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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on  
Monday, March 5, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

## Open Session

### Present: Andrew Petter, Chair

Andersen, Holly  
Baharmand, Iman (via Surrey videoconference)  
Bartram, Lyn (via Vancouver videoconference)  
Bubela, Tania  
Budd, Thomas  
Burley, David  
Chapman, Glenn  
Chen, Larissa (via Vancouver videoconference)  
Chisty, Mohammad  
Christians, Julian  
Christie, Claire  
Derksen, Jeff  
Fiume, Eugene  
Forde, Nancy  
Gajdics, Sylvia  
Garcha, Raajan  
Gray, Bonnie (via Vancouver videoconference)  
Keliipio, Kau'i  
Keller, Peter  
Khehra, Alam (via Vancouver videoconference)  
Laitsch, Dan (via Surrey videoconference)  
Leacock, Tracey  
Leung, Jeffrey  
Leznoff, Daniel  
MacAlister, David  
Mac Namara, Aoife (via Vancouver videoconference)  
Moens, Alexander  
Mongrain, Steeve  
Munro, Karen (for Gwen Bird)  
Murray, Catherine (for Jane Pulkingham)  
Nepomnaschy, Pablo  
Ng, Dorothy (via Surrey videoconference)  
O'Neil, Dugan (for Joy Johnson)  
O'Neill, Susan  
Parkhouse, Wade  
Percival, Colin  
Percival, Paul  
Poitras, Geoffrey  
Randhawa, Jaskarn

Rummana Khan Hemani, Registrar  
Steven Noel, Recording Secretary

Scott, Jamie  
Singh, Amar  
Smith, Judy  
Somers, Julian  
Tingling, Peter  
Wiese, Kay  
Williams, Tony  
Zanette, Amanda

### Absent:

Bains, Raman  
Bird, Gwen  
Brennand, Tracy  
Cupples, Claire  
Dastmalchian, Ali  
Giardini, Anne  
Hedley, Nick  
Johnson, Joy  
Kropinski, Mary-Catherine  
Lord Ferguson, Sarah  
Luelfsmann, Christoph  
Magnusson, Kris  
Memon, Abdul Ahad  
Parent, Michael  
Peters, Joseph  
Pulkingham, Jane  
Ruben, Peter  
Shaw, Chris  
Stefanovic, Ingrid  
Wang, Christine

### In Attendance:

Allen, Doug  
Ghazal, Amal  
Legris, Louise  
Roberts, Heather  
Rose, Gordon  
Naqvi, Zareen  
Ward, Richard

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session on February 5, 2018**

The minutes of the open session on February 5, 2018 were approved as distributed.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. Report of the Chair****i) Terms of Reference for the BC Notaries Chair in Applied Legal Studies  
(For Information) (S.18-30)**

Senate received the Terms of Reference for the BC Notaries Chair in Applied Legal Studies for information.

The Chair reported that on February 27th, the Government of Canada introduced *Budget 2018*, containing positive news in terms of investments in Canadian research. It commits an increase of \$925 million for the three main granting councils over the next five years, representing a 25% increase over current funding for fundamental research by 2021. This marks the largest increase in fundamental research funding in Canadian history.

The Chair reported that on February 22nd, the BC Government released its 2018 budget, confirming that BC will invest in 2900 additional post-secondary seats in technology related fields across the province. The budget also introduced a \$450 million student housing program that will allow public post-secondary institutions to borrow from the government and finance student housing projects. The program is expected to provide 5000 new student housing beds over the next three to five years.

The Chair reported on recent research awards and honours:

- Woo Soo Kim of the School of Mechatronics Systems Engineering has been selected as a *Brain Pool Fellow* by the *National Research Foundation of Korea*.
- David Vocadlo has been awarded the *Bernard Belleau Award* of the *Canadian Society of Chemistry* for his contributions to the field of medicinal chemistry.
- Tina Adcock of History is among 39 scholars named as *Wilson Associates* for 2017-2020 to contribute to transnational history research in Canada.
- The Department of Chemistry was honoured with a special issue in the *Canadian Journal of Chemistry* entitled *50 years of chemistry at SFU*.

The Chair reported that 14 SFU researchers will feature their research at the 2018 *BCTECH Summit* from May 14th to 16th. They will join the SFU Innovates booth along with a number of others to highlight the university's strengths in research, innovation and technology.

The Chair reported that *Zennea Technologies*, a student venture aimed at improving sleep quality for those with sleep apnea, was awarded the best overall venture prize valued at \$35,000 at the annual *Coast Capital Savings Venture Prize Competition*.

The Chair reported that *KEY*, SFU's Big Data Initiative, announced its next round of *KEY Graduate Scholarships*. The awards empower students to unlock the potential of big data in their research, and are open to Masters and PhD students from any Faculty, Department, or School. Last year, *KEY* awarded 16 scholarships across all disciplines.

The Chair reported that SFU International has recently hired Darren Schemmer as Executive Director. Darren comes to SFU after retiring from a career in the *Canadian Foreign Service* and international development. The Chair thanked Shaheen Nanji who stepped in as Acting Executive Director of SFU International in 2016.

The Chair reported that Vice-President Research and International, Joy Johnson, is currently visiting India to strengthen relationships with a number of partner institutions such as the *Indian Oil Corporation* and the *Bombay Stock Exchange Institute*. The Chair also reported that he would, in his role as President, be leading a delegation to Singapore in late March to attend the annual conference of the *Asia-Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE)*, which SFU will host in 2020 in Vancouver. The delegation will also travel to Taiwan to strengthen relationships with *National Taiwan University* and *National Taiwan Normal University* and to host an alumni reception.

The Chair reported that SFU's first participant under the *Scholars at Risk* program, Dr. Hanadi Ibrahim of Syria, arrived to take up her one-year Visiting Faculty appointment in the Department of Chemistry. Dr. Ibrahim will be working with Dr. Dipankar Sen, Professor of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Chair of the Department of Chemistry.

The Chair reported that the sixth annual *SFU Public Square Community Summit, Brave New Work*, is underway from February 26<sup>th</sup> to March 7<sup>th</sup>. This year's summit featured over a dozen events exploring issues related to the changing world of work. The signature event, presented in partnership with *Vancity*, took place at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre on February 28<sup>th</sup> and brought out 2300 people to hear Van Jones and Anne-Marie Slaughter discuss the future of work.

The Chair reported that the joint Senate-Board of Governors Retreat at the Wosk Centre for Dialogue will be occurring on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the Retreat is *The Student Experience at SFU*.

## 5. Question Period

Senator Singh submitted the following questions:

1. *Would Senate be open to having a retreat (perhaps next year's topic) on curriculum. More specifically how we may need to invest in different ways of teaching (ex. Programs like ChangeLab and BusinessofDesign).*
2. *Would Senate be open to discussing how we can use programs like ChangeLab or BusinessofDesign to test different ways of assigning grades (for example). Or allowing professors more freedom to innovate with these programs?*
3. *How can we on Senate streamline or catalyze interdisciplinary collaboration? Would we be interested in having this discussion?*
4. *How can we on Senate facilitate, or reduce the barriers to, experiential programs/ ways of teaching?*

5. *Is it possible to have a presentation on the C2U Expo that SFU hosted? Or a presentation on our designation as a ChangeMaker campus and what that means for the university?*

Senator Keller, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, responded to Senator Singh's questions.

In response to the first question, Senate was informed that when preparing their academic planning academic units are encouraged to focus on innovation in their curriculum design and delivery, and that they should not be afraid to step back and look critically at their curriculum. It was noted that a discussion around curriculum would be worthy topic for consideration at a Senate-Board of Governors Retreat.

In response to the second question, Senate was informed that on top of programs such as *Change Lab* and *Business of Design* both Senate and Senate committees have a responsibility to receive and approve innovations around evaluation.

In response to the third question, Senate was informed that fostering interdisciplinarity has been identified as one of the five challenges in the 2018-2023 Academic Plan, with academic units encouraged to bridge the gap between faculties. Conversations are also underway on how budgeting can help incentivize collaboration.

In response to the fourth question, Senate was informed that seeking innovation and establishing best practices is a priority. Such efforts are aided by the Teaching and Learning Centre. Also, SFU is currently in the process of searching for a Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Learning and Teaching. This position will help ensure the coordination of efforts and best practices in teaching.

In response to the fifth question, Senate was informed that a summary of the C2UExpo has been posted online, and the Ashoka Changemaker Campus designation has been introduced at Senate previously, but a further summary could be presented to Senate.

## 6. **Invited Presenter**

Tania Bubela, Dean of Health Sciences, presented an overview of the Faculty of Health Sciences, following which she took questions.

A question was asked to identify what distinguishes a research cluster from a research centre. Senate was informed that though the Faculty has a number of formalized research centres, the goal is not to have more centres but rather to increase the size and interdisciplinarity of existing research clusters. The Faculty has identified six challenge areas in which faculty can self-identify without being restricted to one cluster.

## 7. **Reports of Committees**

### A) **Student Discipline Matters**

#### i) **Annual Report (For Information) (S.18-31)**

Senate received the Student Discipline Matters Annual Report 2016 – 2017 for information.

Heather Roberts, Associate Registrar pro tem, Gordon Rose, UBSD Co-ordinator, and Doug Allen, SCODA Chair, were in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was asked to clarify how an increase of 25% in the number of incidents deemed to be student misconduct by the Academic Integrity and Good Conduct Office might be attributed to the position of Student Conduct Coordinator being vacant for two months during the previous reporting period. Senate was informed that cases are normally brought to the attention of the Student Conduct Coordinator through incident reports from security, and though coverage was in place, it was primarily to handle significant cases, meaning lesser offences may not have been followed up on to the same extent.

Referring to Table 3 in the Academic Discipline Report, a request was made for future reports to list what the incident numbers were per student, as opposed to listing the raw numbers. Senate was informed that this would be done for future reports.

Referring to cases 17-1 to 17-8 in the UBSD Report where findings of academic dishonesty were overturned, a question was asked if this represented any sort of systemic problem where further education might prevent these cases from escalating to the appeals stage. Senate was informed that these cases were specific in nature and turned on the interpretation of the policy rather than representing a more widespread issue.

**B) Senate Committee on Enrollment Management and Planning (SCEMP)**  
**i) Enrollment Plan 2018/2019; Undergraduate Admissions Targets for 2018/2019**  
**(S.18-32)**

**Motion 1:**

Moved by P. Keller, seconded by A. Moens

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the 2018/2019 Enrollment Plan attached as Appendix A to document titled For SENATE March 5, 2018.”

Zareen Naqvi, Director of Institutional Research and Planning, and Louise Legris, Director - Undergraduate Admissions, were in attendance to respond to questions.

Noting that the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology have again fallen short of their respective admissions targets, a question was asked if it would make sense to the lower the targets given this trend. Senate was informed that focus is better placed on PFTEs which factor in retention, credit load, and intake students. There has been a softening in the domestic market due to the demographics, with SFU also seeing increased competition from other colleges. To respond to these challenges, an active recruitment campaign has been initiated specifically within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the expectation is to see the numbers move back up. It was noted that the Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology is aware they are below their target numbers, but are confident in their ability to achieve them.

A question was asked how the additional funding for 320 new domestic undergraduate pgmFTEs for the Sustainable Energy Engineering Program provides an opportunity for growth in enrolment when our undergraduate enrolment currently exceeds the Ministry's funding by almost 1400 pgmFTEs. Senate was informed that our targets have to increase by 320, but is being matched towards the numbers provided by the Ministry.

A question was called and a vote taken.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 2:**

Moved by P. Keller, seconded by S. Gajdics

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the 2018/2019 DOMESTIC undergraduate admission targets to each Faculty, by semester and basis of admission category as indicated in Table C1 in Appendix C.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 3:**

Moved by P. Keller, seconded by D. O’Neil

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the 2018/2019 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 about the plan to accept 144 FIC students into the Faculty of Applied Sciences, making it difficult for those not coming from FIC to get into Applied Sciences, and if it would be advisable to accept more international students into Applied Sciences than the listed target. Senate was informed that when entry grade point averages for FIC are set they take effect two years later, making it difficult to anticipate necessary changes either up or down. To allow more flexibility and address the issue of students entering from FIC with a lower grade point average, faculties, with permission from the Registrar, are able to take on additional international students out of secondary schools that have been there for at least three years, graduated grade 12 at a Canadian high school, and achieved a grade point average equal to that of a domestic student.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

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

**i) 2016/17 Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications (For Information) (S.18-33)**

Senate received the 2016/17 Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications for information.

**ii) External Reviews for 2018-2019 (For Information) (S.18-34)**

Senate received the External Reviews for 2018-2019 for information.

**iii) Full Program Proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Education (S.18-35)**

Moved by P. Keller, seconded by T. Leacock

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the full program proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Education within the Faculty of Education, effective Fall 2018.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**iv) Name Change of the Centre for Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures (S.18-36)**

Moved by P. Keller, seconded by P. Percival

Amal Ghazal, Director - Centre for Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures, was in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**v) Suspension of Admission and Dissolution of the Applied Human Nutrition Certificate (S.18-37)**

**Motion 1:**

Moved by P. Keller, seconded by P. Percival

“That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Applied Human Nutrition Certificate Program in the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology within the Faculty of Science, effective Fall 2018.”

Richard Ward, Undergraduate Program Chair - 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 Applied Human Nutrition Certificate Program in the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology within the Faculty of Science, effective Fall 2018.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

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

**i) Program Changes (For Information) (S.18-38)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made program changes in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (School of Computing Science), the Beedie School of Business, the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School of Communication), and the Faculty of Science (Molecular Biology and Biochemistry).

A question was asked to clarify use of the phrase *Unless completing another program outside Communication* when describing changes to the CMNS Major and CMNS Honours. Senate was informed that an answer would be sought and brought back to Senate.

**ii) New Course Proposals (For Information) (S.18-39)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new course proposals in the Beedie school of Business, the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School of Communication, School of Interactive Art and Technology), and the Faculty of Science (Molecular Biology and Biochemistry).

**iii) Course Changes (For Information) (S.18-40)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved course changes in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (School of Computing Science), the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (Publishing, School for the Contemporary Arts); and the Faculty of Science (Statistics and Actuarial Science).

**E) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)****i) Program Changes (For Information) (S.18-41)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, made program changes in the Beedie School of Business.

**ii) New Course Proposals (For Information) (S.18-42)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved new course proposals in the Beedie School of Business and the Faculty of Environment (Ecological Restoration).

A question was asked about the course proposal for ECO 600 being listed a zero credit course requiring the collection of tuition. Senate was informed that ECO 600 is a joint program with BCIT and the charging of tuition allows for continuity of enrollment throughout the year, and also allows BCIT students access to the SFU Library and supervisory access during the summer.

**iii) Program Changes (For Information) (S.18-43)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved course changes in the Beedie School of Business and the Faculty of Health Sciences.

**iv) Annual Report 2017 (For Information) (S.18-44)**

Senate received the Senate Graduate Studies Committee 2017 for information.

**8. Other Business****9. Information****i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, April 9, 2018.**

Open session adjourned at 7:03 p.m.