

*As amended by
Senate July 11/05*

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, June 13, 2005 in Room 3210 WMC at 5:30 pm
Open Session

Present: Stevenson, Michael, President and Chair of Senate

Apaak, Clement
Black, Sam
Brennand, Tracy
Budd, James
Caufield, Sarah
Copeland, Lynn
Delgrande, James
Dickinson, John
Dickinson, Peter
Driver, Jon
Easton, Stephen
Ester, Martin
Fizzell, Maureen
Fleming-Saraceno, David
Francis, June
Gordon, Irene
Gordon, Robert
Halpern, ~~Erika~~ Erica
Harder, Derrick
Hauerland, Norbert
Hayes, Michael
Hunsdale, Shawn
Javed, Waseem
Johansen, Elinor
Jones, John (representing B. Lewis)
Krane, Bill
MacKenzie, Christine
MacLean, David
Magee, Sean
Percival, Colin
Percival, Paul
Perry, T. (representing J. Pierce)
Schellenberg, Betty
Scott, Jamie
Shaker, Paul
Smith, Don
Tilley, Kevin
van Baarsen, Amanda
Warner, D'Arcy
Williams, Peter
Wong, Josephine
Zandvliet, David

Absent:

Breden, Felix
Dean, Charmaine
Delgrande, James
Grimmett, Peter
Honda, Barry
Horvath, Adam
Louie, Brandt
Love, Ernie
McArthur, James
Pinto, Mario
Plischke, Michael
Waterhouse, John
Weeks, Daniel
Woodbury, Robert
Yerbury, Colin

In attendance:

Heath, Nick
Friskin, Barbara
Monagan, Michael
Rahilly, Tim

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 May 16, 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

a) Senate Membership

On behalf of Senate, the Chair welcomed the following elected/re-elected Senators to the meeting - Faculty Senators: Peter Williams (Applied Sciences), Peter Dickinson (Arts and Social Sciences), June Francis (Business Administration), Adam Horvath (Education), Norbert Haunerland (Science); Faculty Senators (Joint Faculty): Sam Black, Tracy Brennand, Martin Ester, Robert Gordon; Student Senators: Clement Apaak, Sarah Caufield, David Fleming-Saraceno, Erica Halpern, Derrick Harder, Shawn Hunsdale, Wasseem Javed, Elinor Johansen, Sean Magee, Kevin Tilley, Amanda van Baarsen, Josephine Wong; Convocation Senators: Colin Percival, James McArthur, Don Smith, and D'Arcy Warner. On behalf of the University, the Chair expressed thanks and appreciation to faculty, students and alumni for undertaking this service to the University.

b) Convocation

The Chair reported on the very successful series of Convocation ceremonies just concluded and informed Senate that there were a number of new people responsible for the organization of the event this year. He wished to thank them for the well managed event which he felt was very well done and, as always, a great credit to the University.

5. Question Period

A question was posed about the Kamloops program and the list of priorities that were approved by Senate at the beginning of the year. D. Harder asked about the status of those priorities. T. Perry advised that most of the priorities have been implemented. The program is now operating, with an appropriate operating budget, as a full University installation and the staff are now SFU employees. SFU and the Kamloops Indian Band have a good working relationship and a partnership agreement is about to be signed that designates the Kamloops Indian Band as the host partner for a program to be located on the Band's land.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on University Priorities

i) Paper S.05-78 – Joint Major Mathematics and Computing Science

Moved by B. Krane, seconded by M. Hayes

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for a Joint Major Program in Mathematics and Computing Science (MACM), and the consequential changes to the Joint Honors Program in Mathematics and Computing Science”

M. Monagan, Department of Mathematics, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Discussion ensued with respect to the upper division requirements relevant to MACM requirements. In response to a concern that the upper division MACM requirements would be computed on just the one required course, Senate was advised that students could take additional MACM courses and if they did, the intent was that the GPA required for the MACM courses would be the same as for the Math and/or Computing courses.

A concern was expressed about the deletion of Computing 250 from the requirements and the possible impact this would have on the integrity of the program. Reference was made to the rationale that stated that the course was removed in order to satisfy the WQB requirements and a question was asked about why these requirements were not waived instead. Senate was advised that the WQB requirement was not the only reason CMPT 250 was removed. The department was trying to seek a reasonable balance between the requirements for the honors program versus the major program and chose to remove CMPT 250 as a required course. Senate was advised that this was not an issue for the Department and they did not feel that it threatened the validity or the quality of the program.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) Paper S.05-79 - Dissolution of the Research Institute for Southeastern Europe and creation of the Centre for International Studies

Moved by B. Krane, seconded by S. Easton

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Research Institute for Southeastern Europe, effective immediately” and

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the Centre for International Studies, effective immediately”

It was noted that practical training was not a normal function for a Centre. Senate was advised that this likely referred to the practical experience rather than practical training of graduate students associated with the Centre.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- iii) Paper S.05-80 – External Reviews – 2005/2006 (For Information)

The External Review schedule for the 2005/2006 academic year was received by Senate for information.

- B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies
- i) Paper S.05-81 – High School Admission Requirements related to New Curriculum Requirements

Moved by B. Krane, seconded by M. Fizzell

“that Senate approve the revisions to High School Admissions requirements, effective Fall 2006”

B. Frisken, Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Implementation Task Force and N. Heath, Director of Admissions, were in attendance to respond to questions.

D. Harder spoke strongly against the use of a private exam such as the Language Proficiency Index at SFU. He felt that the use of private exams represented the privatization of education and since students were charged a sitting fee for writing the exam, it added another barrier to access. He stated he would ~~vote against the motion~~ ^{abstain} and requested that his ~~opposition~~ ^{abstention} be noted in the Minutes.

Questions were raised with respect to the difference between ‘required to withdraw’ and being ‘blocked from registration’. An inquiry was also made as to how students who are “blocked from registration” would satisfy the requirement that they have the necessary proficiency in written English to get back into the University. Senate was advised that ‘required to withdraw’ was a very formal situation for students in bad academic standing and had precise requirements for re-admission. A ‘block from registration’ was less formal and could be lifted without going through the re-admission process as soon as a student satisfied the requirement. To satisfy the requirement, expectations were that students would either take a proficiency test from outside the University, or satisfactorily complete a course that transferred to SFU as a writing credit or writing intensive credit course. It was suggested that it would be better if these expectations were clearly outlined in the documentation to students.

Reference was made to the second bullet under Continuation Requirements dealing with non-BC resident students. An inquiry was made as to why these students were being given up to 45 credits to complete the FWS course. Senate was advised that the first opportunity for non-BC students to write the LPI was in their first semester at SFU and by that time they are unable to register in a FWS course. The Committee expected them to register in the FWS course in their second semester but felt that if they failed the first time they should have a second chance and by that time they could be within the first 45 credits of their program. A suggestion to revise the wording of the second bullet parallel to the last sentence of Section (d) under ‘Direct Admission from Grade 12’ was accepted and the Chair requested the Committee to clarify the wording in the final documentation.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.05-82 – Faculty of Applied Sciences – Proposed Changes to Grade 12 Admission Requirements

Moved by B. Krane, seconded by D. Smith

“that Senate approve the changes to Grade 12 Admission Requirements for the following programs in the Faculty of Applied Sciences: Communication, Computing Science, Geographic Information Science, General Studies (BGS), Interactive Arts and Technology, and Kinesiology as outlined in the attached Proposal (Revision B) effective September 1, 2006”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.05-83 – CRUA Annual Report (For Information)

T. Rahilly, Acting Director, Academic Resources, and Secretary of the Committee, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Some Student Senators expressed an opinion that the decline in admission appeals corresponded to a decline in admission applications due to increased tuition fees, which in turn resulted in a declining grade point average to enter the University. Senate was reminded that there were many variables other than increased tuition associated with fluctuations in applications, including factors such as demographics and policy decisions. Although the general trend in applications seems to be in decline, SFU's admissions for 2005 appears to have dramatically increased due to the success of the co-ordinated guaranteed admission strategy for Grade 12 students with an average above 80%.

Following the above-noted discussion, Senate received the Annual Report of the Committee to Review University Admissions for information.

C) Senate Graduate Studies Committee

i.a) Paper S.05-84 – Curriculum Revisions – Contemporary Arts – MFA Program (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a revision to the MFA Program degree requirements, reducing the total credits from 40 to 35, and reducing course credits from 30 to 25.

i.b) Paper S.05-85 – Curriculum Revisions – Gerontology – MA Program (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a revision to the MA Program re application procedures related to on-line applications and the reduction of electives.

i.c) Paper S.05-86 – Curriculum Revisions - Publishing Program (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the addition of a Calendar entry for Satisfactory Performance, a revision to the number of credit hours required to graduate, and minor revisions to existing courses.

i.d) Paper S.05-87 – Curriculum Revisions – Political Science – PhD Program (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a revision to the PhD program degree requirements, including a change from '20 credit hours of graduate work' to 'at least five graduate courses'; the elimination of the requirement to complete all courses before completion of any other program requirement, and a change to the wording about the timing of the comprehensives.

ii) Paper S.05-88 – Faculty of Science Curriculum Revisions (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved minor revisions to existing courses in the Department of Biological Sciences and the Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry.

D) Senate Nominating Committeei) Paper S.05-89 Revised – Elections

Senate's attention was directed to the newly distributed paper, S.05-89 Revised, which contained the final slate of candidates for elections. A number of elections were resolved by acclamation and ballots would be distributed for the remaining positions during Open Session with time made available for voting before the start of the Closed Session. Any vacancies would be carried forward to the next meeting of Senate.

Reference was made to the graduate student position on the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries and an error was noted. Senate was advised that there were in fact two candidates for the position so the candidate indicated on the paper (C. Apaak) was not elected by acclamation. Given that the Committee would not likely meet until after the next meeting of Senate, balloting for this position would take place at the July Senate meeting.

Secretary's Note: Subsequent to the June meeting, C. Apaak withdrew his nomination and the remaining candidate (B. McCollum) was elected by acclamation. The Graduate Student position for the SLC/LPAC showed two candidates. B. McCollum's name appeared incorrectly. The remaining candidate (A. Hornstein) was elected by acclamation.

The results of elections to Senate Committees are as follows.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINARY APPEALS (SCODA)

Four faculty members (2 Regular, 2 Alternate). Two Regular members to replace Sam Black and Cathy D'Andrea for terms of office to May 31, 2007; and two Alternate members to replace Colleen Collins-Dodd and Cyril Thong for terms of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation (Regular Members):	Cathy D'Andrea R Cyril Thong R
Elected by acclamation (Alternate Members):	Bruce Kadonoff A Kevin Stewart A

Five students (3 Regular, 2 Alternate). Three Regular members to replace Sarah Caufield, Camilla Sears, and Patrick Smith for terms of office to May 31, 2006; and two Alternate members to replace Trevor Tombe and Shawn Hunsdale for terms of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation (Regular Members):	Sarah Caufield R Grant Janzen R Amanda van Baarsen R
Elected by acclamation (Alternate Member):	Shawn Hunsdale A

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PRIORITIES (SCUP)

One Faculty Senator (Education) to replace Adam Horvath for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation:	Adam Horvath
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One Faculty Senator (Science) to replace Paul Percival for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation:	Norbert Haunerland
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Four Student Senators (3 Regular, 1 Alternate) to replace Shawn Hunsdale, Josephine Wong, Derrick Harder and Elinor Johansen for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation (Regular Members):	Derrick Harder R Kevin Tilley R Josephine Wong R
Elected by acclamation (Alternate Member):	Erica Halpern A

One Lay Senator to replace Valerie Dunsterville for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation:	D'Arcy Warner
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULES (SCAR)

One Senator to replace John Dickinson for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation:	Paul Percival
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One Student Senator to replace Elinor Johansen for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation:	Elinor Johansen
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING STUDIES (SCCS)

One Faculty Senator to replace Gary Mauser for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation: Peter Williams

Two Senators to replace Adam ~~Hovath~~^{Horvath} and Jamie Scott for terms of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation: D'Arcy Warner
Jamie Scott

One Lay Senator to replace James McArthur for term of office to May 31, 2007.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY HONOURS (SCUH)

One Senator (Science) to replace Norbert Haunerland for term of office to May 31, 2008.

Elected by acclamation: Norbert Haunerland

Two Lay Senators to replace Valerie Dunsterville and James McArthur for terms of office to May 31, 2008.

Elected by acclamation: Colin Percival
Don Smith

SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE (SLC) AND LIBRARY PENALTIES APPEAL COMMITTEE (LPAC) - DUAL POSITIONS

Two Senators to replace Sara Rozell and Norbert Haunerland for terms of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation: Peter Williams

One Undergraduate Student (Regular position) to replace Trevor Tombe for term of office to May 31, 2007; **One Undergraduate Student (Alternate position)** to replace M. McInnes for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Candidates: Dan Leslie, Sean Magee, Diane Wu

Elected as the Regular Member: Sean Magee
Elected as the Alternate Member: Diane Wu

One Graduate Student (Regular position) to replace Camilla Sears for term of office to May 31, 2007; **One Graduate Student (Alternate)** to replace Rob McTavish for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation (Regular position): Ariel Hornstein

SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (SNC)

Two Faculty Senators to replace Christine MacKenzie and Ze-Nian Li for terms of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation: Peter Dickinson
Christine MacKenzie

One Faculty Senator for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation: Martin Ester

One Student Senator to replace Shawn Hunsdale for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation: Shawn Hunsdale

One Student Alternate to replace Chris Giacomantonio for term of office to May 31, 2006.

SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES (SPCSAB)

One Faculty Senator as Chair to replace Stephen Easton for term of office to May 31, 2008.

Elected by acclamation: Stephen Easton

Two Faculty Members to replace Barry Honda and Betty Schellenberg for terms of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation: Christine MacKenzie
Betty Schellenberg

One Undergraduate Student (Dual Position) to replace Chris Giacomantonio for term of office to May 31, 2006. *Note: the student elected to this committee coincidentally becomes a member of the Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee.*

Elected by acclamation: Elinor Johansen

One Graduate Student (Dual Position) to replace Camilla Sears for term of office to May 31, 2006. *Note: the student elected to this committee coincidentally becomes a member of the Senate Graduate Awards Adjudication Committee.*

Elected by acclamation: Brett McCollum

One Lay Senator to replace Valerie Dunsterville for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation: Colin Percival

SENATE UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE (SUAAC)

One Faculty Member to replace Hilmar Pabel for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation: Hilmar Pabel

One Undergraduate Student to replace Sean Magee for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation: Sean Magee

One Lay Senator to replace Peter Beynon for the period June 2005 to May 31, 2006.

SENATE GRADUATE AWARDS ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE (SGAAC)

One Faculty Member to replace Rob Woodbury for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation: Rob Woodbury

One Graduate Student to replace Mark Weiler for term of office to May 31, 2006.

SENATE APPEALS BOARD (SAB)

Two Faculty Members (1 Regular, 1 Alternate) to replace Cathy D'Andrea and Heesoon Bai for terms of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation (Regular Member): Martin Hahn R

Elected by acclamation (Alternate Member): Cathy D'Andrea A

Two Students (1 Regular, 1 Alternate) to replace Ravi Bansal and Tiffany Kalanj for terms of office to May 31, 2007.

Candidates for Regular position: Shawn Hunsdale, Dan Leslie

Elected (Regular Member): Shawn Hunsdale

Elected by acclamation (Alternate Member): Waseem Javed A

One Graduate Student to replace Rob McTavish for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation: Alex Hlivka

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS (CRUA)

Two Faculty Members (1 Regular, 1 Alternate) to replace Cathy D'Andrea and Celeste Snowber for terms of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation (Regular Member): Cathy D'Andrea R

Elected by acclamation (Alternate Member): Bruce Kadonoff A

Two Undergraduate Students to replace Gisele da Silva and Sarah Caufield for terms of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation: Sarah Caufield
Amanda van Baarsen

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES (SCUS)

Two Undergraduate Students to replace Derrick Harder and Josephine Wong for terms of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation: Derrick Harder
Waseem Javed

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING (SEMP)

One Undergraduate Student Senator to replace Josephine Wong for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation: Josephine Wong

One Graduate Student to replace Camilla Sears for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation: Clement Apaak

ELECTORAL STANDING COMMITTEE (ESC)

One Senator at large to replace Peter Beynon for term of office to May 31, 2006.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES (SCIA)

One Faculty Senator to replace Jim Budd for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Candidates: Jim Budd, Martin Ester

Elected: Martin Ester

One Senator to replace Valerie Dunsterville for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Candidates: June Francis, Jamie Scott

Elected: June Francis

One Undergraduate Student Senator to replace Shawn Hunsdale for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation: Waseem Javed

One Graduate Student to replace Clement Apaak for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation: Clement Apaak

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE COMMITTEE (ISEC)

One Faculty Member to replace Vive Kumar for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation: Michael Favere-Marchesi

One Student to replace Marcia McInnes for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation: Sarah Caufield

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND LEARNING (SCUTL)

One Faculty Member (Arts and Social Sciences) to replace Nicole Didicher for term of office to May 31, 2008.

Elected by acclamation: Nicole Didicher

One Faculty Member (Science) to replace Bernard Roitberg for term of office to May 31, 2008.

Elected by acclamation: Chris Kennedy

One Undergraduate Student to replace Titus Gregory for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Candidates: Titus Gregory, Josephine Wong

Elected: Titus Gregory

One Graduate Student to replace Marie Krbavac for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation: Andrea Joseph

DIVERSE QUALIFICATIONS ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE (DQAC)

One Faculty Member to replace Larry Weldon for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Candidates: Stephen Steele, Larry Weldon

Elected:

Larry Weldon

Two Undergraduate Students to replace Derrick Harder and Gisele da Silva for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Candidates: Derrick Harder, Amanda van Baarsen, Diane Wu

Elected:

Amanda van Baarsen

Diane Wu

CALENDAR COMMITTEE (CC)

One Faculty Senator to replace Gary Mauser for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation:

Jim Delgrande

One Student to replace Titus Gregory for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation:

Titus Gregory

RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD (REB)

Two Members from the University Community to replace Maureen Hoskyn and Felix Breden for terms of office to May 31, 2008.

Elected by acclamation:

Felix Breden

Maureen Hoskyn

One Student to replace Spencer McGrath for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation:

Erica Halpern

VICE-CHAIR OF SENATE

One Senator to replace Paul Percival. Term of office is one year from June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2006. Paul Percival has served two consecutive terms as Vice-Chair and is not eligible to serve another term.

Elected by acclamation:

Betty Schellenberg

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, July 11, 2005.

The Open Session adjourned at 6:10 pm. Following a brief recess, Senate moved into Closed Session.

Alison Watt
Director, University Secretariat