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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on  
Monday, October 2, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

## Open Session

**Present:** Andrew Petter, Chair

Baharmand, Iman  
Brennand, Tracy  
Bubela, Tania  
Burley, David  
Chapman, Glenn  
Chen, Larissa\*\*  
Christians, Julian  
Christie, Claire  
Cupples, Claire\*\*  
Dastmalchian, Ali\*\*  
Derksen, Jeff  
Fiume, Eugene  
Gajdics, Sylvia  
Johnson, Joy  
Keliipio, Kau'i  
Keller, Peter  
Kropinski, Mary-Catherine  
Laitsch, Dan\*  
Leacock, Tracey  
Magnusson, Kris  
McTavish, Rob (for Judy Smith)  
Moens, Alexander  
Mongrain, Steeve  
Munro, Karen (for Gwen Bird)  
Ng, Dorothy\*  
O'Neill, Susan  
Parent, Michael\*\*  
Parkhouse, Wade  
Percival, Colin  
Percival, Paul  
Poitras, Geoffrey  
Pulkingham, Jane  
Randhawa, Jaskarn

Tingling, Peter  
Wang, Christine  
Wiese, Kay  
Williams, Tony  
Zanette, Amanda

**Absent:**

Andersen, Holly  
Bains, Raman  
Bartram, Lyn  
Bird, Gwen  
Chisty, Mohammad  
Garcha, Raajan  
Giardini, Anne  
Gray, Bonnie  
Hedley, Nick  
Khehra, Alam  
Leznoff, Daniel  
Lord Ferguson, Sarah  
Luelfesmann, Christoph  
MacAlister, David  
Mac Namara, Aoife  
Peters, Joseph  
Ruben, Peter  
Shaw, Chris  
Singh, Amar  
Smith, Judy  
Stefanovic, Ingrid

**In Attendance:**

Claydon, Tom  
Hincliffe, Jo\*\*

\* via Surrey campus videoconference

\*\* via Vancouver videoconference

Rummana Khan Hemani, Registrar  
Steven Noel, Recording Secretary

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**2. Minutes of the Open Session of September 11, 2017 will be considered for approval at the Senate meeting on November 6, 2017****3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- i) At the September Senate meeting Senator Ruben asked if the Department of Biology was consulted on the Full Program Proposal for the Certificate in Biological Anthropology (S.17-74), and if so, why was this not indicated in the proposal. Senator Burley informed Senate that the Department of Biology was consulted in January 2016. Due to early membership changes at the committee level mention of the consultation did not reach the final proposal.

**4. Report of the Chair**

The Chair reported on recent research news:

- More than 50 SFU researchers will benefit from over \$9 million in research funding from NSERC. Nearly \$2 million is also going towards scholarships and fellowships at SFU. The funds come from the \$515 million NSERC is investing in Discovery grants, scholarships and fellowships to support fundamental research, and another \$36 million it has allocated to support national researchers through its *Research Tools and Instruments (RTI)* program.
- Brian Owen, Associate Dean of Libraries and Managing Director of the *Public Knowledge Project*, has been named recipient of the 2017 *Ron MacDonald Distinguished Service Award*.
- SFU has submitted six applications to the *Canada 150 Research Chairs Program*, which supports the recruitment of outstanding international researchers and Canadian expatriates. The highly competitive program is intended to fund 15-35 Chairs nationwide, with results expected in December.

The Chair reported that SFU participated in *Vancouver Startup Week*. The event brought together entrepreneurs, investors, community leaders and friends for a week-long celebration of Metro Vancouver's innovation and technology communities.

The Chair reported that SFU students Hassan Murad and Vivek Vyas won the *NextAI Outstanding Venture Award*. They will receive \$150,000 in seed funding, which they intend to invest in the development of a garbage bin powered by artificial intelligence.

The Chair reported that *KEY*, SFU's Big Data initiative, continues to empower students, staff and researchers to put data into action. This past month *KEY* held another *Week of Workshops* which included new offerings such as *Big Data for the worried, the perplexed and the curious: How you can benefit from data*. The next *Week of Workshops* will be in November and are open to the entire SFU community. *KEY* also kicked off a *Data Visionaries Series* this fall. The series brings together leading thinkers from SFU and beyond to critically examine the possibilities and challenges of data in our future. The series continues in October with talks at our Burnaby and Surrey campuses.

The Chair reported that the *President's Dream Colloquium on Women in Technology: Attracting, Retaining and Promoting Diverse Talent* has gotten off to a strong start with three outstanding speakers: Juliette Powell, Maria Klawe and Shari Graydon.

The Chair reported that Ken Steele, President of *Eduvation* and one of Canada's foremost advanced education strategists, speakers and facilitators, recently visited all three SFU campuses to learn more about *SFU Innovates* and our Vision as an Engaged University.

The Chair reported that SFU recently hosted a successful *Outstanding Alumni Awards* ceremony at the Four Seasons Hotel at which we honored four alumni:

- Gary Cristall – co-founder of the *Vancouver Folk Music Festival*;
- Nathan Nunn – Harvard professor and one of the International Monetary Fund's *25 economists under 45*;
- Frode Strand-Nielsen – founder of one of Europe's fastest growing private equity firms and a leader in responsible investments;
- Yohana Yembise – professor and first Papuan woman to gain a seat in the Indonesian government where she serves as the *Minister for Women Empowerment and Child Protection*.

The Chair reported that, in his role as President, he recently travelled to Australia, visiting institutions in Brisbane (Griffith University and Queensland University of Technology), Canberra (Australian National University), and Melbourne (RMIT, Deakin University and the University of Melbourne). The trip included a *Global University Engagement Summit* at the University of Melbourne, focusing on the benefits of engagement. Also, many of the meetings involved discussion on the role of universities in supporting reconciliation processes.

The Chair reported that the SFU Harbour Centre campus recently unveiled a Musqueam house post as a welcoming figure to the campus and an affirmation of our commitment to reconciliation. It was carved by Musqueam artist Brent Sparrow, and responds to the *SFU Aboriginal Reconciliation Council's* calls to action, which speaks about the need for the University to ensure a strong presence of indigenous art and culture on our campuses. Another of SFU-ARC's calls to action is for the University to consider establishing an Institute for Indigenous Dialogue, Governance and Empowerment that would both build upon and add to our existing strengths in this area. Representatives from First Nations, SFU and other post-secondary institutions participated in a workshop convened by Mark Selmen of the Beedie School of Business to discuss this proposal. The workshop was held in conjunction with the fifth anniversary of the launch of SFU's ground-breaking Executive MBA in Aboriginal Business and Leadership program.

The Chair reported that SFU-ARC's report *Walk This Path With Us* will be presented to the University at a ceremony at Convocation Mall on October 16th. It's a significant moment for this University to talk about our responsibility to recognize the contribution of indigenous peoples and to recognize that we are on indigenous land.

The Chair expressed thanks to those who organized, volunteered and participated in this year's *Terry Fox Run/Walk*. Activities included events at all three campuses and raised over \$27,000. Also, SFU student Luke Galvani was awarded the *Terry Fox Gold Medal* for his courage in adversity, and for his giving back to society in the spirit of Terry Fox.

The Chair noted the upcoming convocation ceremonies, in which SFU will surpass 150,000 graduates, and will confer Honorary Degrees on Ivan Coyote, David Gilanders and Robert Williams.

**5. Question Period**

There were no questions submitted for question period.

The Chair noted that follow-up is being done for a question asked at the September Senate meeting relating to indigenous recognition at Senate.

**6. Invited Presenter**

Ali Dastmalchian, Dean of the Beedie School of Business, presented an overview of the Beedie School of Business, following which he took questions.

A question was asked about the process of formulating the strategic vision. Senate was informed that focus was placed on connecting with faculty separated by three campuses. Since January 2016 there have been at least 14 meetings with faculty across different groups. Also, emphasis was placed on the interaction of staff and faculty on issues relevant to operations. Further input was provided by the Advisory Committee, alumni, and student leadership groups.

A question was asked about potential issues with teaching the large number of international students in Business. Senate was informed that in the last four to five years courses and educational components have been added to second and third year program requirements to address challenges faced by international students. Also, efforts have been made to limit course sizes and improve communication.

**7. Reports of Committees**

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

**i) Suspension of Admission and Dissolution of the Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology MSc (Course Option) (S.17-92)**

**Motion 1:**

Moved by P. Keller, seconded by P. Percival

“That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology Master of Science (Course Option) in the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology within the Faculty of Science, effective Summer 2018.”

Tom Claydon, Assistant Professor – Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology, was in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was called and a vote taken.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 2:**

Moved by P. Keller, seconded by P. Percival

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology Master of Science (Course Option) in the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology within the Faculty of Science, effective Summer 2018.”

Tom Claydon, Assistant Professor – Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology, was in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

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

**i) Course Changes (For Information) (S.17-93)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, made course changes in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

**ii) New Course Proposals (For Information) (S.17-94)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved new course proposals in Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Public Policy), the Faculty of Communications, Art and Technology (School of Interactive Arts and Technology), and the Faculty of Science (Statistics).

**iii) Program Changes (For Information) (S.17-95)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved program changes in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Public Policy), and the Faculty of Communications, Art and Technology (School of Interactive Arts and Technology).

**C) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)**

**i) Senate Committee Elections (For Information) (S.17-96)**

Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for the Senate committees.

**8. Other Business**

**9. Information**

**i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, November 6, 2017.**

Open session adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Rummana Khan Hemani  
Registrar