



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
THINKING OF THE WORLD

Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, November 1, 2010 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

Open Session

Present: Easton, Stephen, Vice-Chair

Acierno, Kyle
Bezglasnyy, Anton
Brandhorst, Bruce
Brennand, Tracy
Brinkhurst, Marena
Chapman, Glenn
Corbett, Kitty
Craig, John
Cupples, Claire
Cyr, Dianne
Dhillon, Arinder
Dow, Greg
Driver, Jon
Eckman, Charles
Ester, Martin (representing N. Rajapakse)
Fizzell, Maureen
Francis, June
Garneau-Scott, Christi
Geisler, Cheryl
Gordon, Robert
Hauerland, Norbert (representing M. Pinto)
Knowler, Duncan (representing J. Pierce)
Kopahi, Moe
Krane, Bill
Kropinski, Mary Catherine
Laitsch, Dan
Leznoff, Daniel
MacGrotty, Alysia
Magnusson, Kris
Mann, Geoff
Morrison, John
Myers, Gordon
Patidar, Risha
Patidar, Trisha
Pavsek, Christopher
Percival, Colin
Percival, Paul
Peters, Joseph
Russell, Robert
Saif, Mehrdad
Shapiro, Daniel

Somers, Julian
van der Wey, Dolores
Warner, D'Arcy
Woodbury, Rob
Wussow, Helen

Absent:

Black, Sam
Golnaraghi, Farid
Janes, Craig
Kong, Shuyu
Law, Mona
Lee, Benjamin
Lewis, Cynthia
Li, Fiona
Louie, Brandt
McArthur, James
Moghaddamjoo, Sarah
O'Neil, John
Parkhouse, Wade
Patel, Ravi
Paterson, David
Petter, Andrew
Ruben, Peter
Sahinalp, Cenk
Shaw, Chris
Tashakor, Pasha

In attendance:

Anderson, Bob
Budra, Paul
Clossey, Luke
D'Andrea, Catherine
Gobas, Frank
Hinchliffe, Jo
Legris, Louise
Leier, Mark
Osborne, Judith
Popowich, Fred

1. Approval of the Agenda

The revised Agenda, with S.10-135 removed from the agenda, was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of October 4, 2010

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

The Vice-Chair, on behalf of Senate, welcomed Chris Shaw, a Faculty Senator and Marena Brinkhurst, a Student Senator, to their first meeting of Senate.

The Vice-President, Legal Affairs, was invited to make a statement on behalf of the President regarding recent developments in the relationship between research universities and the government. In 2003, research universities became a part of the government reporting entity resulting in university debt being reported on the government's balance sheet. It was recently announced that research universities would now be excluded from the government reporting entity because this reporting procedure reduced the flexibility of universities to serve its students. This change may be effective by fiscal year end and will result in mainly a contractual governmental relationship. There will also be changes to the way external members of the Board of Governors are appointed. There shouldn't be any change in Senate's present jurisdiction as set out in the University Act.

5. Question Period

There were no questions submitted for Question Period.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)

i) Creation of the Vancouver Institute for Visual Analytics (VIVA) S.10-127

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by D'Arcy Warner

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the creation of the Vancouver Institute for Visual Analytics (VIVA) as an Institute for a 5 year term.”

An inconsistency in the detailed governance of the Institute was pointed out. Section 2.2 states that the Director is nominated by the Institute's Steering Committee and approved by the Vice President, Research, but in section 2.3.1 it states that the Steering Committee has the power to dismiss the Director. It was suggested that the wording of the second sentence in section 2.3.1 state, “While it normally operates by consensus, when necessary it can make decisions by majority vote, including the appointment of new members and dismissal of existing members of the Steering Committee, as well as the *recommendation for the* appointment and dismissal of the

Director and the Deputy Director of the Institute.” This suggestion was accepted as a **friendly amendment**.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Proposal for a Concentration in Early Modern World History within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences S.10-128

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by Anton Bezglasnyy

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Concentration in Early Modern World History in the Department of History within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective May 2011.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Establishment of Undergraduate Programs under the Development and Sustainability Program within the Faculty of Environment S.10-129

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by June Francis

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of the Undergraduate Programs under the Development and Sustainability Program within the Faculty of Environment, effective immediately.”

It was pointed out that the motion was not as clear as the intent of the motion that was expressed in the memorandum. New wording for the motion was suggested and accepted as a **friendly amendment**.

The motion as amended was read as follows:

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that authority be given to the Faculty of Environment to initiate undergraduate programs under the Development and Sustainability Program, effective immediately.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

iv) Dissolution of the W.J. VanDusen B.C. Business Studies Institute within the Faculty of Business Administration S.10-130

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by Maureen Fizzell

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the W.J. VanDusen B.C. Business Studies Institute within the Faculty of Business Administration.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

v) Change in the W.J. VanDusen Endowment Terms of Reference S.10-131

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by June Francis

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the change in the W.J. VanDusen Endowment Terms of Reference.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

vi) Proposal to halt admission and discontinue the Integrated Studies Program within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences S.10-132

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by John Craig

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal to halt admission to the Integrated Studies Program within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2010 and that the Program be discontinued upon the current cohort’s completion in 2013.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

vii) Transfer of Department of Archaeology from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to the Faculty of Environment S.10-133

Moved by Bill Krane, seconded by Tracy Brennand

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the transfer of the Department of Archaeology from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to the Faculty of Environment, effective April 1, 2011.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

viii) Name change of the Institute for Critical Studies in Gender and Health S.10-134

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by Norbert Haunerland

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the name change of the Institute for Critical Studies in Gender and Health to the Institute for Intersectionality Research and Policy.”

Several questions were raised but because the resource person was unable to attend the meeting, it was suggested that the item be tabled until the next meeting.

Moved by Colin Percival, seconded by Anton Bezglasnyy

“to postpone consideration of this motion until the next meeting.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO POSTPONE CARRIED

- ix) External Review of the Department of History within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences** **S.10-136**

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by John Craig

“that Senate approve the recommendation from the Senate Committee on University Priorities to implement the Action Plan for the Department of History that resulted from its External Review.”

A comment was made regarding the use of long paragraphs in a table format, resulting in a document that was difficult to read. The administrators of the review process were requested to find a better format or keep the text to a minimum.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- x) External Review of the School of Resource and Environmental Management within the Faculty of Environment** **S.10-137**

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by Norbert Haunerland

“that Senate approve the recommendation from the Senate Committee on University Priorities to implement the Action Plan for the School of Resource and Environmental Management that resulted from its External Review.”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

- i) Closure of Student Record (For Information)** **S.10-138**

A suggestion was made to change the wording of the first sentence to read “Effective summer 2011, when Senate awards an undergraduate student’s credential, the student record is normally considered closed for purposes of grade changes and degree standing” instead of having “effective summer 2011” appearing at the end of the sentence. This was accepted as a **friendly amendment**.

- ii) New B.C. Math Curriculum (For Information)** **S.10-139**

It was clarified that these changes are strictly housekeeping changes and do not reflect any changes in standards within individual faculties.

- iii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (For Information): BA Degree Options** **S.10-140**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new BA degree options in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology.

iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (For Information) S.10-141

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved changes to program requirements and a minor revision to an existing course in the Faculty of Education.

v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (For Information): REMS.10-142

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

C) Calendar Committee (CC)

i) Calendar Publication and Revision Guidelines (For Information) S.10-143

Concern was expressed that Advisors will have to refer to three different calendars in a year for graduation requirements once the online calendar is published for each term. It was pointed out that the degree progress report (DPR) will assist advisors and students with graduation requirements because it shows completed and outstanding degree requirements that are based on when the student declared their program(s), so this new tool will make it easier for advisors to do graduation checks.

Concern was expressed about the removal of the online calendar's faculty lists because calendar readers from outside the university may wish to refer to the calendar since it has university-wide authorization.

Senate was advised that faculty lists are no longer included in the calendar because often this information became out of date as soon as it was published. Instead it was decided to include a link in the calendar to the departmental websites since the faculty information already existed on these websites. It was pointed out that departments are the source of the faculty information so this should be the most accurate place for information.

It was noted that often departmental websites aren't updated regularly due to lack of resources. The opinion was expressed that the university should support departmental website maintenance to keep faculty lists updated, to help attract students and as a resource for people within and outside the university. It was suggested that departments should also keep historical faculty information on their websites.

Concern was expressed regarding the transition of using the online calendar instead of the print calendar and a suggestion was made to print a limited number of the calendar to be used by selected people. This would also address the problem of accessing the online calendar on and off

campus when computers and the internet aren't available. It was pointed out that the online calendar can be printed by individual users if desired.

It was recommended that further discussion regarding the online calendar and its implications be continued at some future Senate meeting and the discussion was brought to a close.

D) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

i) Elections

S.10-144

A revised Senate paper, distributed prior to the start of the meeting, showed all positions that were elected by acclamation and outstanding vacancies that would be carried forward to the next meeting of Senate.

7. Other Business

i) Academic Amnesty Motion

S.10-145

Moved by Kyle Acierno, seconded by Moe Kopahi

“that Senate requests that faculty and instructors make every effort to accommodate students who wish to participate in the November 10th rally and not penalize these students academically.”

Senate was advised of the Minister of Advanced Education & Labour Market Development's desire to hear from students who are having problems with debt and tuition fees, and that this rally provides an opportunity to educate students and the province about this serious issue. It was clarified that the date and time of the rally, 2:30 to 4:30 on November 10th, were specifically chosen to attract a higher number of students. Minor clarifications were requested in regards to the wording of the motion.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Information

The date of the next regular scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, December 6, 2010 in the West Mall Complex (Room 3210).

Open Session adjourned at 6:35 pm and Senate moved directly into Closed Session.

Kate Ross
Registrar and Secretary of Senate