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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

Open Session

Present: Petter, Andrew, President and Chair

Acierno, Kyle
 Bezglasnyy, Anton
 Black, Sam
 Brandhorst, Bruce
 Brennand, Tracy
 Cameron, Rob (representing N. Rajapakse)
 Craig, John
 Cupples, Claire
 Cyr, Dianne
 Dhillon, Arinder
 Dow, Greg
 Driver, John
 Easton, Stephen
 Fizzell, Maureen
 Garneau-Scott, Christi
 Geisler, Cheryl
 Gordon, Robert
 Janes, Craig
 Kong, Shuyu
 Kopahi, Moe
 Krane, Bill
 Kropinski, Mary Catherine
 Laitsch, Dan
 Lee, Benjamin
 Leznoff, Daniel
 MacGrotty, Alysia
 Magnusson, Kris
 Mann, Geoff
 Moghaddamjoo, Sarah
 Morrison, John
 Mundle, Todd (representing Charles Eckman)
 Myers, Gordon
 O'Neil, John
 Parkhouse, Wade
 Patel, Ravi
 Patidar, Risha
 Patidar, Trisha
 Pavsek, Christopher
 Percival, Colin
 Percival, Paul
 Peters, Joseph

Pierce, John
 Pinto, Mario
 Ruben, Peter
 Russell, Robert
 Saif, Mehrdad
 Shapiro, Daniel
 Somers, Julian
 van der Wey, Dolores
 Warner, D'Arcy
 Woodbury, Rob
 Wussow, Helen

Absent:

Beale, Alison
 Chapman, Glenn
 Francis, June
 Golnaraghi, Farid
 Law, Mona
 Lewis, Cynthia
 Li, Fiona
 Louie, Brandt
 McArthur, James
 Paterson, David
 Sahinalp, Cenk

In attendance:

Anderson, Gail
 Budra, Paul
 Canac-Marquis, Rejean
 Gu, Qianping
 Guthrie, Larry
 Hibbitts, Patricia
 Legris, Louise
 Li, Ze-Nian
 Lindsay, William
 Lougheed, Pat
 Mellow, Dean
 Perry, Tom
 Pochurko, Martin
 Sabatier, Cecile

Ross, Kate, Registrar & Executive Director Student Enrolment
 Gair, Shelley, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as distributed (moved by Steve Easton and seconded by Paul Percival).

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of July 5, 2010

The Minutes of the Open Session of July 5, 2010 were approved as distributed (moved by Peter Ruben and seconded by Maureen Fizzell).

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. Report of the Chair

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, welcomed the following Senators to their first meeting of Senate: John Craig, Dean of Arts and Social Sciences (Pro Tem) and Claire Cupples, Dean of Science. The Chair expressed thanks to the SFU community for making him feel welcomed and supported as the new President of SFU. The Chair acknowledged the loss and contributions of Warren Gill, Vice President of University Relations and Peter Kennedy, Professor emeritus in Economics who have recently passed away.

A) Annual Financial Report (For Information)**S.10-101**

P. Hibbitts, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, M. Pochurko, Associate Vice-President, Financial Services, and L. Guthrie, Director, Accounting Services, were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

The Annual Financial Report was received by Senate for information. Clarification was requested on the Statement of Operations and Changes in Operating Net Assets as well as the Income Stabilization Reserve found within the report.

5. Question Period

There were no questions in Question Period.

6. Reports of Committees**A) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)****i) Closure of the Collaborative Major Program with Thompson Rivers University****S.10-102**

Paul Budra, from the Faculty of Social Sciences, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by Ravi Patel

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the permanent closure of the Collaborative Major Program with Thompson Rivers University within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective January 2011.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Creation of the First Nations Language Centre

S.10-103

Tom Perry, from the Department of Linguistics, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by Ben Lee

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the creation of the First Nations Language Centre within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences as a Research Centre for a five year term.”

The question was raised as to why there are two separate advisory boards. It was explained that one will have a more political function with infrequent meetings and the other will be more operational in nature with greater meeting frequency. Clarification was requested on the use of the term centre as opposed to institute. It was explained that this was intentional since it is believed there would not be enough cross faculty membership at this time due to the expertise being fairly localized and specialized.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) New Programs in the School of Criminology:

S.10-104

Gail Anderson, from the department of Criminology, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

There was some discussion around the proliferation of certificates and the VP Academic agreed that this needs to be reviewed. Representatives from the School of Criminology explained that the certificates, minor and PBD contained in paper S.10-104, were designed to appeal to different markets and to show a focused study topic on student’s transcripts.

a) Certificate in Correctional Studies

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by Arinder Dhillon

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in Correctional Studies in the School of Criminology within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Certificate in Forensic Studies

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by Ravi Patel

“ that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in Forensic Studies in the School of Criminology within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Certificate in Legal Studies

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by Anton Bezglasnyy

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in Legal Studies in the School of Criminology within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Minor and PBD in Police Studies

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by Steve Easton

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Minor and Post Baccalaureate Diploma in the School of Criminology within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Certificate in French and Education

S.10-105

Rejean Canac-Marquis and Cecile Sabatier, from the Department of French, were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by Kris Magnusson

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in French and Education within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Faculty of Education.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

v) SFU/ZU Dual Masters of Science and PhD Degrees in Computing Science S.10-106

Ze-Nian Li and Qianping Gu, from the School of Computing Science, were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by Joseph Peters

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a SFU/ZU Dual Masters of Science and PhD Degrees in Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences.”

A question was raised regarding the policies, specifically academic freedom, that will govern the dual degree program. The Dean of Graduate Studies responded that the program requires students to meet the regulations and policies at this university. If a student was not able to do their research at ZU, they would revert back to an SFU student and only complete a PhD at SFU.

Reference was made to p. 6 which states, “SFU students must complete three credits from the course China Survey at ZU”. The question was raised regarding whether or not students who have completed the undergraduate dual degree program will be required to take the China Survey course again. The response was that those students would be exempted from taking the China Survey course again at ZU.

Minor clarifications were requested on the topics of the program start date, essay topics, co-op placement, parchments, and transition issues.

Concern was expressed over the statement on p. 20 that “students with Chinese citizenship who wish to join the GDDP programs must first apply for admission at ZU.” The issue was raised that if a student has dual citizenship then according to that statement they must first apply to ZU as the “home” university. According to the Dean of Graduate Studies, students are required to apply for admission to each university. A **friendly amendment** was proposed and accepted that the wording in the document, regarding admission to “home” university, be resolved before the motion goes to the Board of Governors for approval and if a resolution cannot be obtained, that the motion be returned to Senate.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

vi) Notices of Intent for Program Proposals (For Information)

S.10-107

Senate received information that SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal to have Notices of Intent (NOI) for program proposals to be brought forward to SCUS for consideration before being forwarded to SCUP.

B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

i) Degree Designation – Introduction of the designations “with distinction” and “first class with distinction” for students in honours and non-honours programs **S.10-108**

Pat Loughheed, Director, Policy & Business Analysis, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Moved by Bill Krane, seconded by Peter Ruben

“that Senate approve the alteration of the designation *First Class Honours* into the designations *with distinction* and *first class with distinction* for students graduating from honours programs, with requirements as detailed in the attached table, effective for students entering honours programs during the 2011 Spring term.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Bill Krane, seconded by Julian Somers

“that Senate approve the introduction of the designations *with distinction* and *first class with distinction* for students graduating from non-honours programs, with requirements as detailed in the attached table, effective for students graduating from the 2010 Fall term.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Aboriginal Undergraduate Admission Policy

S.10-109

William Lindsay, Director of Aboriginal Peoples, and Louise Legris, Director of Admissions, were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Moved by Bill Krane, seconded by Ravi Patel

“that Senate approve the Aboriginal Undergraduate Admission Policy effective September 2010.”

Discussion followed regarding the necessity of offering this policy. It was pointed out that mechanisms are in place to retain the students that are expected to be recruited under this policy. An opinion was expressed that the issue of lower Aboriginal enrollment should be addressed at the high school level and that students in this category could be better served using the diverse qualifications admission process.

Moved by Paul Percival, seconded by Colin Percival

“that this matter be referred to the Diverse Qualifications Adjudication Committee (DQAC) to consider whether they need to propose any changes to their policies to make them more encouraging to applicants of Aboriginal descent.”

A problem noted with this option is that the diverse qualifications admission policy does not apply to all faculties and therefore is not a relevant alternative to the proposal. An opinion was expressed that this policy would be more appealing and more likely to attract Aboriginal students than the DQAC process. It was noted that some other major universities in BC and across Canada have similar admission policies to address some of the inequities in education within the Aboriginal population.

Question was called on motion to refer, and a vote taken

MOTION TO REFER FAILED

Reference was made to the committee consisting of a member from each of Indigenous Student Centre, University Admissions and the specific faculty applied to, which evaluates each application. A request was made to consider including an additional faculty member on this committee since the single faculty member does not have a majority vote. An amendment to the policy was proposed.

Amendment moved by Colin Percival, seconded by Paul Percival

“that the faculty representative on the committee be given veto power on whether a student is admitted.”

A problem noted with this amendment is that typically undergraduate students take a range of courses across different faculties and have the option of changing their program. An opinion was expressed that giving one faculty member, from the faculty that the student intends to study, veto power would not be appropriate. It was commented that at some point the committee, with three areas of expertise represented, needs to be trusted that they will apply their expertise in making good admission decisions around these students.

Question was called on the amendment, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT FAILED

A **friendly amendment** was proposed and accepted to change the wording on item 6 in section 5 to read “a committee composed of members *comprising a single member from each of* Aboriginal Services...” to help specify that there is a single member from each of those units.

Senate was reminded that this proposed policy allows applicants admission to the University, provided they are willing to talk about their heritage and their personal experiences. Those individuals, who do not wish to do that, can apply through the regular application process or through the diverse qualifications process. This policy essentially creates more options rather than forcing students to take a particular route into the University.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Linguistics Honours Program

S.10-110

Dean Mellow, from the Department of Linguistics, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Moved by Bill Krane, seconded by Steve Easton

“that Senate approve the change to the requirements for admission to the Linguistics Honours Program effective September 2010.”

A **friendly amendment** was proposed and accepted to change the wording in the motion to read “effective September 13, 2010.”

Amended motion now reads:

“that Senate approve the change to the requirements for admission to the Linguistics Honours Program effective September 13, 2010.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences S.10-111
(For Information): Gerontology, History, Humanities, International Studies, Linguistics, Political Science, World Literature, French Cohort

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses and minor revisions to existing courses and program requirements in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Business Administration S.10-112
(For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved a minor revision to a program requirement in the Faculty of Business Administration.

vi) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (For Information) S.10-113

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved minor revisions to program requirements in the Faculty of Education.

C) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR)

i) Amendment to Policy S.10.03, University Board on Student Discipline (For Information) S.10-114

It was questioned whether the VP Legal Affairs has the authority to make the proposed changes and stated that this change should be approved by Senate.

Moved by Paul Percival, seconded by Steve Easton

“that this information item be changed into a decision item.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Paul Percival, seconded by Colin Percival

“that Senate approve the proposed changed policy S.10.03 as set out in Senate paper S.10-114.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

D) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

i) Elections

S.10-115

A revised Senate paper was distributed prior to the start of the meeting. The Secretary reported that additional nominations were received before the deadline and that an election was required for a Senator (at large) to the Senate Committee on University Honours (SCUH). An online ballot would take place from September 14, 2010 to September 16, 2010. All other names, as shown on Senate paper S.10-115 revised, were declared elected by acclamation. Outstanding vacancies would be carried forward to the next meeting of Senate.

7. Information

The date of the next regular scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, October 4, 2010 in the West Mall Complex (Room 3210).

Open Session adjourned at 9:00 pm and Senate moved directly into Closed Session.

Kate Ross
Registrar and Secretary of Senate