

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, July 11, 2005 in Room 3210 WMC at 5:30 pm
Open Session

Present: Stevenson, Michael, President and Chair of Senate

Apaak, Clement
Black, Sam
Boal, David (representing M. Plischke)
Budd, James
Caufield, Sarah
Collinge, Joan (representing C. Yerbury)
Copeland, Lynn
Dean, Charmaine
Delgrande, James
Dickinson, John
Dickinson, Peter
Driver, Jon
Fizzell, Maureen
Gordon, Irene
Grimmett, Peter
Halpern, Erica
Harder, Derrick
Horvath, Adam
Hunsdale, Shawn
Javed, Waseem
Jones, John (representing B. Lewis)
Krane, Bill
Love, Ernie
MacKenzie, Christine
MacLean, David
Percival, Colin
Percival, Paul
Pierce, John
Pinto, Mario
Schellenberg, Betty
Tilley, Kevin
Warner, D'Arcy
Williams, Peter
Wong, Josephine

Dinning, Mike, Acting Dean of Student Services
Whiteley, Diane, Acting Registrar
Watt, Alison, Director, University Secretariat
Grant, Bobbie, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Breden, Felix
Brennand, Tracy
Easton, Stephen
Ester, Martin
Fleming-Saraceno, David
Francis, June
Gordon, Robert
Haunerland, Norbert
Hayes, Michael
Honda, Barry
Johansen, Elinor
Louie, Brandt
Magee, Sean
McArthur, James
Scott, Jamie
Shaker, Paul
Smith, Don
van Baarsen, Amanda
Waterhouse, John
Weeks, Daniel
Woodbury, Robert
Zandvliet, David

In attendance:

Blackman, Roger
Roberts, Mike

1. Approval of the Agenda
The Agenda was approved as distributed.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of June 13, 2005
Referring to his comments on page 4, D. Harder indicated that although he spoke strongly against the use of private exams, he did not vote against the motion. He abstained and had requested his abstention be noted. Following this amendment, the Minutes were approved.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
There was no business arising from the Minutes
4. Report of the Chair
There was no report from the Chair.
5. Question Period
A question was posed about Bill C48 with respect to an amendment to the 2005 Federal budget providing funding to the Provinces for post-secondary education. S. Hunsdale asked if TUPC would support the use of that funding to reduce the burden of tuition fees borne by students. Senate was advised that TUPC would support any reduction in the burden of financial pressures in the universities and was very pleased to see this support for higher education. However, a clearer understanding of the terms under which the Federal Government expects to disburse the funds was required and TUPC was currently seeking clarification.

It was noted that last year the SFU Board of Governors had resolved to ask TUPC to recommend to the Government an amendment to the University Act to allow international student representation on the Boards of Governors of universities. A question was raised by C. Apaak as to the outcome of this resolution. Senate was advised that this issue was raised again at the last TUPC Executive meeting and received unanimous support from the University Presidents. The President of TUPC will take this issue up again with the Ministry. When this matter had been raised previously with the Ministry, no action had been taken and it was unclear why the Ministry had not supported this matter.

6. Reports of Committees
 - A) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules
 - i) Paper S.05-90 – Revision of Policy R20.03 Treatment of Animals in Research and Teaching

Moved by M. Pinto, seconded by D. MacLean

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposed revision of Policy R20.03 Treatment of Animals in Research and Teaching”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) Paper S.05-91 – Revision of Policy GP 17 University Occupational Health and Safety (For Information)

M. Roberts, Chair of the Task Force to review Policy GP 17 was in attendance in order to respond to questions. The revised policy was received by Senate for information.

- B) Senate Committee on University Priorities

- i) Paper S.05-92 – School for International Studies

Moved by J. Pierce, seconded by C. Apaak

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of the School for International Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences effective September 1, 2005”

In response to a question about how the School would relate to international activities occurring in other Faculties and administrative units, Senate was advised that it was expected that the School would have a very close relationship with various field schools and programs and it was anticipated that partnerships would evolve over time.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- C) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

- i) Paper S.05-93 – Revision to List 3 Science Group – High School Admission Requirements

Moved by M. Fizzell, seconded by J. Jones

“that Senate approve the 10 new provincially authorized courses as suitable List 3 Grade 12 courses in the Science group (no provincial exams) for university admission, as a result of the Ministry of Education discontinuing INT 12”

R. Blackman, Chair of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Senate’s attention was drawn to the concern expressed in the last paragraph on page 1 of the email attached to paper 05-93 and an inquiry was made as to whether there was any intention of offering courses/workshops to Grade 11/12 teachers. Senate was informed that in the discussion that had taken place at SCUS, it was pointed out that the technical knowledge needed by students was not leading edge and that it was probable that the instructors would have an adequate level of knowledge to teach these courses. It was also noted that the amount of flexibility that teachers have for professional development was very limited and it was unlikely that they could take advantage of courses should they be offered.

The Chair noted that it would likely be possible to monitor students being admitted with these courses and if there were any serious problems efforts would be made to seek ways to remedy or adjust the requirements.

A question was raised as to why ICTM 12 was placed in the Science group rather than in the Fine and Performing Arts Group as was originally recommended by the Associate Dean, FAS. Senate was advised that SCUS wanted students to be able to use only one of these courses in their calculation for admission so they were all put in the Science group.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.05-94 – Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved four new courses, revisions to existing program requirements, and minor revisions to existing courses in Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, and Physics.

D) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.05-95 – Elections

Senate was advised that one additional nomination had been received: Maureen Fizzell for the position on the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules. A number of elections were resolved by acclamation and a ballot was distributed for the SCODA position. The remaining vacancies would be carried forward to the next meeting of Senate.

The results of elections to Senate Committees are as follows.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINARY APPEALS (SCODA)

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

Candidates: S. Byers, N. Gagnon

Elected:

Scott Byers

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULES (SCAR)

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

Elected by acclamation:

Maureen Fizzell

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING STUDIES (SCCS)

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

Re-elected by acclamation:

James McArthur

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

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

Elected by acclamation:

Peter Dickinson

One Graduate Student (Alternate) for term of office to May 31, 2006.
No nominations received

SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (SNC)

One Graduate Student for term of office to May 31, 2006.
No nominations received

SENATE UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE (SUAAC)

One Lay Senator for term of office to May 31, 2006.
Elected by acclamation:

James McArthur

SENATE GRADUATE AWARDS ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE (SGAAC)

One Graduate Student for term of office to May 31, 2006.
Elected by acclamation:

Margo Foster

ELECTORAL STANDING COMMITTEE (ESC)

One Senator at large to replace Peter Beynon for term of office to May 31, 2006.
No nominations received

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, September 12, 2005. There is no meeting in August.

The Open Session adjourned at 5:50 pm. Senate moved directly into Closed Session.

Alison Watt
Director, University Secretariat