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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on  
Monday, March 4, 2013 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

## Open Session

**Present:** Andrew Petter, President and Chair

Birmingham, Elina

Black, Sam

Brandhorst, Bruce

Brennand, Tracy

Burley, David

Chapman, Glenn

Collins, Colleen (for D. Shapiro)

Driver, Jon

Eckman, Charles

Elle, Elizabeth

Flodr, Sarah-Sophia

Francis, June

Gordon, Robert

Hall, Angie

Kopahi, Moe

Laitsch, Dan

Leacock, Tracey

Li, Paul

McFetridge, P. (for J. Craig)

Myers, Gordon

O'Neil, John

Palis, Heather

Parekh, Nimisha

Parkhouse, Wade

Pavsek, Christopher

Percival, Colin

Percival, Paul

Perry, Tom

Pierce, John

Pilarinos, Andreas

Quarmby, Lynne

Ruben, Peter

Rajapakse, Nimal

Robinsmith, Stacey

Schellenberg, Betty

Somers, Julian

Tingling, Peter

Warner, D'Arcy

Wilson, Meaghan

Wussow, Helen

**Absent:**

Chen, Alexander

Corbett, Kitty

Cupples, Claire

Cyr, Dianne

Delgrande, Jim

Easton, Stephen

Geisler, Cheryl

Golnaraghi, Farid

Hedley, Nick

Jozaghi, Ehsan

Kessler, Anke

Kropinski, Mary Catherine

Kwon, Caleb

Leivdal, Joseph

Leznoff, Daniel

Lundgreen-Nielsen, Jens

Magnusson, Kris

McRae, Jennifer

Paterson, David

Pinto, Mario

Sakhrani, Rohan

Shaw, Chris

Szeto, Hendson

Taylor, Carole

Zhang, Kevin

**In Attendance:**

Chan, Liny

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**2. Minutes of the Open Session on February 4, 2013**

The minutes of the open session on February 4, 2013 were approved as distributed.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Senate was informed that the change in S.13-35 in the vector for HSCI 442 includes the number of contact hours and was considered and approved at the Faculty level prior to submission to SCUS.

Senate was informed that the apparent budget overspending reported in S.13-17 was due to endowed awards and raised funds run through the Financial Aid accounts and this discrepancy will be fixed for future reports.

**4. Report of the Chair**

The Chair reported that the Minister of Advanced Education, Innovation and Technology, John Yap, has stepped down. The Minister's replacement is Ralph Sultan.

The Chair reported on the release of a Green Paper on Quality Assurance by the Ministry of Advanced Education. The Chair reported that the research universities would be submitting feedback through the Research Universities' Council of British Columbia (RUCBC).

The Chair reported that the B.C. Provincial budget recently came down. The main concern for the University is the \$50 million cut to post-secondary education over three years. The research universities continue to push the opportunity agenda and the need for new investment to grow post-secondary spaces, to provide better access for students, and a more strategic approach and commitment to research.

The Chair reported on the one-year anniversary of the strategic vision and the opportunity for the University community to participate in on-line and in-person consultation on community engagement.

**5. Question Period**

No questions were submitted for the March 2013 meeting.

**6. Reports of Committees****A) Senate Committee on Enrolment Management and Planning****i) Enrolment Plan 2013/2014; Undergraduate Admission Targets for 2013/2014 S.13-39****Motion 1**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by T. Leacock

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the 2013/2014 Enrollment Plan attached as Appendix A to document titled *For SENATE March 4, 2013.*”

A question was asked why the intake target for domestic students for the Faculty of Education was so far below the actual total intake of new students. Senate was informed that the target is for

external student intake; however, the Faculty of Education accepts students both externally and through internal transfers. The actual intake will exceed the target when there are large numbers of internal transfer students.

Clarification was requested regarding the acronym AVED. Senate was informed that the acronym refers to the Ministry of Advanced Education.

A question was asked regarding the calibration of international student enrolment targets in terms of GPA cutoff. Senate was informed that the international enrolment targets were over target due to the lack of effective admission controls. The University wants to ensure that the intake of international students is adequate to ensure that the number of international students does not decrease significantly when the currently enrolled students graduate.

A question was asked if the flat Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) enrolment projection to 2020 was an indication that the number of Surrey positions is no longer expected to double. Senate was informed that the University is continuing to press the Ministry of Advanced Education for a commitment to expand the Surrey campus as soon as possible.

A question was asked whether the University needs an alternative metric for costs that do not behave according to FTE. Senate was informed that FTE is the metric used to report to the Ministry of Advanced Education and that academic planning is most easily done in terms of FTE students. Enrolment headcount information is available in the Enrollment Dashboard on the IRP website (<http://www.sfu.ca/irp/enrollments/EnrollmentDashboard.html>).

A question was asked whether the targets reflect the actual costs required to run the Faculty of Environment at the existing rate. Senate was informed that SCEMP makes recommendations on student enrolment based on input from all the faculties. The weight accorded to an FTE has an impact on budget allocation.

A question was asked whether GPA cutoffs for admission by faculty could be included in the report in the future. Senate was informed that the admission GPA cutoffs would be included in future.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 2**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by S. Black

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the 2013/2014 DOMESTIC undergraduate admission targets to each Faculty, by semester and basis of admission category as indicated in Table C1 in Appendix C.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 3**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by S. Black

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the 2013/2014 INTERNATIONAL undergraduate admission targets to each Faculty, by semester and basis of admission category as indicated in Table C2 in Appendix C.”

A question was asked regarding the high percentage of incoming international students from Fraser International College. Additional questions were asked on this topic regarding the Beedie School of Business and the lack of recruiting from a broad range of countries of origin. Senate was informed that the high percentage of international students in the Beedie School of Business is a result of the agreement between SFU and FIC and that Business is a popular program among international students in general. Senate was informed that FIC has similar demographics to SFU in terms of countries of origin.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)**

**i) Curriculum Revisions — Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.13-41)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, added new courses and made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (French; Economics; World Literature Program; English; History; School of Criminology; First Nations Studies, Linguistics).

**ii) Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.13-42)**

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

**iii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.13-43)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, added a new course and made revisions to existing courses in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School of Interactive Arts and Technology; School for the Contemporary Arts).

**iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.13-44)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made changes to existing courses in the Faculty of Environment (Environment; Archaeology).

**C) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)**

**i) Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.13-45)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to an existing course and program in the Beedie School of Business.

**ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.13-46)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, added new courses and made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Science.

A question was asked whether there is a University minimum level of enrolment for courses. Senate was informed that the minimum enrolment level for a course and whether a faculty member would receive teaching credit for that course is determined by the Faculty or department.

**D) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)**

**i) Senate Committee Elections (S.13-47)**

Senate received a revised summary from the Senate Nominating Committee of nominations received and outstanding vacancies for positions on Senate committees that are elected by Senate.

**7. Other Business**

**i) Election Report (S.13-48)**

Senate received the results of student elections to Senate, the Board of Governors, the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, and the SFU Community Trust for information.

**8. Information**

**i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, April 8, 2013.**

Open session adjourned at 6:28 pm and Senate moved directly into the closed session.

Kate Ross

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