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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, February 1, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom Video Conferencing

Open Session

Present: Joy Johnson, Chair

Andreoiu, Corina
Bartram, Lyn
Bird, Gwen
Brennand, Tracy
Bubela, Tania
Burley, David
Coleman, Gordon
Collard, Mark
Daniel, Bryan
Dauvergne, Catherine
Derksen, Jeff
Elle, Elizabeth
Everton, Mike
Fiume, Eugene
Gedajlovic, Eric
Gemino, Andrew
Gildersleve, Corbett
Gray, Bonnie
Hall, Peter
Hendrigan, Holly
Hoffer, Andy
Kench, Paul
Krauth, Brian
Krogman, Naomi
Kumpulainen, Kristiina
Lam, Allan
Lam, Daniel
Laitsch, Dan
Leznoff, Daniel
Liosis, Gabe
Lord Ferguson, Sarah
Martell, Matt
Masri, Kamal
McTavish, Rob
Mirhady, David
Murphy, David
Myers, Gord
Nepomnaschy, Pablo
Neustaedter, Carman

O'Neil, Dugan
O'Neill, Susan
Parkhouse, Wade
Parmar, Abhishek
Percival, Colin
Pulkingham, Jane
Raza, Samad
Spector, Stephen
Tingling, Peter
Walsby, Charles
Wong, Alan
Zandvliet, David

Absent:

Chapman, Glenn
Chenier, Ele
Denholm, Julia
Favere-Marchesi, Michael
Gunn, Alexandra
Hogg, Robert
Kim, Woo Soo
Luu, Susan
Modi, Nafoni
Mohamed, Osob
Pantophlet, Ralph
Shaw, Chris
Singh, Harry Preet
Singh, Tanishvir
Stockie, John
Strauss, Kendra
Vrooman, Tamara
Weldon, Steve

In Attendance:

Davis, Trevor
Peltier, Catherine

Kathryn Verkerk, Senate Secretary pro tem
Steven Noel, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of December 7, 2020

The minutes of the open session on December 7, 2020 were approved as distributed.

3. The Minutes of the Open Session of January 11, 2021 will be considered for approval at the Senate meeting on March 1, 2021

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- i) Following the approval of a Pilot Undergraduate Grading Scheme for the Spring, Summer, and Fall 2021 terms at the January meeting, a request was made for Senate to be updated on implementation plans. Senate was informed that implementation details related to the new grading scheme were discussed at a special meeting of SCUS on January 21st. Since that time, edits are being made with feedback both from SCUS and faculty UCC's and these edits will be going back to SCUS for approval this week. A background and implementation plan are being developed in conjunction with IT Services, the Registrar's Office and the faculties, along with a communication plan, which will include the creation of a student, staff and faculty website and resources, plus training throughout late February and March for advisors and other departmental staff. A project lead has been appointed to ensure this project moves along appropriately, and information will be coming back to Senate on academic standing and continuance. A proposal is coming forward to SCUS, likely relating to an extension to academic standing. Finally, for Withdrawal Under Extenuating Circumstances, the intention is to relax the documentation requirements associated with pandemic reasons.
- ii) Noting the new The Bullying and Harassment policy and revisions to SFU's existing Human Rights policy (GP-18) which came to Senate for information in December, Senate was informed that the Associate Vice-President, Students and International has circulated an update to Senators on the process and plans are in place for determining how to best operationalize these policies.

5. Report of the Chair

The Chair acknowledged that February is Black History Month and is a time to honor, celebrate and reflect on the stories, experiences and accomplishments of Black Canadians in British Columbia and across the country. The Chair also acknowledged the contributions of Black scholars, past and present, including many scholars at SFU.

The Chair congratulated the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for their event held on January 27th honoring the 2020-21 Shadbolt Fellows.

The Chair reported that she, in her role as President, is hosting the President's Lecture Series, with the theme this year being SFU's cutting edge research. The first lecture was on January 19th and discussed *The Hidden Gifts of Retail: Resilience and Planning for Community Life*. The next

lecture comes up on February 9th discussing the topic of *Envisioning Social Justice From the Margins*.

The Chair reported that preliminary discussions have been held with the Fraser Health Authority and the First Nations Health Authority about possible partnerships for a new medical program at SFU.

The Chair reported that she, in her role as President, continues to meet with external indigenous councils and chiefs on whose territory's SFU's campuses reside. Most recently, a meeting was held with Chief Wayne Sparrow of the Musqueam Nation, as well as representatives of the Kwantlen First Nations to discuss pathways to reconciliation and ways that SFU might partner with their communities.

The Chair reported that SFU has made the 2021 Forbes list of best employers and congratulated everyone who works at SFU for creating a great work environment.

6. Question Period

No questions were submitted.

7. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR)

i) Updated Policy R20.04 (S.21-13)

Senate received Updated Policy R20.04 for information.

Trevor Davis, Executive Director - Research Operations, and Catherine Peltier, Director - Research & Laboratory Safety, were in attendance to respond to questions.

A comment was made that the definition of non-ionizing radiation as written in the policy is too general and would necessitate regulating unintended sources of radiation, no matter how minimal. Senate was informed that this comment would be taken under advisement.

B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

i) Course Changes (S.21-14)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved a course change in the Faculty of Science (Physics).

C) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)

i) Program Changes (S.21-15)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved program changes in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (School of Sustainable Energy Engineering), the Beedie School of Business, and the Faculty of Environment (School of Resource and Environmental Management).

ii) Course Changes (S.21-16)

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 Communication, Art and Technology (Digital Media).

iii) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) Annual Report 2020 (S.21-17)

Senate received the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) Annual Report 2020 for information.

D) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

i) Senate Committee Elections (S.20-18)

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

8. Other Business

9. Information

i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, March 1, 2021

Open session adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Kathryn Verkerk
Senate Secretary pro tem