

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, September 18, 2006 in Room 3210 WMC at 7:00 pm
Open Session

Present: Schellenberg, Betty, Vice-Chair of Senate

Black, Sam
Brennand, Tracy
Copeland, Lynn
Corbett, Kitty
Dagenais, Diane
Delgrande, James
Dickinson, Peter
Driver, Jon
Easton, Stephen
Ester, Martin
Fizzell, Maureen
Gençay, Ramo
Gordon, Irene
Gordon, Robert
Halpern, Erica
Harder, Derrick
Hauerland, Norbert
Honda, Barry
Javed, Waseem
Joffres, Michel
Kelly, Vanessa
Krane, Bill
Lewis, Brian
Lewis, Glyn
Li, Wei
Liljedahl, Peter
MacKenzie, Christine
MacLean, David
Mathewes, Rolf (representing M. Plischke)
Nesbit, Tom (representing J. LaBrie)
Percival, Colin
Percival, Paul
Peters, Joseph
Pierce, John
Pinto, Mario
Rebman, Rachelle
Russell, Robert
Shaker, Paul
Shermer, Thomas
Smart, Carolyn
van Baarsen, Amanda
Waterhouse, John
Weeks, Dan
Williams, Peter
Wong, Josephine

Absent:

Breden, Felix
Caufield, Sarah
Dunnet, Margot
Gregory, Titus
Hayes, Michael
Louie, Brandt
McArthur, James
Smith, Don
Stevenson, Michael
Tingling, Peter
Warner, D'Arcy
Zandvliet, David

In attendance:

Angerilli, Nello
Burley, David
Jones, John
Klemetski, Muriel
MacLean, Derryl
Punnen, Abraham

Heath, Ron, Registrar
Watt, Alison, Director, University Secretariat

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of July 10, 2006

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

In answer to a question, J. Waterhouse indicated that the Great Northern Way Campus document that had been approved by Senate in July with revisions, was now being considered by the UBC Senate. If approved, the revised document will be forwarded to the governing bodies of the other two partner institutions.

4. Report of the Chair

The Vice-Chair reported that President Stevenson was attending the 100th anniversary of the founding of Jilin University, which is the institution in China with which SFU has the longest partnership.

On behalf of Senate, the Vice-Chair welcomed two new Senators: Dr. Diane Dagenais, Faculty Senator from the Faculty of Education, and Dr. Carolyn Smart, Dean Pro Tem, Faculty of Business Administration. Senate was also informed that Ms. Bobbie Grant was away with a serious wrist injury, and on behalf of Senate, the Vice-Chair asked that best wishes be conveyed to Bobbie for a speedy and complete recovery.

5. Question Period

There were no questions.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on University Priorities

i) Paper S.06-90 – Centre for Operations Research and Decision Sciences

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by R. Russell

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the creation of the Centre for Operations Research and Decision Sciences (CORDS) as a Schedule B Centre”

A. Punnen, Department of Mathematics was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

The question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.06-91 –External Review - Department of Archaeology

D. Burley, Chair, Department of Archaeology was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

P. Percival congratulated the department on receiving a strong External Review. Noting that Senate does not deal with budgetary matters, he asked the Vice-President, Academic whether, in future, SCUP could consider providing direction to the senior administration to deal with University-level issues, such as support for the Museum, rather than restricting the recommendations to directions to the Dean and the Department. The Vice-President, Academic responded that his office and SCUP would work to improve these motions. With regard to the specific matter of the Museum, a meeting will be held between himself and the Department and the Dean to discuss this matter. D. Weeks mentioned that SCUP had revised and improved the draft motion before its submission to Senate. D. Burley noted that this was the third External Review that had contained a recommendation regarding the Museum, and he looked forward to discussing this matter further.

In answer to a question from C. Percival about whether he viewed T.A.ships primarily as graduate student support or as assistance in teaching, the Vice-President, Academic responded that he considered both equally important.

The question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.06-92 – Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by E. Halpern

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, the creation of the Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures as a Schedule A Centre”

Derryl MacLean, Department of History was in attendance to order to respond to any questions.

There was a brief discussion about the use of the words “Islam” and “Muslim” which was followed by an expression of thanks and congratulations by W. Javed to Dr. MacLean for his efforts in making this centre a reality at SFU.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Paper S.06-93 – Additive credit for Co-op Semesters

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by N. Haunerland

“that Senate approve that each co-op semester completed by a student at SFU be granted three additive credits. These are in addition to the credits required for the degree. This is to be effective for the Spring 2007 (1071) semester, subject to the ability to implement by that date.”

J. Jones, Associate Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences, N. Angerilli, Associate Vice-President, Students and International and M. Klemetski, Acting Director, Co-operative Education were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

In answer to a question, J. Waterhouse indicated the additive credits would be included in student FTEs. The issue of fees was raised, and J. Waterhouse indicated that no additional fees will be charged, and he has no intention of recommending a change in the fee as a consequence of this action. A question was also posed about the impact of increased co-op enrollments in a department and whether this might lead to some individuals receiving some teaching relief for overseeing co-op work terms; J. Waterhouse indicated that this would depend on the department, but in principle some resources would result from increased enrollments.

The question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

v) Paper S.06-94 – Jarislowsky Foundation Endowed Chair in Cultural Change

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by J. Pierce

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, the terms of reference for the Stephen Jarislowsky Chair in Religion and Cultural Change Dynamics supported by the Jarislowsky Foundation Cultural Change Endowment Fund.”

A senator noted that the fund was sufficiently large to support the cost of a faculty position and asked why the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences is to provide the faculty position. J. Pierce noted that it was the wish of the donor that the funds be available to develop the broad purposes of the chair, including supporting a new program of study.

The question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

i) Paper S.06-95 – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences – Curriculum Changes (For Information): Latin American Studies Program

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the re-instatement of LAS 300-3 and LAS 312-3.

ii) Paper S.06-96 – Faculty of Science – Curriculum Changes (For Information): Earth Sciences, Statistics, Biological Sciences, MBB, Physics

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved a variety of curriculum revisions for courses in the above-noted departments.

iii) Paper S.06-97 – Faculty of Applied Sciences – Curriculum Changes (For Information): Computing Science, Engineering Science, Interactive Arts and Technology

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved a variety of curriculum revisions for courses in the

above-noted departments, including a new course CMPT 376 and the deletion of IART, INTD, MTEC, and TECH courses.

iv) Paper S.06-98 – Faculty of Education – Curriculum Changes (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved a moratorium on new enrollments in the Certificate in Literacy Instruction for two years, and minor revisions to courses in the Faculty of Education.

v) Paper S.06-99 – Faculty of Business Administration – Curriculum Changes (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved some minor curriculum revisions for courses in the Faculty of Business Administration

vi) Paper S.06-100 – Faculty of Health Sciences – Curriculum Changes (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new courses: HSCI 214, 215, 303, 304, 307, 322, 323, 324, 325, 340, 399, 425, 431, 432, 441, 442, 443, and 499; the deletion of HSCI 130 and minor curriculum revisions to one course in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

C) Senate Committee on Graduate Studies

i) Paper S.06-101 – Faculty of Education – Curriculum Changes (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved a new course EDUC 879 in the Faculty of Education.

ii) Paper S.06-102 – Faculty of Science – Curriculum Changes (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved a new course PHYS 864 in the Faculty of Science.

ii) Paper S.06-103 – Faculty of Business Administration – Curriculum Changes (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the deletion of the Specialist MBA program, and the addition of the following new courses: BUS 974, 875, 976, 977, 978 in the Faculty of Business Administration.

- ii) Paper S.06-104 – Faculty of Health Sciences – Curriculum Changes (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new courses GLOH 625, 635, and HSCI 893, 894, 898 and minor revisions to other courses in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

D) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

- i) Paper S.06-89 – Revisions to the Rules of Senate

Moved by P. Percival, seconded by J. Waterhouse

“that Senate approve the revisions to the Rules of Senate contained in paper S.06-89 with minor editorial revisions.”

P. Percival noted that he and A. Watt had noted a few minor editorial revisions that were needed. The Vice-Chair asked if Senate was willing to accept that these revisions would be dealt with, and there was no objection to that suggestion.

Referring to section V.B.1. I. Gordon spoke against increasing the number of senators required to call a special meeting from 5 to 10. It was noted that no special meeting had been called in 10 years. The change in the size of Senate was not an adequate justification in her opinion. Others spoke in favour of the recommended change and the parallel change in the size of the quorum that had been recommended by SCAR.

The question was called, and a vote taken. MOTION CARRIED WITH 2/3 MAJORITY

- ii) Paper S.06-105 – Low Risk Approvals – Senate Committee on International Activities

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by D. Harder

“that the Chair of SCIA be authorized to approve low risk international activities using criteria outlined in S.06-105, with the understanding that all such approvals will be reported to SCIA, and that SCIA has the right to change the Chair’s decision.”

The question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- iii) Paper S.06-106 – Changes to Senate Committees resulting from Student Services Re-organization

This matter was circulated to Senate for information.

E. Senate Nominating Committee

- i) Paper S.06-107 – Elections

Senate was advised of the following elections to Senate committees (by acclamation):

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies:	Gillian Judson
Senate Committee on University Priorities	David Zandvliet
Senate Graduate Studies Committee	Anthony Kupferschmidt (Regular member)
	Marie-Claude Lavoie (Alternate member)
	Miraj Khaled (Alternate member)

The remaining vacancies will be carried forward to the next meeting of Senate.

ii) Paper S.06-108 – Research Ethics Board

Moved by M. Pinto, seconded by J. Waterhouse:

“that Senate approve the list of names for the Research Ethics Board noted in paper S. 06-108, consisting of Dr. E. Goldner, Dr. D. MacLean, Dr. T. Takaro and Dr. C. Waddell.”

In answer to a question, the Vice-President, Research noted that these names are being put forward as a list, and the Research Ethics Board will select an individual from the list to deal with cases that require medical expertise.

The question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Other Business

i) Declaration of Vacancy

A. Watt reported that a student senator had recently resigned, and she announced that a by-election for two student senator vacancies would be held shortly.

ii) Notice of Motion

In accordance with the Rules of Senate, a notice of motion regarding revision to the time of Senate meetings was presented to Senate. This item will be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of Senate.

iii) W. Ronald Heath, retiring as Registrar

The Chair noted that this would be the last meeting that Ron Heath would be attending as Registrar after 22 years of service to SFU. On behalf of Senate, she made a presentation to him, and thanked him sincerely for the advice and direction he has provided in this role over many years. Senate gave Mr. Heath a standing ovation in appreciation of his commitment and service to SFU.

8. Information

The date of the next regular meeting of Senate is Monday, October 16, 2006.

The Open Session adjourned at 7:45 p.m., and Senate moved directly into Closed Session.

Alison Watt, Director, University Secretariat