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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, December 3, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

Open Session

Present: Andrew Petter, President and Chair

Black, Sam
Brandhorst, Bruce
Burley, David (for J. Pierce)
Cameron, Rob (for N. Rajapakse & W. Parkhouse)
Chapman, Glenn
Corbett, Kitty
Craig, John
Cupples, Claire
Cyr, Dianne
Driver, Jon
Eckman, Charles
Elle, Elizabeth
Flodr, Sarah-Sophia
Francis, June
Geisler, Cheryl
Golnaraghi, Farid
Gordon, Robert
Hedley, Nick
Jozaghi, Ehsan
Kessler, Anke
Kopahi, Moe
Laitsch, Dan
Leacock, Tracey
Leivdal, Joseph
Magnusson, Kris
McRae, Jennifer
Myers, Gordon
O'Neil, John
Palis, Heather
Parekh, Nimisha
Paterson, David
Percival, Paul
Perry, Tom
Pilarinos, Andreas
Pinto, Mario
Quarmby, Lynne
Robinsmith, Stacey

Somers, Julian
Szeto, Hendson
Tingling, Peter
Warner, D'Arcy
Wussow, Helen

Absent:

Brennand, Tracy
Chen, Alexander
Delgrande, Jim
Easton, Stephen
Hall, Angie
Kropinski, Mary Catherine
Kwon, Caleb
Leznoff, Daniel
Li, Paul
Lundgreen-Nielsen, Jens
Pavsek, Christopher
Percival, Colin
Ruben, Peter
Sakhrani, Rohan
Schellenberg, Betty
Shapiro, Daniel
Shaw, Chris
Taylor, Carole
Wilson, Meaghan
Woodbury, Rob
Zhang, Kevin

In Attendance:

Guthrie, Larry
Hibbitts, Pat
Hinchliffe, Jo

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Minutes of the Open Session on November 5, 2012

The minutes of the open session on November 5, 2012 were approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Report of the Chair

The Chair welcomed the new Senate Assistant & Electoral Officer, Kris Nordgren, who will be temporarily replacing Shelley Gair while she takes on a temporary position in Graduate Studies. The Chair thanked Shelley for her service to Senate. The Chair also welcomed Scott McLean, the new acting Director of Public Affairs and Media Relations.

The Chair reported on his recent visit to China, Taipei and Hong Kong; agreements were signed, relationships were built, and the Chair attended SFU alumni receptions. The Chair felt that SFU is seen as an important player in China, particularly by the Canadian embassy, consulates and trade offices. The Chair noted that the high level of investment in post-secondary education and research in China and Hong Kong is the reason Chinese universities are up in the rankings with respect to the rest of the world. The Chair intends on making the argument that investment in research and education is the key to support SFU's opportunity agenda presented to the provincial government.

In terms of labour relations, the Chair said it was gratifying that the TSSU agreement was reached and ratified. The Chair acknowledged that the University has not reached an agreement with CUPE and that job action is likely to be ongoing. The University will continue to try to reach a settlement as quickly as possible and to minimize the disruption to students and programs.

The Chair ended his report with three significant good news items. First, the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) announced that 25% of its funding will be going to British Columbia and that \$8.7 million is going directly to SFU. Secondly, CIDA announced that SFU's Beedie School of Business and UBC's Keevil School of Mining were successful in their joint bid for \$25 million in funding for an institute looking at extractive industries. Finally, SFU was successful in renewing its relationship with the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) as the lead agency on behalf of international partners. Environment Canada has now confirmed funding through to 2017. The Chair congratulated all those who contributed to these successes.

i) Annual Financial Report (S.12-160)

P. Hibbitts, Vice-President, Financial Services, and L. Guthrie, Director, Accounting Services, were in attendance to respond to questions.

The Annual Financial Report was received by Senate for information.

5. Question Period

The Chair acknowledged that a recently submitted question will be answered at the February 2013 meeting.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

i) Annual Report (S.12-161)

Senate received the SCCS Annual Report for information.

ii) SCCS Membership Changes (S.12-162)

Motion

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by D. Warner.

“That Senate approve the changes to membership in the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies effective June 2012.”

At the suggestion of the Chair, and with general assent, the motion was modified by changing the effective date to “June 2013.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) SCCS Terms of Reference Changes (S.12-163)

Motion

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by D. Warner.

“That Senate approve the changes to the Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies effective immediately.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

B) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)

i) Renaming and Reclassification of the “Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth” (S.12-164)

Motion

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by J. Craig.

“That Senate approve the name of the Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth be changed to the Institute for the Reduction of Youth Violence and that it become an institute.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) External Review of the Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (S.12-165)

Motion

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by D. Cyr.

“That Senate approve the Action Plan for the Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry that resulted from its External Review.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Title Change for the Major in Art and Culture (S.12-166)

Motion

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by C. Geisler.

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the title change for the Major in Art and Culture to Major in Visual Culture and Performance Studies, in the School for the Contemporary Arts within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Fall, 2013.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications 2011/2012 (S.12-167)

Mario Pinto, Vice-President, Research, was in attendance to respond to questions.

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on University Priorities, acting under delegated authority, reviewed and approved the renewal of eighteen research centres and institutes for a five year term. The specific list can be found in senate paper S.12-167.

v) Centre and Institute Report 2011/2012 (S.12-168)

Senate received the Centre and Institute Report for 2011 to 2012 for information.

C) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.12-169)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, added new courses, and made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (Mechatronics Systems Engineering).

Clarification was requested regarding the proposed changes in S.12-169, specifically the replication of courses that currently exist. It was clarified that there is a two-step process for creating a new course – relabeling and then curriculum revisions – and that this is the first step of that process.

ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.12-170)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (French; History).

Clarification was requested on the minimum upper division unit requirement for the French major in S.12-170. The Chair confirmed that this item would be looked into.

iii) Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.12-171)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, added new courses, and made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Beedie School of Business.

Clarification was requested on several curriculum items in S.12-171. Those items are as follows: lower division unit requirements, upper division Psychology requirements, and the prerequisite waiver for BUS 360W in the Business/Psychology joint major program; resource allocation for new course BUS 475. The Chair confirmed that this item would be looked into.

iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.12-172)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to an existing course in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (Interactive Arts and Technology).

v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.12-173)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Education.

vi) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.12-174)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, added new courses, and made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Science (Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology; Management & Systems Science; Earth Sciences; Biological Sciences; Math; Statistics & Actuarial Science; Physics).

Clarification was requested on the prerequisites for the course change to BISC 418 in S.12-174. The Chair confirmed that this item would be looked into.

D) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)

i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.12-175)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to an existing program in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (Computing Science).

Clarification was requested on the prerequisites for the course change to CMPT 626 in S.12-175, specifically that the courses would continue to be used in the Computing Science dual degree program. It was clarified that the courses would continue to be used and that the change was for the purpose of academic progress within that program.

ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.12-176)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, added new courses, and made revisions to existing programs in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (History; International Studies).

iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.12-177)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, added a new course in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (Digital Media Program).

v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.12-178)

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

E) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

i) Senate Committee Elections (S.12-179)

Senate received a revised summary from the Senate Nominating Committee of nominations received and outstanding vacancies for positions on Senate committees that are elected by Senate.

7. Other Business

i) Election Report (S.12-180)

Senate received a report for information showing the results of a recent student election to Senate.

8. Information

i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, January 7, 2013.

Kate Ross
Registrar & Executive Director Student Enrolment