

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

Minutes of a meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, November 6, 2006 at 5:30 pm in Room 3210 WMC

Open Session

Present:

Stevenson, Michael, President and Chair of Senate

Breden, Fred
Brennand, Tracy
Caufield, Sarah
Copeland, Lynn
Corbett, Kitty
Dagenais, Diane
Delgrande, James
Dickinson, Peter
Dunnet, Margo
Easton, Stephen
Ester, Martin
Fizzell, Maureen
Fox, Graham
Gençay, Ramo
Gillies, Mary Ann (representing J. Pierce)
Gordon, Irene
Harder, Derrick
Hauerland, Norbert
Hayes, Michael
Heift, Trude (representing J. Driver)
Joffres, Michel
Jones, John (representing B. Lewis)
Kelly, Vanessa
Krane, Bill
Li, Wei
Liljedahl, Peter
MacKenzie, Christine
MacLean, David
Percival, Colin
Percival, Paul
Peters, Joseph
Routledge, Rick (representing M. Plischke)
Russell, Robert
Schellenberg, Betty
Shaker, Paul
Shermer, Tom
Smart, Carolyne
Smith, Don
Tingling, Peter
van Baarsen, Amanda
Warner, D'Arcy
Weeks, Dan
Williams, Peter
Wong, Josephine

Absent:

Black, Sam
Gordon, Robert
Gregory, Titus
Halpern, Erica
Honda, Barry
Javed, Waseem
LaBrie, John
Lewis, Glynn
Louie, Brandt
McArthur, James
Pinto, Mario
Rebman, Rachelle
Vaid, Bhuvinder
Waterhouse, John
Zandvliet, David

Angerilli, Nello, Associate Vice-President, Students/International, and Acting 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 October 16, 2006

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Referring to the discussion concerning the lack of a mathematics or calculus course in the B.Sc. program in Health Sciences, R. Russell indicated he had made follow-up inquiries about the math requirements in Ontario. He reported that high school students in Ontario are required to take a calculus course so the statement that several Ontario universities do not require mathematics in their B.Sc. Health Sciences programs was inaccurate. He felt that this was an important omission which should be reflected in the minutes.

4. Report of the Chair

i) Paper S.06-117 – President's Agenda (For Information)

The Chair explained that the document represented an expanded version of his previous agenda, and included some quantifiable goals requested by the Board of Governors for the current year. These he had identified as research intensity, enrolment management and enhancing the University's public profile. In response to an inquiry, Senate was advised that he would be reporting the results to the Board of Governors, and had no objection to the results also being reported to Senate.

A question was raised about peer reviewed publications in Education and Business Administration. The Chair indicated that he was not aware of appropriate citations or indexes in those fields but would be happy to include them if so advised.

Following discussion, the report was received by Senate for information.

5. Question Period

i) In response to an inquiry about the final report of the Faculty Structure Task Force, Senate was advised that the report, with various motions to Senate, will come forward to the December Senate meeting.

ii) A comment was made about the new SFU web site. It was suggested that a correction would be appropriate to ensure it was clear that schools and departments are both a level in the organization below faculties. The Chair requested that Public Affairs and Media Relations should arrange for the appropriate adjustment.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

i) Paper S.06-118 – Annual Report (For Information)

The 2005-2006 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies was received by Senate for information.

ii) Paper S.06-119 – Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved course deletions, new courses, and changes to existing programs and courses in the following programs: Contemporary Arts, Criminology, International Studies, Psychology, Linguistics, Women's Studies, Cognitive Science, Economics, English, Geography, Gerontology, and History.

iii) Paper S.06-120 – Undergraduate Semester in Dialogue (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved prerequisite changes and Writing and Breadth-Social Science designations for the DIAL courses.

iv) Paper S.06-121 – Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved five new Health Science courses.

B) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.06-122 – Elections

Senate was advised that no further nominations had been received. Amanda van Baarsen was therefore elected by acclamation as the Undergraduate Student on the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies. The remaining vacancies will be carried forward to the next meeting.

C) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

i) Paper S.06-123 – Changes to the Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning

Moved by P. Percival, seconded by L. Copeland

“that Senate approve the addition of the Director of the Student Learning Commons to the membership of the Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning, as an ex-officio voting member of the Committee”

It was noted that with this addition there would be three ex-officio voting members on the Committee, and an inquiry was made as to whether having a third administrator as a voting member was of concern to the committee. Since there was no one available to respond to the inquiry, the Chair indicated the information would be made available at the next meeting.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.06-124 – Changes to the Senate Nominating Committee

Moved by P. Percival, seconded by B. Schellenberg

“that the following revisions to the membership and terms of reference of the Senate Nominating Committee be approved, and take effect on June 1, 2007.

1. that the number of Faculty Senators shall be increased, so that there is one Faculty Senator representing each Faculty on the Senate Nominating Committee
2. that the terms of office of Faculty Senators shall all be two years, and that the terms should be staggered so that the terms of half of the positions end each year
3. that the editorial revisions shown on the attached Terms of Reference be approved”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.06-125 – Changes to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

Moved by D. Harder, seconded by I. Gordon

“that Senate approve the additions to the terms of reference of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, as set out in S.06-125, effective immediately”

An opinion was expressed that the addition of point 7 was unnecessary since it could be considered as being covered under point 1.a of the terms of reference. A concern was also expressed about the inclusion of a specific requirement as opposed to the normal more general reference to university regulations. Senate was advised that since the Task Force responsible for this initiative had been disbanded, and because the WQB requirements were considered to be a major undertaking by the University and were implemented for the first time this Fall semester, SCUS felt it was important for the university community to understand that SCUS was the committee now responsible to Senate for recommendations or suggestions for change.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Paper S.06-126 – Changes to the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

Moved by P. Percival, seconded by B. Schellenberg

“that the following revisions to membership of the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules be approved by Senate and take effect immediately:

1. that a Student Senator (Alternate) position be added to SCAR; and
2. that the position of Secretary be a non-voting position”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Other Business

i) Paper S.06-127 – SFU Library – Annual Report (For Information)

L. Copeland, Senator and Dean of Library Services was available in order to respond to questions.

In response to an inquiry, L. Copeland confirmed that she wrote the unsigned introduction of the report and advised Senate of a pagination error on page 20 which has been corrected in subsequent editions of the report.

Following the brief discussion, the Annual Report of the SFU Library was received by Senate for information.

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, December 4, 2006.

The Open Session adjourned at 5:55 pm and Senate moved directly into Closed Session.

Alison Watt
Director, University Secretariat