

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, June 1, 2009 at 5:30 pm in Room 3210 WMC

Open Session

Present

Stevenson, Michael, President and Chair of Senate

Andrews, Ian (representing S. de Castell)
Brennand, Tracy
Chapman, Glenn
Chiu, Christina
Dow, Greg
Driver, Jon
Easton, Stephen
Francis, June
Funt, Elliott
Gibson, Eli
Gick, Nathalie (representing L. Copeland)
Gordon, Robert
Harding, Kevin
Haunerland, Norbert (representing M. Pinto)
Hiscocks, Graham
Joffres, Michel
Krane, Bill
Laba, Martin
Lee, Shara
Li, Fiona
Li, Ze-Nian
MacGrotty, Alysia
Mathewes, Rolf (representing M. Plischke)
Moubarak, Cristel
Myers, Gordon
Nadison, Ada
Nesbit, Tom (representing J. Collinge)
Noble, Cameron
Parkhouse, Wade
Patel, Ravi
Perry, Tom (representing L. Cormack)
Peters, Joseph
Pierce, John
Popadiuk, Natalee
Ruben, Peter
Russell, Robert
Shapiro, Daniel
Underhill, Owen
van der Wey, Dolores
Warner, D'Arcy
Williams, Tony
Woodbury, Rob
Zelezny, Joseph

Absent

Beale, Alison
Bezglasnyy, Anton
Fizzell, Maureen
Godson, Ali
Golnaraghi, Farid
Hannah, David
Janes, Craig
Letourneau, Michael
Leznoff, Daniel
Louie, Brandt
McArthur, James
O'Neil, John
Paterson, David
Pavsek, Christopher
Percival, Colin
Percival, Paul
Sahinalp, Cenk
Scott, Jamie
Thompson, Steve
Tiffany, Evan
Wakkary, Ron

In attendance:

Nicholas, George

Ross, Kate, Registrar and Secretary of Senate
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 11, 2009

Senate's attention was drawn to Senate paper S.09-72 (Elimination of the Enrolment Deposit) on page 4, Item B.1 which had been presented to Senate for information. It was pointed out that there were two versions of this paper and that the wrong version had inadvertently been presented to Senate. The correct version which also included graduate students should have been forwarded to Senate. Since the Board of Governors has already approved the correct version, and provided Senate has no objection, a Secretary's Note would be added to the Minutes explaining the error and a revised paper with the correct information would be filed in official Senate records and on the Web for future reference. There were no objections from Senate and the Minutes were approved.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. Report of the Chair

The Chair welcomed and thanked the newly elected and re-elected Faculty and Student Senators for undertaking service to the University and acknowledged the following individuals: Faculty Senators – Maureen Fizzell, Gordon Myers, David Paterson, Paul Percival, Joseph Peters, Peter Ruben, Robert Russell, Cenk Sahinalp; Student Senators: Anton Bezglasnyy, Christina Chiu, Elliot Funt, Eli Gibson, Ali Godson, Kevin Harding, Shara Lee, Fiona Li, Alysia MacGrotty, Cristel Moubarak, Ada Nadison, Ravi Patel, Joseph Zelezny.

The Chair noted the passing of Arthur Erickson, a recipient of an honorary degree from Simon Fraser University, and the architect of the original campus of the University. He was an extraordinary person and a world renowned architect whose name will forever be linked to Simon Fraser University and SFU mourns his passing.

The Chair indicated that no information had yet been received following the Provincial election about organizational change or ministerial assignments that might affect higher education, nor was there any information available as to whether or not there would be any adjustments to the pre-election budget. The Chair advised Senate that he would report back as soon as further information was available.

5. Question Period

There were no questions submitted for Question Period.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on University Priorities

i) Paper S.09-81 – Certificate in Cultural Resource Management

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by K. Harding

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, the proposal for a Certificate in Cultural Resource Management in the Department of Archaeology from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences”

G. Nicholas, Department of Archaeology, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

i) Paper S.09-82 – Revision to Membership

Moved by R. Mathewes, seconded by B. Krane

“that Senate approve the amendment to SCUS membership to include representation from the Faculty of Environment and the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.09-83 - Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science

Moved by B. Krane, seconded by P. Ruben

“that Senate approve that effective May 1, 2009 the bracketed distinction (Kinesiology) be removed from the BSc (KIN) and that students graduating from the Faculty of Science in the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology receive a BSc”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved a course deletion, a new course, and changes to program requirements in the Department of Biological Sciences, and changes to an existing course in the Department of Mathematics.

iii) Paper S.09-84 – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved course deletions, new courses, new streams (Physical Geography Program), changes to program requirements, and changes to existing courses in Geography and Environmental Science.

iv) Paper S.09-85 – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved changes to the B.Sc. program requirements.

C) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.09-86 Revised

Senate's attention was drawn to Senate Paper S.09-86 Revised which was distributed at the meeting and showed additional nominations, all positions which were elected by acclamation, and all positions which required balloting. Balloting was required for some committees to determine Regular versus Alternate positions in which case the candidate(s) receiving the higher number of votes holds the Regular position(s); the runner-up(s) the Alternate position(s). Senators were reminded that voting would take place online following the Senate meeting and would be accessible for approximately two days.

Names of candidates elected by acclamation can be found on Senate paper S.09-86 Revised. The results of online voting are as follows:

Senate Appeals Board (SAB)

Two Undergraduate Students (1 Regular, 1 Alternate) for terms of office to May 31, 2011. Elected:

Benjamin Lee (Regular)
Ravi Patel (Alternate)

Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA)

One Undergraduate Student for term of office to May 31, 2011.

Elected: Christina Chiu

Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA)

Five Students (3 Regular, 2 Alternate) for terms of office to May 31, 2010.

Elected: Elliot Funt (Regular)
Ali Godson (Regular)
Graham Hiscocks (Regular)
Ravi Patel (Alternate)
Thomas Unsoeld (Alternate)

Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)

Four Undergraduate Student Senators (3 Regular, 1 Alternate) for terms of office to May 31, 2010. Elected:

Kevin Harding (Regular)
Alysia MacGrotty (Regular)
Joseph Zelezny (Regular)
Shara Lee (Alternate)

Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

Three Undergraduate Students (2 Regular, 1 Alternate) for terms of office to May 31, 2010.

Elected: Christina Chiu (Regular)
Kevin Harding (Regular)
Graham Hiscocks (Alternate)

Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL)

One Undergraduate Student for term of office to May 31, 2010.

Elected: Benjamin Lee

Vice-Chair of Senate

Dual position with SCAR for term of office to May 31, 2010.

Elected: Tony Williams

7. Other Business

- i) Paper S.09-87- Revision to the Rules of Senate (Graduate Student Representation on Senate)

Moved by E. Gibson, seconded by K. Harding

“that Senate approve the revision to the Rules of Senate and Election Rules as outlined below:

C. Election Rules

E. Students; Student Association

From:

4. There shall be at least one graduate and one undergraduate student among the total number of students elected to Senate under Part 7, Section 35(2)(h) of the University Act

To:

4. There shall be at least three graduate students and three undergraduate students among the total number of students elected to Senate under Part 7, Section 35(2)(h) of the University Act”

This change would take effect next year for the students taking office in June 2010.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, July 6, 2009.

Open Session adjourned at 5:40 pm

Kate Ross
Registrar and Secretary of Senate