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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on  
Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

## Open Session

**Present:** David Paterson, Vice-Chair

Andersen, Holly  
Baharmand, Iman  
Bartram, Lyn  
Bird, Gwen  
Birmingham, Elina  
Brennand, Tracy  
Burley, David  
Chapman, Glenn  
Christians, Julian  
Dale, Nadia  
Dastmalchian, Ali  
Gray, Bonnie  
Haunerland, Norbert (for Joy Johnson)  
Keller, Peter  
Laitsch, Dan  
Leacock, Tracey  
MacAlister, David  
Magnusson, Kris  
McTavish, Rob  
Mongrain, Steeve  
Myers, Gordon  
O'Neil, John  
Parkhouse, Wade  
Percival, Colin  
Percival, Paul  
Peters, Joseph  
Pulkingham, Jane  
Spector, Stephen  
Szymczyk, Barbara  
Tabin, Yvonne  
Tingling, Peter  
Wiese, Kay  
Williams, Tony

**Absent:**

Abramson, Neil  
Arzanpour, Siamak  
Bassi, Prab  
Binotto, Jordan  
Budra, Paul  
Chen, Larissa  
Cupples, Claire  
Farah, Arr  
Fiume, Eugene  
Gajdics, Sylvia  
Giardini, Anne  
Han, Richard  
Hans, Paul  
Haywood, Weldon  
Hedley, Nick  
Ige, Adebola Abayomi  
Johnson, Joy  
Kropinski, Mary-Catherine  
Lewthwaite, Jayme  
Leznoff, Daniel  
Mac Namara, Aoife  
Malhan, Blossom  
Moens, Alexander  
Petter, Andrew  
Pooghkay, Curtis  
Ruben, Peter  
Scott, Jamie  
Sekhon, Gurbir  
Shaw, Chris  
Stefanovic, Ingrid

**In Attendance:**

Ward, Richard

Rummana Khan Hemani, Registrar  
Steven Noel, Recording Secretary

Due to increasingly poor weather and road conditions, it was agreed to convene the Closed Session ahead of the Open Session.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed, noting that in the interests of a timely completion, Senator Magnusson, the Invited Presenter, agreed to defer his presentation to a future Senate meeting.

**2. Minutes of the Open Session of January 9, 2017 will be considered for approval at the Senate meeting on March 6, 2017.**

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Business arising from the January 9, 2017 meeting will be presented at the Senate meeting on March 6, 2017.

**4. Report of the Chair**

**i) Terms of Reference for the Simons Foundation Chair in International Law and Human Security (S.17-15)**

After having been approved at the January Closed Session of Senate, Senate was notified that the Board of Governors has approved the Terms of Reference for the Simons Foundation Chair in International Law and Human Security.

**ii) Naming Consultation for the Rajan Family Scholar in Computing Science (S.17-16)**

After having been discussed at the January Closed Session of Senate, Senate was notified that the Board of Governors has approved the Naming Consultation for the Rajan Family Scholar in Computing Science.

The Vice-Chair noted the regrets of the Chair, who had commitments in Ottawa and was unable to attend.

The Vice-Chair reported that SFU, UBC, UVic and BCIT hosted two roundtables in January to discuss the requirements, needs and strategy for a B.C. cluster proposal in response to Ottawa's \$800 million innovation network and clusters initiative. Over 18 industry representatives participated in these discussions, which will help determine how best to organize the industry led BC consortium, to compete for these federal dollars.

**5. Question Period**

It was noted that a response to the question Senator Andersen submitted in January will given at the March Senate meeting.

**6. Reports of Committees**

**A) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)**

**i) Suspension of Admission to the Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology Health and Fitness Studies Certificate (S.17-17)**

Moved by P. Keller, seconded by W. Parkhouse

“That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology Health and Fitness Studies Certificate in the Department of Biomedical Physiology

and Kinesiology within the Faculty of Science, effective Summer 2017.”

Richard Ward - Senior Lecturer / Undergraduate Program Chair, Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology was in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**ii) Suspension of Admission and Dissolution of the Bachelor of Business Administration Honours (with Term at the Segal Graduate School of Business) (S.17-18)**

**Motion 1:**

Moved by P. Keller, seconded by S. Spector

“That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Bachelor of Business Administration, Honours (with Term at the Segal Graduate School of Business) within the Beedie School of Business, effective Fall 2017.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 2:**

Moved by P. Keller, seconded by K. Wiese

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Bachelor of Business Administration, Honours (with Term at the Segal Graduate School of Business) within the Beedie School of Business, effective Fall 2017.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**iii) Suspension of Admission and Dissolution of the Certificate in Actuarial Mathematics (S.17-19)**

**Motion 1:**

Moved by P. Keller, seconded by P. Percival

“That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Certificate in Actuarial Mathematics in the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science within the Faculty of Science, effective Fall 2017.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 2:**

Moved by P. Keller, seconded by K. Wiese

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Certificate in Actuarial Mathematics in the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science within the Faculty of Science, effective Fall 2017.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**iv) External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Biological Sciences (S.17-20)**

Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Biological Sciences for information.

**v) External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Geography (S.17-21)**

Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Geography for information.

**vi) External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Physics (S.17-22)**

Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Physics for information.

**vii) External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science (S.17-23)**

Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science for information.

**viii) External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the School of Computing Science (S.17-24)**

Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the School of Computing Science for information.

A concern was raised, echoing that of the department, over the website of Computing Science being *sfu.ca/computing* as opposed to *cs.sfu.ca*. Senate was informed that the CIO is aware of this concern and will discuss it with the department chair.

A question was asked about the status of appointing of an official faculty mentor for women in Computing Science. Senate was informed that a committee has been formed to do this, rather than just a single member.

**B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)**

**i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.17-25)**

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

**ii) Minor Course Changes (S.17-26)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made minor course changes in the Beedie School of Business, the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School of Communication, School of Interactive Arts and Technology), the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Environment (Archaeology, Environmental Science Program, Geography, School of Resource and Environmental/Sustainable Community Development), and the Faculty of Health Sciences.

**iii) New Course Proposals (S.17-27)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, proposed new courses in the Beedie School of Business and the Faculty of Environment (Environmental Science Program).

**iv) Program Changes (S.17-28)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made program changes in the Beedie School of Business, the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School of Communication, School for the Contemporary Arts, School of Interactive Arts and Technology, School of Publishing), and the Faculty of Environment (Archaeology, Environmental Science Program).

**v) Annual Report 2015-2016 (S.17-29)**

Senate received the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies Annual Report 2015-2016 for information.

**C) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)**

**i) Senate Committee Elections (S.17-30)**

Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for the Senate committees.

**7. Other Business**

**8. Information**

**i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, March 6, 2017.**

Open session adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Rummana Khan Hemani  
Registrar