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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, January 6, 2020 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

Open Session

Present: Andrew Petter, Chair

Agnes, George (for Jeff Derksen)
Bird, Gwen
Brennand, Tracy
Bubela, Tania
Burley, David
Chapman, Glenn
Chou, Jennifer
Collard, Mark
Dastmalchian, Ali (via Vancouver videoconference)
Denholm, Julia
Driver, Jon
Elle, Elizabeth
Favere-Marchesi, Michael
Fiume, Eugene
Forde, Nancy
Fowler, Colin
Gajdics, Sylvia
Gray, Bonnie (via Vancouver videoconference)
Hall, Peter
Hendrigan, Holly (via Vancouver videoconference)
Heng Hartse, Joel
Hillman, Sterling
Hoffer, Andy
Hogg, Robert
HoSang, Giovanni
Johnson, Joy
Kench, Paul
Kim, Woo Soo
Krauth, Brian
Krogman, Naomi
Leacock, Tracey
Lord Ferguson, Sarah (via Vancouver videoconference)
Luelfesmann, Christoph
Luu, Susan
Mirhady, David
Myers, Gord
O'Neill, Susan
Parent, Michael (via Vancouver videoconference)
Parmar, Abhishek
Percival, Colin
Shapiro, Lisa
Stockie, John

Tavakoli, Kimia
Tingling, Peter
Underhill, Owen
Walsby, Charles
Weldon, Steve
Zanette, Amanda

Absent:

Aistov, Nikita
Andreoiu, Corina
Bartram, Lyn
Chenier, Elise
Derksen, Jeff
Dunsford, Russell
Giardini, Anne
Gunn, Alexandra
Ho, Shuna
Keliipio, Kau'i
Kimathi, Natasha
Laitsch, Dan
Nepomnaschy, Pablo
Parkhouse, Wade
Planchenault, Gaelle
Plettner, Erika
Poitras, Geoffrey
Raza, Samad
Shaw, Chris
Somers, Julian
Taykandy, Mason

In Attendance:

Bhakthan, Manoj
Coley, David
Murray, Catherine
Reder, Deanna
Reimer, Rudy
Spector, Stephen
Yellowhorn, Eldon

The Chair acknowledged that SFU is privileged to be situated on the traditional territories of the Tsleil–Waututh, Squamish, Kwikwetlem, and Musqueam nations.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of December 2, 2019

The minutes of the open session on December 2, 2019 were approved as distributed, with one amendment.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that Professor Emeritus John Clague has been named an *Officer of the Order of Canada* in recognition of his contributions to environmental earth sciences and his impact on the study of natural hazards, such as earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides and floods.

The Chair reported that professors Catherine D’Andrea of Archaeology and Carl Lowenberger of Biological Sciences have been named recipients of the 2019 *Chris Dagg Award for International Impact*. D’Andrea’s community-centered archaeological work in Africa and Lowenberger’s international collaboration on insect-borne diseases are globally recognized for contributing to sustainable international development.

The Chair reported on recent research grant successes:

- Marlene Moretti of Psychology received almost \$300,000 in funding from the *Public Health Agency of Canada’s Mental Health Promotion Innovation Fund* for her project *Supporting Kinship & Foster Parents Promotes Resilience and Wellbeing in Teens in Care: An Attachment and Trauma Informed Intervention*.
- Anke Kessler of Economics is leading a study on the gap of income for Indigenous people. The project has received \$250,000 in funding from the *BC Ministry of Social Development*.
- Henny Yeung of Linguistics received funding of \$348,000 from the *BC Knowledge Development Fund* to build the Language and Development Lab.
- Eldon Yellowhorn of First Nations Studies received a *SSHRC Partnership Development Grant* of \$188,000 for a research project on the *Brandon Residential School Project: finding Indigenous children by bringing cultures together to foster restorative justice, repatriation, and reconciliation through forensic anthropology*.
- Luba Peterson of Economics is leading a project entitled *Debt overhang and monetary policy: experimental evidence*, funded through a *SSHRC Insight Grant* for \$151,000.
- Jie Yang of Sociology and Anthropology received a *SSHRC Insight Grant* of \$121,000 for a project entitled *Officials’ Heartache: Gender, Double Binds, and Psychologization in China*.

The Chair reported that SFU researchers were successful in the *NSERC Engage Grant* competition, garnering a total of \$150,000 for research projects in Mechatronic System Engineering, Engineering Science, Interactive Art and Technology, and Computing Science.

These grants foster industry-academic collaborations by supporting companies that operate from a Canadian base to provide access to knowledge and expertise at Canadian post-secondary institutions.

The Chair reported that SFU recently introduced a Core Facility Program, initially encompassing 4D Labs, the Big Data Hub, ImageTech Lab, and eBrain Lab. The program will facilitate access to critical research infrastructure and facilities across the university, and share expertise across multiple disciplines.

The Chair reported that SFU had a strong presence at the *Canadian Science Policy Conference*, which brings together scientists, entrepreneurs, policymakers, politicians, and students to discuss Canadian science, technology and innovation policy.

The Chair reported that *Ionomr*, an SFU spinoff company, secured \$3 million in a funding round led by Vancouver-based *Pallasite Ventures Inc.* A clean-tech company specializing in clean energy generation, *Ionomr* got its start at Coast Capital Savings Venture Connection and SFU VentureLabs.

The Chair reported that in November he, in his role as President, led a mission to Hong Kong, Singapore and Shanghai to build academic relationships, pursue philanthropic opportunities, and reconnect with alumni and friends. Though the ability to meet with university partners and others in Hong Kong was disrupted by recent events, participants did manage to visit one university and participate in the annual Terry Fox run which is organized by SFU alumni. In Singapore, attendees were warmly received by two university partners and hosted a successful alumni and friends reception. In Shanghai, attendees met with three leading universities and hosted a gathering of alumni and friends. The mission also provided an opportunity to meet with consular officials at all three locations and to promote *APAIE 2020*, the annual *Asia Pacific Association for International Education* conference that SFU will host in March 2020.

The Chair reported that in November, an SFU delegation visited the campuses of the University of Central Asia (UCA). This was the first step in developing a formalized relationship with institutions of the *Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN)*, for academic and research partnerships and exchanges.

The Chair reported that the search for SFU's next Vice-President, Academic and Provost has been launched. Senators are encouraged to participate in this process to identify the qualities, attributes and types of experience the successful candidate should possess. Participation can be done through an online questionnaire, a written submission to the Committee, or through attendance at one of three campus forums. It was noted that an announcement concerning the appointment of the next President is forthcoming, and plans have been made for that person to become directly involved in the search process.

The Chair reported on upcoming events:

- The launch of the Library's Media and Maker Commons, a new interdisciplinary learning facility to enhance the student experience and engagement, will take place on January 9th.

- The opening of new space at 312 Main, SFU's newest Vancouver campus facility aimed at furthering community-engaged research and programming, will take place on January 30th.
- The President's Faculty Lecture Series continues on January 15th with a lecture by Deanna Reder on *The Obligations of Stories: Missing Jim Brady and Abbie Halkett*. The lecture series showcases faculty members and their research, and are free and open to the public.
- This year's Senate-Board of Governors Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th. The topic of the Retreat will be University Governance.

5. Question Period

Senator Fowler submitted a question regarding student access to study space. Senate was informed that an answer would be brought to the February meeting.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)

i) Full Program Proposal for the Minor in Creative Writing (S.20-1)

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by A. Parmar

"That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the full program proposal for the Minor in Creative Writing in the Department of English within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2020."

David Coley, Associate Chair - Department of English, was in attendance to respond to questions.

Noting concerns about course accessibility, a suggestion was made to change the course requirements to allow for easier enrollment. Senate was informed that steps are being taken to provide students enrolled in the Creative Writing Minor an exemption to the prerequisites.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Full Program Proposal for the Minor in Social Data Analytics (S.20-2)

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by C. Fowler

"That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the full program proposal for the Minor in Social Data Analytics in the Departments of Philosophy, Economics, Political Science and Linguistics within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2020."

A general comment was made to encourage those interested in data analytics in Big Data to seek out those working on related or complimentary projects across the University.

A concern was raised about the quantitative rigor of this program, noting that students are able to complete this program without taking a course in statistics. Senate was informed that statistical rigor is an important part of this program, and that there are three options from Economics, Political Science and Statistics within the required lower division courses.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Name Change of the Department of First Nations Studies (S.20-3)

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by T. Leacock

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the name change of the Department of First Nations Studies to the Department of Indigenous Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.”

Rudy Reimer, Associate Professor and Undergraduate Chair – Department of First Nations Studies, Eldon Yellowhorn, Associate Professor and Founding Chair – Department of First Nations Studies, Deanna Reder, Associate Professor and Chair – Department of First Nations Studies, and Catherine Murray, Associate Dean – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, were in attendance to respond to questions.

Noting that the new name of the department would imply the inclusion of international Indigenous studies, a question was asked if the department does intend to include international related studies. Senate was informed that there is an intention to have a more global focus. The word *Indigenous* includes First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples in Canada and is a more internationally recognized term.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Subsequent to the passing of the motion, the following motion was moved:

Moved by C. Percival, seconded by A. Parmar

“That the rules of Senate be suspended to allow for a presentation by the Department of Indigenous Studies and for the use of photography during the presentation.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

In honour of the name change to the Department of Indigenous Studies, and in recognition to the founding memory of the Department of First Nations Studies, a Bentwood Box was gifted to the Chair and to the custody of Simon Fraser University by members of the Department.

iv) Suspension of Admission to the Development and Sustainability Graduate Certificate (S.20-4)

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by C. Percival

“That Senate approve suspension of admission to the Development and Sustainability Graduate Certificate in the School of Resource and Environmental Management within the Faculty of Environment, effective Summer 2020.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

v) Suspension of Admission to the Latin American Studies Minor (S.20-5)

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by A. Parmar

“That Senate approve suspension of admission to the Latin American Studies Minor program in the School for International Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Summer 2020.”

Catherine Murray, Associate Dean – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, was in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

vi) Suspension of Admission to the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Sustainable Development (S.20-6)

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by J. Stockie

“That Senate approve suspension of admission to the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Sustainable Development in the School of Resource and Environmental Management within the Faculty of Environment, effective Summer 2020.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

i) Program Changes (S.20-7)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved program changes in the Beedie School of Business, the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School for the Contemporary Arts), and the Faculty of Science (Biological Sciences).

ii) New Course Proposals (S.20-8)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new course proposals in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Semester in Dialogue).

iii) Course Changes (S.20-9)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved course changes in the Beedie School of Business, the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School for the Contemporary Arts), and the Faculty of Science (Biological Sciences, Physics).

iv) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) Annual Report 2018/2019 (S.20-10)

Senate received the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) Annual Report 2018/2019 for information.

C) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)

i) Program Changes (S.20-11)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a program change in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School of Communication)

ii) New Course Proposals (S.20-12)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved new course proposals in the Faculty of Environment (Ecological Restoration).

iii) Course Changes (S.20-13)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved course changes in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School of Communication).

D) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

i) Senate Committee Elections (S.20-14 Revised)

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

E) Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB)

i) Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) Annual Report 2018/2019 (S.20-15)

Senate received the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) Annual Report 2018/2019 for information.

Stephen Spector, Acting Chair – SPCSAB, and Manoj Bhakthan, Director - Financial Aid and Award, were in attendance to respond to questions.

ii) Lieutenant Governor's Medal Program for Inclusion, Democracy and Reconciliation (S.20-16)

Senate received the Lieutenant Governor's Medal Program for Inclusion, Democracy and Reconciliation for information.

Stephen Spector, Chair – SPCSAB, and Manoj Bhakthan, Director - Financial Aid and Award, were in attendance to respond to questions.

7. Other Business

8. Information

i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, February 3, 2020

Open session adjourned at 6:10 p.m.