



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
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Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 4:30 pm via Zoom Video Conferencing

Open Session

Present: Stephen Spector, Vice-Chair

Agnes, Georges (for Jeff Derksen)
Andreoiu, Corina
Bains, Serena
Bhalloo, Shafik
Bird, Gwen
Brennand, Tracy
Bubela, Tania
Chapman, Glenn
Chenier, Ele
Chessel, Patrick
Chowdury, Saima
Daniel, Bryan
Dauvergne, Catherine
Denholm, Julia
Dhesa, Priyanka
Egri, Carolyn
Elle, Elizabeth
Gray, Bonnie
Kench, Paul
Krauth, Brian
Kumpulainen, Kristiina
Liosis, Gabe
Malott, Brianna
Murphy, David
Myers, Gord
O'Neill, Susan
Pahou, Helen
Parent, Micheal
Parmar, Abhishek
Percival, Colin
Phangura, Almas
Pulkingham, Jane
Saeedi, Parvaneh (for Eugene Fiume)
Shapiro, Lisa
Stockie, John
Yang, Dongya (for Naomi Krogman)

Absent:

Coleman, Gordon
Collard, Mark
Derksen, Jeff
Everton, Mike
Fiume, Eugene
Gardinetti, R. Georges
Hall, Peter
Hendrigan, Holly
Hoffer, Andy
Hogg, Robert
Johnson, Joy
Kandikova, Alisa
Krogman, Naomi
Laitsch, Dan
Leznoff, Daniel
Liu, Connie
Lord Ferguson, Sarah
Lu, Joseph
Martell, Matt
Masri, Kamal
McTavish, Rob
Mirhady, David
Nagy, Judit
Nepomnaschy, Pablo
Neustaedter, Carman
O'Neil, Dugan
Pantophlet, Ralph
Parkhouse, Wade
Schiphorst, Thecla
Shinkar, Igor
Vrooman, Tamara
Walsby, Charles

In Attendance:

Chu, Gloria

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Reports of Committees

A) Calendar Committee (CC)

i) Revision to Academic Dates – Fall 2021 Convocation Dates (S.21-90)

Moved by C. Dauvergne, seconded by A. Parmar

“That Senate approve the revised schedule of academic dates for the Fall 2021 term by adding two additional days to the Fall 2021 convocation ceremony. Convocation will now run from October 5th to October 8th, 2021 rather than from October 7th to 8th, 2021.”

Gloria Chu, Director – Ceremonies and Events, was in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was asked if the expanded dates for in-person convocation ceremonies could change should COVID conditions worsen, requiring a move to virtual ceremonies. Senate was informed that even if the ceremonies had to be moved to a virtual platform, the dates could remain as specified in the motion.

To allow more time for planning, a question was asked if schedules by faculty or by unit are available based on the revised convocation dates. Senate was informed that once the motion is approved by Senate, it is anticipated that the convocation schedule would be published on August 23rd. This would allow time for a communications plan to be put in place ahead of making the dates public.

A question was asked if the convocation ceremonies could potentially be overwhelmed due to past graduates being invited to attend. Senate was informed that consideration has been given to this and that the University has already reached out to alumni advising that they will be invited back in 2022.

A question was asked if a student’s convocation ceremony is moved after them having already made travel plans, will there be an opportunity to accommodate that student. Senate was informed that such a scenario would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Open session adjourned at 4:46 p.m.