

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, December 6, 2004 in Room 3210 WMC at ~~5:30~~ pm
Open Session ~~5:30~~
7:00

Present: Stevenson, Michael, President and Chair of Senate

Beynon, Peter
Blackman, Roger
Brennand, Tracy
Budd, James
Collinge, Joan (representing C. Yerbury)
Copeland, Lynn
Dean, Charmaine
Delgrande, James
Dickinson, John
Driver, Jon
Dunsterville, Valerie
Easton, Stephen
Fizzell, Maureen
Fung, Edward
Giacomantonio, Chris
Gordon, Irene
Harder, Derrick
Hauerland, Norbert
Hayes, Michael
Hunsdale, Shawn
Johansen, Elinor
Krane, Bill
Lewis, Brian
Love, Ernie
MacKenzie, Christine
MacLean, David
Mauser, Gary
McInnes, Marcia
Percival, Paul
Perry, Tom (representing J. Pierce)
Pinto, Mario
Plischke, Michael
Schellenberg, Betty
Shaker, Paul
Tombe, Trevor
Waterhouse, John
Wong, Josephine
Wong, Milton
Woodbury, Robert

Absent:

Apaak, Clement
Breden, Felix
da Silva, Gisele
Gordon, Robert
Grimmett, Peter
Gupta, Kamal
Higgins, Anne
Honda, Barry
Horvath, Adam
Li, Ze-Nian
McArthur, James
McFetridge, Paul
McKinnon, Stephanie
Rozell, Sara
Sears, Camilla
Scott, Jamie
Smit, Bernard
Smith, Don
Weeks, Daniel
Wessel, Sylvia
Zandvliet, David

In attendance:

Daminato, Cathy
Dench, Sarah
Friskin, Barbara
Iverson, Rick

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

1. Approval of the Agenda
The Agenda was approved as distributed.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of October 4, 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

i) Paper S.04-85 – President’s Agenda (For Information)

The President’s Agenda which included a statement of objectives for the coming year was received by Senate for information.

ii) Fundraising Campaign – “Reaching New Heights”

At the request of the Chair, C. Daminato, Vice-President Advancement spoke to Senate about the launch of the \$125 million dollar campaign ‘Reaching New Heights’. Senate was advised that the official kick off of the campaign took place the previous Thursday at which time it was announced that \$80 million dollars had been achieved towards the campaign goal which hopefully would be reached by December 2006.

5. Question Period

D. Harder raised a question about declining entrance averages for college and high school students in relation to a reduction in admission applications and wondered if there was a specific explanation for the decline in admission averages. Senate was informed that the overall admission averages for college and high school applicants this year were very similar to last year. Admissions by diverse qualifications were evaluated by a new adjudication process which might account for a discrepancy with previous years.

The Chair suggested that the question be formally submitted in writing so that the appropriate administrative office could investigate the issue more fully and have specific details available at the next meeting of Senate.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on University Priorities

i) Paper S.04-86 – PhD Program in Business Administration

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by E. Love

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for a PhD Program in Business Administration, as set forth in S.04-86”

R. Iverson, Faculty of Business Administration, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

i) Paper S.04-87 – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (For Information): Kinesiology

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved one new course, one course deletion, and minor revisions to existing courses and program requirements in the School of Kinesiology.

ii) Paper S.04-88 – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences – List of Certified ‘Q’ and ‘B’ Courses (For Information)

S. Dench, Director, University Curriculum and B. Frisken, Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Task Force were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the certification of ‘Q’ and ‘B’ for the courses listed in the above-noted paper. Question arose about courses with cross postings and particular reference was made to CRIM 355 that showed the breadth science with a question mark. Senate was advised that this was an oversight in the document and that the B.Sci designation should have been removed. It was also pointed out that when a course was double or triple designated, a student must choose one of the designations since one course cannot be used to satisfy two or three different requirements.

Following the above discussion, the paper was received by Senate.

iii) Paper S.04-89 – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (For Information): Contemporary Arts, BA Requirements for Mathematics Program

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved minor revisions to existing courses and requirements in the Dance program in the School for the Contemporary Arts, and changes to the BA requirements for the Major and Honors Mathematics program.

iv) Paper S.04-90 – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved two new courses, two course deletions, and minor revisions to existing courses in the Faculty of Education.

C) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

i) Paper S.04-91 – Revision to SCUP Membership

Moved by J. Wong, seconded by P. Percival

“that Senate approve the addition of one student senator to the membership of the Senate Committee on University Priorities”

Senate was advised that this motion was brought forward by the Student Senator caucus as a result of the recent addition to the SCUP membership of one faculty senator to represent the new Faculty of Health Sciences. This change increased the number of faculty members to six while the student senator members remained at two, and since the Alternate Student member could only attend SCUP if both the regular members were absent, students were generally only represented by one person. It was suggested that students were being asked to pick up more of the budget shortfall through tuition fee increases, and since SCUP was the only Senate committee empowered to provide formal input into the university budget, students should consequently have a greater voice in that process.

Brief discussion took place with respect to the role of the Alternate student member. It was stressed that the motion before Senate called for the addition of a full student member, and that the position of Alternate would not change unless revised by a subsequent motion or revised procedures approved within the committee.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.04-92 – Revision to SCUS Membership

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by R. Blackman

“that Senate approve the addition of the following members to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies:

- a representative from the Faculty of Health Sciences, and
- the Director, University Curriculum, Ex officio (non-voting)”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.04-93 – Senate Dinner Location (For Information)

Senate was advised that due to renovations the Diamond University Centre would be closed and, during this period, Senate dinners would have to be held in a different location as noted in Senate paper S.04-93.

Suggestion was made that Senate dinners be relocated to the Highland Pub. The Chair indicated that the suggestion would be taken under advisement.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2005.

Open Session adjourned at 7:30 pm. Following a brief recess, Senate moved into Closed Session.

Alison Watt
Director, University Secretariat