



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
THINKING OF THE WORLD

Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, February 6, 2012 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

Open Session

Present: Andrew Petter, President and Chair

Acierno, Kyle
Brandhorst, Bruce
Brennand, Tracy
Chapman, Glenn
Craig, John
Cupples, Claire
Cyr, Dianne
Dhillon, Arinder
Driver, Jon
Easton, Stephen
Eckman, Charles
Fizzell, Maureen
Francis, June
Garneau-Scott, Christi
Geisler, Cheryl
Gordon, Robert
Kohn, Jordan
Kong, Shuyu
Krane, Bill
Laitsch, Dan
Leacock, Tracey
Li, Paul
Magnusson, Kris
McRae, Jennifer
Moghaddamjoo, Sara
Nilson Levisohn, Michelle
Palis, Heather
Parkhouse, Wade
Percival, Colin
Perry, Tom
Peters, Joseph
Pierce, John
Pilarinos, Andreas
Pinto, Mario
Robinsmith, Stacey
Ruben, Peter
Somers, Julian (also representing J. O'Neil)

Tashakor, Pasha
Warner, D'Arcy
Woodbury, Rob
Wussow, Helen

Absent:

Armstrong, Arthur
Black, Sam
Chen, Alexander
Fontaine, Marc
Golnaraghi, Farid
Hughes, David
Kropinski, Mary Catherine
Lee, Benjamin
Leznoff, Daniel
Mann, Geoff
Myers, Gordon
Paterson, David
Pavsek, Christopher
Percival, Paul
Rajapakse, Nimal
Russell, Robert
Sahinalp, Cenk
Shapiro, Daniel
Shaw, Chris
Taylor, Carole
Yeung, Lorenz

In Attendance:

Budra, Paul
Burns, Dan
Hinchliffe, Jo
Knowler, Duncan
Williams-Jones, Glyn

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Minutes of the Open Session on January 9, 2011

The minutes were approved as distributed with a minor correction.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Report of the Chair

The chair reported that there continues to be concern around funding from the provincial and federal governments but that steps have been taken, in the form of a recent visit to Ottawa and a planned visit to Victoria, to raise the profile of SFU and the importance of research funding in general. On a positive note, the chair also reported that the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities has accepted SFU as a candidate for accreditation. The chair expressed thanks to all who have been involved with this process.

The chair highlighted a few important dates that are coming up. A public launch of SFU's strategic vision is planned for February 20, 2012. It was noted that the tag line "thinking of the world" will be changing to "engaging the world" as approved by the Board at a recent meeting. On March 13, 2012, the chair will be taking part in a panel discussion at the British Council Going Global conference on the role of the university in contributing to society. An open house event is planned at SFU's Burnaby campus on May 26, 2012.

Lastly, Steve Henslow was acknowledged for his many years of service at SFU and with Senate in the area of audio-visual support.

5. Question Period

There were no questions submitted for question period.

6. Reports of Committees**A) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)****i) Dissolution of the Major and Joint Majors in Latin American Studies (S.12-28)****Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by M. Fizzell

"That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Major and Joint Majors in Latin American Studies within Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Beedie School of Business, Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology and Faculty of Environment, effective Fall 2012."

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Certificate in Environmental Literacy (S.12-29)

Motion

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by S. Easton

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in Environmental Literacy within the Faculty of Environment, effective September 2012.”

A suggestion was made that the proposal would be stronger with Chem 191 and Chem 192 removed from the list of electives in the Natural Science group on p. 4, due to their elementary nature. Senate was informed that consultation was done with every department that’s represented and that each department gave their support for every course found in this certificate. It was pointed out that one of the challenges in designing this interdisciplinary program was finding courses that are science based which non-science students can take. Both Chem 191 and Chem 192 are designed for non-science students and may have been added to this certificate for that particular reason.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Joint Major and Honours in Earth Sciences and Chemistry (S.12-30)**Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by P. Ruben

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Joint Major and Honours in Earth Sciences and Chemistry in the Departments of Earth Sciences and Chemistry within the Faculty of Science, effective September 2012.”

It was clarified for Senate that students entering the Joint Honours program will be required to fulfill the existing requirements of each department. There was some ambiguity over whether or not the breadth requirements, found on page 19, fulfilled university regulations. It was agreed that Senate would consider the motion subject to the breadth requirements fulfilling university regulations and if they don’t fulfill university regulations, then it would need to go back to Senate for approval.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)**i) Admission Changes to Business Minor (S.12-31)****Motion**

Moved by B. Krane, seconded by S. Easton

“That Senate approve the admission changes to the Business Minor Program within the Beedie School of Business, effective Fall 2012.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.12-32)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved revisions to existing courses in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Psychology, Criminology).

iii) Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.12-33)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses and revisions to an existing course and program in the Beedie School of Business.

iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.12-34)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved revisions to existing courses and an existing program in the Faculty of Education.

v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.12-35)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Science (Mathematics, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Chemistry).

vi) SCUS Annual Report (S.12-36)

Senate received the 2010 – 2011 annual report of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies for information.

C) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)**i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.12-37)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved revisions to existing courses and an existing program in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (Engineering Science).

ii) Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.12-38)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved revisions to existing courses in the Beedie School of Business (Master Program).

D) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

i) Elections by Senate (S.12-39)

Senate received a summary of the outstanding vacancies for positions elected by Senate on Senate committees.

F) Calendar Committee (CC)

i) Academic Dates 2012 – 2015 (S.12-40)

Motion

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by M. Nilson Levisohn

“That Senate approve a Schedule of Academic Dates 2012 – 2015.”

Senate was informed that the schedule of academic dates was revised due to the addition of a Family Day approved by the provincial government starting in February of 2013. As a result, the reading break has been moved and shortened to four days in order to include the Family Day. As well, an attempt was made to start all terms on a Monday and to accommodate the orientation schedule.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Other Business

Senate was informed that a survey will be sent to Senators by email regarding feedback on the electronic distribution of Senate materials.

8. Information

i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, March 5, 2012.

Open session adjourned at 6:03 pm and Senate moved directly into the closed session.

Kate Ross
Registrar & Executive Director Student Enrolment