Senator Krane was now able to advise Senate that although there has never been any plan to actually apply for official certification, all new buildings conform to the LEED silver standards.

4. Report of the Chair

a) Senate Membership

On behalf of Senate, the Chair expressed thanks and appreciation to the following Senators who were completing terms on Senate: Student Senators – G. da Silva, E. Fung, C. Giacomantonio, M. McInnes, S. Rozell, C. Sears, B. Smit, T. Tombe; Faculty Senators – R. Blackman, K. Gupta, A. Higgins, A. Horvath, Z. Li, G. Mauser, P. McFetridge; and Convocation Senators: P. Beynon, S. Wessel, V. Dunsterville. All of the retiring Senators were presented with a Certificate acknowledging their service on Senate, and a special acknowledgement and thank you was extended to Valerie Dunsterville who was retiring after twenty-four years as a member of Senate.

b) Convocation

Senators were reminded of the upcoming Convocation ceremonies on June 1, 2, and 3, 2005. The Chair stressed that Convocation was an important part of the ceremonial life of the university and vitally important to the experience of students and their friends and family, and he encouraged all Senators to take part in the ceremony.

c) Budget

The Chair reported that the budget would be presented to the next meeting of the Board of Governors, and Senate was provided with background information with respect to the process and rationale for decisions that resulted in the current proposal being presented to the Board.

5. Question Period

An issue was raised by Senator E. Fung concerning the difference in grading systems between SFU and UBC which he felt appeared to give UBC students an unfair advantage in admission to graduate programs at SFU. Senate was advised by Senator Driver that the grade point average was only one of many factors taken into account in graduate admission decisions and therefore was less significant in graduate admissions than in undergraduate admissions.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning

i) Paper S.05-62 – Annual Report (For Information)

B. Roitberg, Chair of the Committee, was in attendance in order to respond to questions. Senate received the Annual Report of the Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning for information.

B) Senate Committee on University Priorities

i) Paper S.05-63 – New M.Ed. stream: M.Ed. in Educational Practice

Moved by S. Easton, seconded by A. Horvath

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for a Master of Education Practice, including the following new course: EDUC 807-5 The Foundations of Action Research”

T. O’Shea, Director of Graduate Programs, and A. MacKinnon, Director of Field Programs, Faculty of Education were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

A question was raised as to the differences between the existing Curriculum and Instruction program and the proposed Educational Practice program. Senate was advised that the Curriculum and Instruction program was a broad program that did not have the same focus as the proposed program, which is laddered to the Graduate Diploma in Advanced Educational Studies.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.05-64 – Centre for Natural Hazards Research

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by M. Plischke

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of the Centre for Natural Hazards Research as a Schedule A Centre under Policy R40.01”

D. Allen, Chair, Department of Earth Sciences, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

A question arose about space and the resources needed for a full-time manager for the program. Senator Plischke noted that the needs of the Centre were the responsibility of the Faculty of Science. At the present time, no commitment had been given to fund the full-time position because he was unsure that this level of service was required at the outset.

In response to an inquiry about the type of research envisioned for the Centre, it was noted that there would be a field component as well as a modeling component.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.05-65 – Institute for Research on Early Education and Child Health

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by C. Apaak

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of the Institute for Research on Early Education and Child Health”

L. LeMare, Faculty of Education, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Paper S.05-66 – 4D Labs – Schedule B Centre

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by M. Plischke

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of the 4D Labs as a Schedule B Centre under Policy R40.01”

R. Hill, Department of Chemistry, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

A question arose as to the purpose of the motion since the proposed 4D Labs already existed as a Centre as the Centre for Research in Electronic Materials (CREM). Senate was advised that although the term ‘Centre’ appeared in the name, CREM had never been officially approved as a university centre so the proposal for 4D Labs, if approved, would grant status to this centre.

It was noted that the policy states that there must be provision specified for the selection of the Director, and concern was expressed that the document named R. Hill as the Director and did not set out terms for the selection of this position. Senate was assured that, as was previously done, the Director would be determined by election by members of the Centre. A suggestion to amend Section II, on page 4, to read that R. Hill would serve as the initial director was accepted as a friendly amendment. The Vice-President Research agreed with a direction from the Chair that procedures for the selection of the Director for this Centre would return to Senate at a later stage.

In response to an inquiry about potential members for the 4D Labs, Senate was advised that currently there were approximately ten people involved but once the Centre was operational another 20-25 members were expected to participate, both from SFU and from other institutions.

A question was raised about the cost to the University for outside participants. Senate was advised that work done on campus was normally funded either through joint grants or through grants held on campus, while work done at other institutions was funded by the other institution. Normally, external users from other academic institutions were charged the same way SFU academics were charged to cover the cost of operation and equipment, while users from industry were charged at a higher rate in order to help support the Centre's work.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- v) Paper S.05-67 – Proposal for a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science, Major or Honors in Interactive Arts and Technology

The following persons from the School of Interactive Arts and Technology were in attendance in order to respond to questions: Senators J. Budd and R. Woodbury, and J. Bowes, Director of the School.

Motion 1

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by J. Budd

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for a Bachelor of Arts, Major or Honors in Interactive Arts and Technology”

In response to an inquiry, Senate was advised that the new WQB curriculum requirements would apply to these new undergraduate programs in Interactive Arts and Technology.

Clarification was requested about the status of the numerous new courses mentioned in the documentation. Senate was advised that all the courses were approved by SCUS in March and had been submitted to Senate directly from SCUS at the April meeting.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by J. Pierce

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for a Bachelor of Science, Major or Honors in Interactive Arts and Technology”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

vi) Paper S.05-68 – RCMP University Chairs in the School of CriminologyMotion 1

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by J. Pierce

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the terms of reference for the RCMP University Chair in Crime Analysis in the School of Criminology subject to the Memorandum of Understanding being signed by all signatories”

Concern was expressed about of the nature of the research carried out in Criminology and the Chairs in this case being funded by the RCMP, and some senators expressed the view that that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) should be fully understood and specified prior to Senate approval. It was pointed out that the university ethics approval process would guarantee protection of privacy issues with respect to research and that outstanding issues with respect to the MOU related mainly to funding issues.

It was noted that funding and the appointment of two internal senior faculty members to the Chairs would be for five years and the appointments would follow University policy regarding appointments to university and externally funded chairs, A10.06. In response to the issue about the chairs not undertaking any teaching, Senate was advised that the teaching and research responsibilities of the two individuals would be augmented with additional appointments to the School and both individuals would be actively involved in graduate supervision. In addition to the funding support for the actual appointments, funding would also go towards the hiring of post-doctoral fellows, PhD and MA students, and would significantly increase and expand graduate research within the research areas.

Senate was advised that the MOU was currently under negotiation, that it contains the terms of reference before Senate, and it will specify the funding arrangements.

Concern was reiterated about the unsigned MOU, especially with respect to not knowing the provisions for the removal of funding should a disagreement arise with respect to the direction research should take or if the relationship wasn't as beneficial to the RCMP as initially envisioned. It was suggested that these types of conflicts could significantly impact the way research was conducted and it would be useful to know what the University would be willing to do to keep the funding in place prior to Senate approval of the MOU. It was stressed that this was not a research contract wherein the sponsor could specify terms and the direction of the research; this was a funded Chair that was significantly different because the individual Chair-holder is free to pursue his/her own research interests. In this case, the RCMP had a concern about the validity and value of their own research and approached SFU, Criminology and the two individuals in particular, because of their innovative and high standard of research in these areas. It was also mentioned that there are provisions in University policy for the University to eliminate the name associated with the Chair or to withdraw from further participation in the schedule of activities that were set out in the original Memorandum of Understanding should the University no longer feel comfortable with the arrangement.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by J. Pierce

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the terms of reference for the RCMP University Chair in Computational Criminology in the School of Criminology, subject to the Memorandum of Understanding being signed by all signatories”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- vii) Paper S.05-69 – New Procedures for the Development and Approval of Cohort Special Arrangements Programs

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by I. Gordon

“that Senate approve the proposal for a new Calendar entry and new procedures for the development and approval of Cohort Special Arrangements Programs”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- viii) Paper S.05-70 – SCUP Annual Report (For Information)

A misspelling of E. Johansen’s name in the report was noted following which Senate received the Annual Report of the Senate Committee on University Priorities for information.

- C) Senate Committee on International Activities

- i) Paper S.05-71 – SCIA Annual Report, including a report from the International Student Exchange Committee (For Information)

J. Driver, Chair of the Committee and Senator, and I. Andrews were in attendance to respond to questions.

It was observed that a rather small number of students appeared to participate in exchange programs and inquiry was raised as to the number of exchange students attending SFU. Senate was advised that most of the agreements were bilateral so that the numbers of students coming and going balance over time.

Following discussion, Senate received the Annual Report of the Senate Committee on International Activities for information.

D) Senate Graduate Studies Committee

i) Paper S.05-72 – New Course – School of Computing Science (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a new course in the School of Computing Science.

ii) Paper S.05-73 – New Courses – Faculty of Health Sciences (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved thirteen new courses in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

In response to an inquiry, Senate was advised that the Faculty would be offering three of the courses in the Fall semester, and three in the Spring semester.

E) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

i) Paper S.05-74 – Curriculum Revision – Mathematics and Computing Science (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved a minor revision to an existing course in the Mathematics and Computing Science program.

ii) Paper S.05-75 – Curriculum Revisions – School of Computing Science and School of Communication (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved one new course and minor revisions to an existing course and program in the School of Computing Science; and minor revisions to an existing course in the School of Communication.

F) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

i) Paper S.05-76 – Policy Revision – A12.08 – Adjunct Professors (For Information)

Senate received information that the revision to Policy A12.08 consists of the addition of the titled “Adjunct Professors of Clinical Practice”, and the addition of the second paragraph in Section 1.General regarding the new title.

7. Other Business

i) Paper S.05-77 – Report – Results of Elections, Spring 2005 (For Information)

Senate received the report on the results of Spring 2005 elections to Convocation, Senate and the Board of Governors for information.

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, June 13, 2005.

The Open Session adjourned at 8:05 pm. Following a brief recess, Senate moved into Closed Session.