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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on  
Monday, April 7, 2014 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

## Open Session

**Present:** Paul Percival, Vice-Chair

Bell, Lynne  
Brennand, Tracy  
Chapman, Glenn  
Corbett, Kitty  
Craig, John  
Cupples, Claire  
Delgrande, Jim  
Driver, Jon  
Eikerling, Michael  
Elle, Elizabeth  
Francis, June  
Gotfrit, Martin  
Guttman, Julian  
Jawanda, Harvey  
Laitsch, Dan  
Leacock, Tracey  
Leznoff, Daniel  
McTavish, Rob  
Myers, Gordon  
O'Neil, John  
Owen, Brian  
Pappas, Panayiotis  
Parkhouse, Wade  
Paterson, David  
Percival, Colin  
Perry, Tom  
Pinto, Mario  
Quarmby, Lynne  
Rajapakse, Nimal  
Ruben, Peter  
Shaffer, Catherine  
Shapiro, Lisa  
Thiara, Karanvir Singh  
Volkoff, Olga (for D. Shapiro)  
Warner, D'Arcy  
Wussow, Helen

**Absent:**

Acierno, Kyle  
Antle, Alissa  
Birmingham, Elina  
Burley, David  
Easton, Stephen  
Flodr, Sarah-Sophia  
Golnaraghi, Farid  
Hedley, Nick  
Jermias, Johnny  
Jozaghi, Ehsan  
Kessler, Anke  
Khan, Humza  
Kopahi, Moe  
Kwon, Caleb  
Lehal, Japreet  
Lu, Yoko  
Magnusson, Kris  
Norouzi, Yasmine  
Pavsek, Christopher  
Petter, Andrew  
Pierce, John  
Shaw, Chris  
Smith, Jon  
Somers, Julian  
Taylor, Carole  
Tingling, Peter  
Truong, Tesicca  
Wakarchuk, Forrest

**In Attendance:**

Kropinski, Mary-Catherine

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session on March 3, 2014**

The minutes of the open session on March 3, 2014 were approved as distributed.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

A question was asked regarding the outcome of the Board of Governors' discussion of the proposal for a private company to build a school of chiropractic near Discovery Park. Senate was informed that the Board received a report on the public consultation with the University community regarding the proposal. The report indicated that feedback was largely positive in most categories; however, the Board requested further information regarding the distinction between the various groups (faculty, students, etc.). The discussion of the proposal at the March 3 Senate meeting was mentioned at the Board meeting.

**4. Report of the Chair**

The Vice-Chair noted that the Chair was attending the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada meeting in Winnipeg and passed on the Chair's regrets for not being at Senate.

The Vice-Chair reported on recent research news. Nick Hedley of Geography and his research team at Parks Canada and Pacific Rim National Park have secured \$1 million in funding through the National Search and Rescue Secretariat New Initiative Fund in support of their Coast Smart proposal. Approximately 70% of the amount will support SFU graduate students for two years. David Vocadlo of Chemistry has recently been advanced to a Tier I Canada Research Chair in Chemical Glycobiology. Dr. Vocadlo is also the winner of the 2014 Canadian Society of Chemistry (CSC) – Teva Canada Ltd. Biological and Medicinal Chemistry Lectureship Award for his distinguished contributions to the fields of biology and medicinal chemistry. He will be presenting an award lecture at the Canadian Society for Chemistry 2014 Conference, hosted by the SFU Department of Chemistry, in Vancouver during the first week of June. Majid Bahrami of Mechatronic Systems Engineering is the new Tier II Canada Research Chair in Alternative Energy Conversion Systems. Rosalie Tung of the Beedie School of Business has been voted as president-elect of the Academy of International Business' (AIB) executive board.

**5. Question Period**

**i) Question 1**

A question was submitted to Senate by Senator Pappas:

“Over the last three or four months there has been a series of major thefts of computer equipment in the AQ and RCB complexes. I would like to ask how extensive this problem is across the University, and if anything can be done to address it, as it has financial, research and personal safety repercussions.”

The response from the Chief Safety Officer of SFU was reviewed at Senate and is attached to the minutes as Appendix I.

A question was asked whether the University has considered installing computer programs that can remotely lock and aid in locating and recovering the computers. A comment was made that

a remote storage solution would help increase the security of information. Senate was informed that these questions and suggestions would be forwarded to the Chief Information Officer's staff.

**ii) Question 2**

A question was submitted to Senate by Senator Paterson:

“The Faculty of Education holds a monthly Faculty Council with a video conference link allowing participants from both the Burnaby and Surrey campus, and we have found this to be an excellent way that we can improve democratic participation of faculty and staff based at the Surrey campus. Are there plans or discussions to enable a similar video conferencing link for Senate meetings?”

Senate was informed that the Senate meeting room, WMC 3210, has been included in the Virtual Campus initiative. This project will enable video conferencing between the three SFU campuses in Burnaby, Vancouver and Surrey. Faculty will be able to teach classes simultaneously in all three locations and senators who work or teach in Surrey and Vancouver could attend Senate meetings remotely. The work should be completed by the end of the summer 2014 term; however, development of the business practices for remote Senate attendance may take longer.

**6. Reports of Committees**

**A) Senate Appeals Board (SAB)**

**i) Annual Report (S.14-55)**

Senate received for information the Senate Appeals Board annual report for 2013.

A question was asked regarding the increase in the number of appeals in 2013 and whether an explanation for significant shifts in the numbers could be provided in future reports. Senate was informed that there was a change in the withdrawal under extenuating circumstances (WE) process where WE applications are no longer routed through the faculty review committees. Student Services has been more efficient at responding to WE requests, with students receiving a faster response and, ultimately, more students appealing to SAB if their WE application is turned down.

A question was asked regarding the increase in number of in-person hearings in recent years. Senate was informed that students may request an in-person meeting to appeal a case that has been adjudicated; however, SAB is currently drafting a revision of the guidelines for in-person hearings that will require the student to produce new evidence that was not submitted for the original adjudication.

It was noted that there is an error in the total number of appeal decisions in the report.

**B) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)**

**i) Concurrent Bachelor's-Master's Program in Computing Science (S.14-56)**

Moved by J. Driver; seconded by P. Ruben.

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Concurrent Bachelor's-Master's Program in Computing Science in the School of Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences, effective Fall 2014.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**C) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)****i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.14-57)**

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 Applied Sciences (School of Computing Science; School of Engineering Science).

A question was asked regarding the apparent trend of combined Engineering/Computing Science courses being split into two separate courses. Senate was informed that the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) requires that courses in Computer Engineering be taught by professional engineers. There are currently no professional engineers teaching in Computing Science; therefore, certain courses are being brought back into Engineering.

A question was asked whether Computing Science students could take the courses taught by engineers rather than the similar Computing Science courses. Senate was informed that there are ongoing discussions between Engineering and Computing Science; however, some of the Computer Engineering courses are more hardware-oriented than those in Computing Science so some students were unprepared for the course work.

**ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.14-58)**

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 (Cognitive Science Program; Economics; English; First Nations Studies; French; French Language Cohort Program; Gerontology; History; Humanities; School for International Studies; Labour Studies Program; Linguistics; Philosophy; Political Science; Psychology; Sociology and Anthropology; World Literature Program).

A question was asked regarding the changes to First Nations Studies courses, requiring each student to obtain the instructor's permission in order to register in the specific course, and whether the students are provided with guidance within the structure of the program. Senate was informed that the First Nations Studies instructors wanted to have more control of the enrollment process for these courses by meeting directly with and advising the students early on in their programs. The concerns would be referred back to the Department of First Nations Studies.

**iii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.14-59)**

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 Communication, Art and Technology (Publishing Program; School for the Contemporary Arts; School of Interactive Art and Technology).

**iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.14-60)**

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

**D) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)****i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.14-61)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, added new courses and made revisions to existing programs in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (School of Engineering Science; School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering).

**ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.14-62)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, added a new course and made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Criminology; Economics; Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies; School of International Studies; Linguistics; Political Science; Psychology).

A question was asked regarding the multiple options to complete a Master's degree in Political Science. Senate was informed that many Master's programs have a similar variety of options for completion.

**iii) Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.14-63)**

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 Beedie School of Business.

A question was asked regarding an apparent broken link in the Harvard Business Publishing online course found in the Books and Materials requirements for BUS 825. Senate was informed that the issue would be referred to the Beedie School of Business.

A question was asked whether it was worth the \$99 fee to use only the introductory section of the Harvard online course. A comment was made that \$99 was reasonable and that the concern would be referred to the Beedie School of Business.

**iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.14-64)**

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

**v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.14-65)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to existing programs in the Faculty of Science (Mathematics).

**E) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)****i) Senate Committee Elections (S.14-66)**

Senate received for information a summary from the Senate Nominating Committee regarding election results, nominations received and outstanding vacancies for positions on Senate committees that are elected by Senate.

**7. Other Business****i) Election Report (S.14-67)**

Senate received for information a summary of the results of the faculty election for positions on Senate.

**8. Information****i) Date of the next regular meeting – Tuesday, May 20, 2014.**

Open session adjourned at 6:15 pm and Senate moved into the closed session.

Jo Hinchliffe

Acting Executive Director, Student Enrolment, and Associate Registrar

**Appendix I**

**Question submitted to Senate by Senator Pappas:**

Over the last three or four months there has been a series of major thefts of computer equipment in the AQ and RCB complexes. I would like to ask how extensive this problem is across the University, and if anything can be done to address it, as it has financial, research and personal safety repercussions.

**Response to Question**

Since September 2013, post-secondary institutions across the lower mainland, including SFU, have experienced a significant number of thefts.

At SFU Burnaby there have been 8 computers stolen in what are called “thefts of opportunity” – where victims leave property unattended. (See Table 1 below for month by month breakdown). These incidents have occurred in many locations on campus including the South Science Building, West Mall Complex, the Library and the Shrum Science Centre.

In addition, there were 12 reports of B&E (Break and Enter) in which criminals used force to enter premises and steal computers. (See Table 1 below for month by month breakdown). Police believe these B&E’s were committed by prolific offenders. These offenders are almost completely associated with property crimes, and there is no indication that they present a threat to the personal security of the community. There have been no incidents reported in which any individual was harmed or threatened in these incidents. Seven of the 12 incidents took place in the AQ and RCB. The others occurred in Shrum Science Centre and Discovery 2. As of this writing, no arrests have been made.

By comparison the Vancouver campus had 3 incidents involving theft of computers and Surrey had none. There were no B&Es reported.

This marks an increase in the number of thefts of this type. The primary target in these thefts are recent model iMac computers which have become the target of a great deal of property crime lately. This is due in part to the fact that these computers are popular and there is a thriving market in “used” Apple products. In total, losses this year as a result of computer theft are estimated to be \$100,000.00.

We are concerned and working to reduce such criminal activity. Campus Security conducts proactive 24/7 patrols. Areas affected by B&Es are patrolled more frequently and by more staff than the regular patrol routine; though on a large, open access campus this is challenging. These patrols are augmented by regular “camera patrols”, where live CCTV system is perused by Security Operations Centre staff to detect activity and report irregularities to the security officers in the field. In addition, security staff have been working closely with the Burnaby RCMP to attempt to determine the individuals committing the crimes.

We also conduct a number of public education campaigns each year to alert members of the campus community to this and to ensure they do not leave computers unattended.

TABLE 1 - Computer Theft

	<i>Computer Theft Thefts of Opportunity</i>	<b>Location</b>
September	1	SSB
October	1	WMC
November	2	Library AQ
December	2	TC LDC
January	1	Halpern
February	1	Shrum Science
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	

FOR COMPARSION

THE TOTAL THEFTS OF THIS TYPE IN 2012-13 WAS 6

THE TOTAL THEFTS OF THIS TYPE IN 2011-12 WAS 3

TABLE 2 – Computer Theft (B&E)

	<i>Thefts of Computers B&amp;E</i>	<b>Location</b>
September	2	Shrum Science Centre Discovery 2
October	0	N/A
November	4	AQ (2) RCB Discovery 2
December	2	Shrum Science Centre Highland Pub
January	1	RCB
February	3	RCB AQ (2)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	

FOR COMPARSION

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