

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

Minutes of a meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on  
Monday, September 13, 2004 at 5:30 pm in Room 3210 WMC  
Open Session

Present: Stevenson, Michael,  
President and Chair of Senate  
Apaak, Clement  
Beynon, Peter  
Blackman, Roger  
Breden, Felix  
Brennand, Tracy  
Budd, James  
Copeland, Lynn  
Delgrande, James  
Driver, Jon  
Dunsterville, Valerie  
Easton, Stephen  
Fung, Edward  
Giacomantonio, Chris  
Gordon, Irene  
Gordon, Robert  
Hauerland, Norbert  
Honda, Barry  
Horvath, Adam  
Hunsdale, Shawn  
Johansen, Elinor  
Krane, Bill  
Lewis, Brian  
Li, Ze-Nian  
MacKenzie, Christine  
MacLean, David  
McKinnon, Stephanie  
McInnes, Marcia  
Percival, Paul  
Pierce, John  
Pinto, Mario  
Plischke, Michael  
Rozell, Sara  
Schellenberg, Betty  
Scott, Jamie  
Shaker, Paul  
Tombe, Trevor  
Waterhouse, John  
Weeks, Daniel  
Wessel, Sylvia  
Wong, Josephine  
Woodbury, Rob  
Yerbury, Colin  
Zandvliet, David

Absent:  
da Silva, Gisele  
Dickinson, John  
Fizzell, Maureen  
Grimmett, Peter  
Gupta, Kamal  
Higgins, Anne  
Love, Ernie  
Mauser, Gary  
McArthur, James  
McFetridge, Paul  
Sears, Camilla  
Smith, Don  
Walters, Brenton  
Wong, Milton

Heath, Ron, Dean of Student Services/Registrar  
Watt, Alison, Director, University Secretariat  
Grant, Bobbie, Recording Secretary

On behalf of Senate, the Chair welcomed the following new Senators: M. Pinto, Vice-President Research; D. MacLean, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, and R. Blackman, Faculty of Arts.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of July 5, 2004

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. Report of the Chair

Referring to the recent announcement about the relocation of the Olympic speed skating oval from SFU to the City of Richmond, the Chair expressed his regret about the decision and about the process by which it was decided. The Chair reported that he has expressed disappointment to the Organizing Committee about their decision to forego SFU's very coherent and well-developed legacy plan for the long-term development and performance enhancement of athletes.

5. Question Period

A question, submitted by S. Hunsdale, concerning the governance of the Great Northern Way Campus, particularly the lack of student representation on the Board of Trustees was directed to the President, and inquiry was made as to what efforts would be undertaken by the Administration to promote student representation on the Board. The Chair advised that no change was planned to the composition of the Board until such time as the Consortium decides to offer programs separate from those endorsed by the individual academic governing bodies of the partner institutions. At the present time there are no degree programs at GNWC. The Great Northern Way Campus is essentially a piece of property owned in equal shares by Consortium partners, and the Board - which has an administrative representative from each institution - manages the administration of that property. If at some point there were self-standing programs offered and administered by the Board rather than by governing bodies of the University, then the Administration would move to ensure that there was appropriate student representation.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.04-54 – Elections

Senate was advised that no further nominations were received. Therefore, Peter Liljedahl was elected by acclamation to the Senate Appeals Board, and the Student Senator vacancies on the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies and the Senate Committee on International Activities would be carried forward.

B) Senate Committee on University Priorities

i) Paper S.04-55 – Dissolution of the Centre for Systems Science

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by I. Gordon

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Centre for Systems Science (CSS), effective immediately”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.04-56 – Library External Review (For Information)

Senate received the External Review of the Library for information. Congratulations were extended to L. Copeland, University Librarian and the Staff in the Library on the highly positive and excellent review.

iii) Paper S.04-57 – Burnaby Mountain University Professorships; Terms of Reference

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by C. Apaak

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the terms of reference for the Burnaby Mountain University Professorships”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Paper S.04-58 – Farley Professorship in History; Terms of Reference

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by J. Pierce

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the terms of reference for the Jack and Nancy Farley University Professorship in History”

Question arose as to why the terms of reference for this Professorship which has been in existence for quite some time were coming forward at this point. Senate was advised that in this case, as in the previous item and the next item, the Professorship/Chair was created prior to the adoption of policy that requires Senate to approve the terms of reference and these terms were being forwarded for approval at this time.

It was observed that there appeared to be an inconsistency between documents with respect to the substance of information provided. Senate was advised that the primary difference related to the details with respect to the method of appointment. Some of these details were redundant since the method of appointment for all positions was set out in University policy, but SCUP had directed that these policies should be referenced.

Suggestions by J. Pierce, P. Percival, and S. Hunsdale to change the first sentence of paragraph two to read: “The Farley Professor will be ~~a scholar~~ *an established scholar of any rank* whose scholarly achievements are clearly superior ~~relative to others of that rank~~ and who will .... “ were accepted as friendly amendments.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- v) Paper S.04-59 – J.S. Woodsworth Chair in the Department of Humanities; Terms of Reference

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by J. Pierce

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the terms of reference for the J.S. Woodsworth Chair in the Department of Humanities”

Question arose as to whether the terms of reference before Senate were changed in any way in response to the controversy surrounding the Woodsworth Chair. Senate was advised that the terms of reference were essentially those that were developed when the endowment was established and the fact that they were now before Senate was not directly related to any controversy surrounding that matter.

In keeping with existing policy, a suggestion by J. Pierce to change the first sentence of the second paragraph to read: “The individual who occupies the Chair will be ~~a senior academic~~ *an established scholar* whose scholarship ....”, and a suggestion from E. Johansen to capitalize ‘*Member of Parliament*’ in the next sentence were accepted as friendly amendments.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- C) Senate Library Committee and Library Penalties Appeal Committee

- i) Paper S.04-60 – Annual Reports for 2003/04 (For Information)

Senate received the Annual Reports of the Senate Library Committee and the Library Penalties Appeal Committee for information.

- D) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

- i) Paper S.04-61 – Extension of admission policy: BC Adult Graduation Diploma

Moved by R. Blackman, seconded by C. Apaak

“that Senate approve extension of the policy on admission of students who had graduated with the BC Adult Graduation Diploma for three years, with a review in Fall 2007, as set forth in S.04-61”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.04-62 – Native Education Centre – Transfer Credit Agreement (For Information)

Senate received information about the transfer credit agreement that Douglas College and Simon Fraser University have made with the Native Education Centre (NEC) which is a private post-secondary institution in Vancouver. This is an interim measure until the BCCAT accreditation process has been completed.

iii) Paper S.04-63 – Curriculum Revision – Faculty of Business Administration

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved a change of prerequisite for two Business courses effective Fall 2004.

iv) Paper S.04-64 – CRUA 2003 Report (For Information)

Senate received the 2003 year-end report of the Committee to Review University Admissions (CRUA) for information.

E) Senate Graduate Studies Committee

i) Paper S.04-65 – School of Interactive Arts and Technology – New courses

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved eleven new courses in Interactive Arts and Technology for one year to allow incoming graduate students the opportunity to take courses that will be part of the proposed new graduate programs. The proposed programs are currently under review and final approval of the courses will be part of the final approval of the new graduate programs,

F) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

i) Paper S.04-66 – Amendment to the Rules of Senate re Senate Committee terms

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by P. Percival

“that Senate approve that the following language in bold be added to the Rules of Senate:

VI Committees

C The nomination and election of members to Senate committee shall be undertaken at the June Senate meeting and at other times when vacancies occur. **In order to ensure continued operation of Senate committees, where necessary, the terms of office of retiring members shall be deemed to extend until the date of the next Senate meeting when elections can be held.”**

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, October 4, 2004.

At 6:00 pm Open Session adjourned and Senate moved directly into Closed Session without recess.

Alison Watt  
Director, University Secretariat