



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, June 6, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)
and via Zoom Video Conferencing

Open Session

Present: Joy Johnson, Chair

Ahsan, Shariq
Andreoiu, Corina
Arseneault, Donovan
Bird, Gwen
Brennand, Tracy
Bubela, Tania
Chapman, Glenn
Chessel, Patrick
Coleman, Gordon
Collard, Mark
Daniel, Bryan
Dauvergne, Catherine
Denholm, Julia
Derksen, Jeff
Elle, Elizabeth
Everton, Mike
Faris, Reema
Fiume, Eugene
Gray, Bonnie
Hall, Peter
Hendrigan, Holly
Herrenbrueck, Lucas
Karaivanov, Alexander
Kayande, Ujwal
Kirigin, Nicole
Krogman, Naomi
Laitsch, Dan
Leznoff, Daniel
Liu, Connie
Magnusson, Kris
Martell, Matt
Masri, Kamal
Masri, Lynn
McTavish, Rob
Myers, Gord
Nagy, Judit
Neustaedter, Carman

O'Neil, Dugan
Parent, Michael
Parmar, Abhishek
Percival, Colin
Rashmi, Samiya
Schiphorst, Thecla
Sidhu, Harneer
Silverman, Michael
Spector, Stephen
Subbiah, Arun
Tran, Lisa
Van Veen, Melissa
Williams, JF
Williams, Vance

Absent:

Bhalloo, Shafik
Derksen, Jeff
Dhesa, Priyanka
Kumpulainen, Kristiina
Lam, Allan
Murphy, David
Nepomnaschy, Pablo
Pantophlet, Ralph
Parkhouse, Wade
Shapiro, Lisa
Shinkar, Igor
Stockie, John
Vrooman, Tamara

In Attendance:

Power, Hope

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, welcomed the following new and re-elected Senators:

New Faculty Senators: Lucas Herrenbrueck (FASS); Alexander Karaivanov (FASS); JF Williams (SCI); Vance Williams (SCI)

Re-elected Faculty Senators: Bonnie Gray (FAS); Dan Laitsch (EDUC)

New Student Senators: Reema Faris (FASS); Nicole Kirigin (FASS); Donovan Arseneault (BUS); Arun Subbiah (BUS); Lisa Tran (BUS); Samiya Rashmi (FENV); Harneer Sidhu (HSCI); Shariq Ahsan (SCI); Allan Lam (SCI); Lynn Masri (SCI); Melissa Van Veen (SCI)

Re-elected Student Senators: Bryan Daniel (FAS); Judit Nagy (FASS); Abhishek Parmar (BUS); Patrick Chessel (EDUC); Priyanka Dhesa (HSCI)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. The Minutes of the Open Session of May 16, 2022 will be considered for approval at the Senate meeting on July 4, 2022

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that there were some concerns raised around proposed revisions to policy B10 and that feedback from this process is being taken under advisement. It is recognized that a standard procedure for consultation needs to be established for new or updated policies and that revisions to B10 will be revisited once that has been done.

The Chair reported that on July 1st Michael Richards, Archaeology Professor and Canada Research Chair in Archaeological Science, will begin his tenure as SFU's next Associate Vice-President, Research. As Associate Vice President Research, Michael will continue supporting SFU's research community, enhancing its research portfolio, and building community and industry partnerships. Also, on July 1st, SFU's Special Advisor on Innovation to the VPRI, Elicia Maine will take on the permanent, inaugural role of Associate Vice-President of Knowledge Mobilization and Innovation. This new position will provide strategic oversight and champion the many initiatives and support services that are mobilizing knowledge created by SFU faculty, students and staff. Professor Main will oversee several university wide strategic initiatives, programs and units, including SFU Innovates, SFU Venture Labs, the Community Engaged Research Initiative, and the SFU Knowledge Mobilization Initiative.

The Chair reported that SFU has hired two leadership roles in IT Services. Jastej Singh Aujla will join SFU as the new Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) starting June 13th, coming from TransLink. Brian Stewart will take on the role of Chief Information Officer (CIO) in July. Brian comes to SFU from the University of Alberta, where he worked as the Deputy Chief Information Officer.

The Chair reported that roundtable discussions for SFU's strategic planning process, known as SFU: What's Next?, have already happened or are scheduled to happen in most faculties and portfolio areas with key external advisory groups. The University is preparing to engage students in this process in the fall and has partnered with the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue to arrange for student run pop-up engagements.

5. Question Period

No questions were submitted.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)

i) Annual Report 2021-2022 (S.22-71)

Senate received the Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP) Annual Report 2021-2022 for information.

B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

i) Program Changes (S.22-72)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved program changes in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (School of Criminology, English, Philosophy), and the Beedie School of Business.

ii) New Course Proposals (S.22-73)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new course proposals in the Faculty of Environment (School of Environmental Science).

iii) Course Changes (S.22-74)

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 (School for the Contemporary Arts), and the Faculty of Environment (Geography).

C) Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL)

i) Adoption of a Statement in Support of Open Educational Resources (S.22-75)

Moved by E. Elle, seconded by A. Parmar

“That Senate endorse the statement in support of open education.”

Hope Power, Teaching & Learning Librarian, was in attendance to respond to questions.

Citing concerns over the ongoing development and support of open educational resources and the reporting of progress being made, an amendment to the motion was proposed.

Moved by C. Percival, seconded by J. Nagy

“That Senate endorse the statement in support of open education, and that SCUTL report on its progress to Senate in May 2023 via its annual report.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

A question was asked as to how funding will be distributed. Senate was informed that available funding is to help faculty members integrate open access resources into their classroom and that at present, there is no funding source available for the creation of these resources. It is expected that an advisory task force, made up of a previous working group, will be formed to report to SCUTL on a regular basis, and that the creation and maintenance of resources will be among its recommendations.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Educational Goals and Assessment Plan (S.22-76)

Moved by E. Elle, seconded by S. Ahsan

“That Senate adopt the proposed educational goals for SFU undergraduates and associated assessment plan.”

A question was asked as to how the Library will be involved in future stages of the Educational Goals initiative. Senate was informed that the Educational Goals were developed by a working group, which then brought them to SCUTL for refinement. As part of its membership, SCUTL includes a representative from the Library who helped craft the Educational Goals. Also, the Library, which has its own established educational goals, would be utilized when determining the best way to understand what undergraduates are gaining during their degree programs.

Following a number of comments on the use of certain words within the document, the Chair noted that wordsmithing on the Senate floor would not be productive. It was added that the mover of the motion will take the feedback of Senate under advisement.

A question was asked as to when Educational Goals will return to Senate, either for updates on progress or for amendments. Senate was informed there needs to be regular reporting on what is being learned through assessment and that as faculties and departments gather more information, an analysis of Educational Goals can be conducted on a cyclical basis to determine if the right goals are being sought. As such, it was suggested that major reporting be done every three years.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

D) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

i) Senate Committee Elections (S.22-77 Revised)

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

7. Other Business

8. Information

i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, July 4, 2022

Open session adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Tom Nault
Senate Secretary