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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)
and via Zoom Video Conferencing

Open Session

Present: Joy Johnson, Chair

Agnes, George (for Jeff Derksen)
Andreoiu, Corina
Bains, Serena
Bhalloo, Shafik
Bird, Gwen
Brennand, Tracy
Bubela, Tania
Campbell, Lara (For Peter Hall)
Coleman, Gordon
Collard, Mark
Daniel, Bryan
Dauvergne, Catherine
Denholm, Julia
Dhesa, Priyanka
Egri, Carolyn
Everton, Mike
Fiume, Eugene
Gray, Bonnie
Hendrigan, Holly
Hoffer, Andy
Krauth, Brian
Krogman, Naomi
Kumpulainen, Kristiina
Laitsch, Dan
Leznoff, Daniel
Liosis, Gabe
Liu, Connie
Malott, Brianna
Martell, Matt
Masri, Kamal
McTavish, Rob
Mirhady, David
Murphy, David
Myers, Gord
Nagy, Judit
Nepomnaschy, Pablo
Neustaedter, Carman
O'Neil, Dugan
O'Neill, Susan

Pahou, Helen
Parent, Michael
Parkhouse, Wade
Parmar, Abhishek
Percival, Colin
Phangura, Almas
Shapiro, Lisa
Silverman, Michael
Spector, Stephen
Stockie, John

Absent:

Chapman, Glenn
Chenier, Ele
Chessel, Patrick
Chowdury, Saima
Derksen, Jeff
Elle, Elizabeth
Gardinetti, R. Georges
Hall, Peter
Hogg, Robert
Kandikova, Alisa
Lord Ferguson, Sarah
Lu, Joseph
Pantophlet, Ralph
Schiphorst, Thecla
Shinkar, Igor
Walsby, Charles
Vrooman, Tamara

In Attendance:

Brooks-Wilson, Angela
Davis, Trevor
Hira, Andy
Olewiler, Nancy

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed, with item S.21-124 being withdrawn.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of September 13, 2021

The minutes of the open session on September 13, 2021 were approved as distributed.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of November 1, 2021

The minutes of the open session on November 1, 2021 were approved as distributed.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that December 6th is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. In 1989, 14 young women were killed at Polytechnique Montréal and it is important to bear witness to that event and reflect on our responsibility in addressing gender-based violence.

The Chair extended condolences to those impacted by the recent and significant flooding across British Columbia.

The Chair reported that in light of the humanitarian crisis triggered by the recent overthrow of the Afghan government, the University has committed to helping Afghan scholars come to SFU. Thanks was offered to the SFU International Office, in partnership with many others, for their work in securing funding and helping bring at-risk scholars to SFU. To date, positions have been to 10 visiting scholars, 9 graduate students, and 7 research assistants, along with significant funding commitments.

The Chair reported that the Board of Governors recently received a report from the executive on all of the activities that are taking place in relation to the climate emergency and sustainability. In particular, the Board ratified the University's intention to divest from fossil fuels by 2025. Thanks was extended to groups like SFU 350, students, faculty, and staff who have worked to raise aware about this critical issue.

The Chair reported that SFU scholars had another productive month, with a number of researchers making headlines on topics ranging from helping astronauts deal with isolation and confinement to understanding the causes of landslides and how the flow of rivers may factor into their occurrence.

The Chair reported that on November 18th SFU officially signed the Scarborough Charter on Anti-Black Racism and Black Inclusion in Canadian Higher Education. SFU was joined by 40 other post-secondary institutions across Canada. The Charter provides an opportunity to hold the University accountable to take meaningful and concrete actions to address anti-black racism. As part of the commitment to uphold the principles outlined in the Charter, SFU's first Black Student Center is currently being planned with the aim of establishing the center in 2022-2023.

The Chair reported that the SFU executive team is beginning a process of strategic planning, noting it is important for the University to be thinking about what its priorities should be. Over the last few months, an internal planning team have started to prepare and launch some plans, including looking at peer review of strategic plans at other universities to get a sense of trends taking place and developing an engagement and communication strategy.

6. Question Period

i) Response to Questions from Senator Percival (S.21-122)

Senate received a Response to Questions from Senator Percival for information.

Tom Nault, Registrar, and Catherine Dauvergne, Vice-President, Academic, responded to these questions.

Senate was informed that consideration does need to be given to male underrepresentation at the post-secondary level, but that at this time SFU does not have an affirmative action program for young men. As the University embarks on a variety of initiatives under the heading of inclusion, attention may have to be given on how welcoming universities are or are not to young men.

A comment was made that one way to promote male enrollment is to take the successful programs that the University has run to increase female involvement in the STEM fields and look at how similar programs can be set up to bring more young men into other parts of the University. A second way to address male underrepresentation would be to increase funding to those parts of the University that admit male students.

A question was asked if the statistics regarding admission are combined admissions from BC 12 and college transfers or just from BC 12. Senate was informed that the admission statistics are from just BC 12.

A comment was made that before consideration is given to redistributing resources to increase the male cohort, research needs to be done on how young men are making their choices about whether or not to pursue post-secondary education.

7. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR)

i) Updated Policy R60.01 (S.21-112)

Moved by C. Dauvergne, seconded by A. Parmar

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors updated policy R60.01.”

Trevor Davis, Executive Director - Research Operations, was in attendance to respond to questions.

Noting that this policy applies to *all persons engaged in Research under the auspices of, or in affiliation with, the University*, a question was asked to clarify *what auspices of...the University* means in this context. Senate was informed that the definition of research is nuanced and no

longer defined by considerations of publication. The work conducted within classes is an important part of the research ethics process and in the class context the definition has been expanded to say that if something looks like research, a formal process is required.

Noting some concern over what constitutes *research*, a comment was made that the Office of Research Ethics (ORE) is able to provide clear guidance as to what constitutes research and that it would be helpful for the ORE to communicate this out to the SFU community.

A concern was raised with use of the phrase *Research Misconduct* in section 5.3 in contrast to the definition of research misconduct provided in Appendix A and the examples of research misconduct provided in Appendix B. The implication for section 5.3 is that something like failing to sign a financial form in time could be considered research misconduct. Senate was informed that the phrase *Research Misconduct* could be removed from section 5.3 without changing the intended meaning.

A concern was raised around accessibility and efficiency in terms of data collection conducted by students, given that the broad definition of research could lead to issues of research misconduct. Senate was informed that Tri-Council policy does clearly define what is considered research, and that clarity can be added to R60.01 to address such concerns.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED,
with three opposed.

ii) R60.01 Procedures (S.21-123)

Senate received R60.01 Procedures for information.

Trevor Davis, Executive Director - Research Operations, was in attendance to respond to questions.

B) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)

i) Establishment of the Institute for Neuroscience and Neurotechnology (S.21-125)

Moved by C. Dauvergne, seconded by J. Nagy

“That Senate approve the establishment of the Institute for Neuroscience and Neurotechnology as an institute for a five-year term.”

Angela Brooks-Wilson, Associate Vice-President, Research (pro tem), was in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Climate Change and Society (S.21-126)

Moved by C. Dauvergne, seconded by G. Liosis

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Climate Change and Society in the Department of Geography within the Faculty of Environment, effective Fall 2022.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Public Policy (S.21-127)

Moved by C. Dauvergne, seconded H. Pahou

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Public Policy in the School of Public Policy within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2022 or later.”

Andy Hira, Professor - Department of Political Science, and Nancy Olewiler, Director - School of Public Policy, were in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was asked to explain what *or later* means in terms of the effective date for the establishment of the program. Senate was informed that *or later* is included because it is uncertain if the Ministry of Advanced Education will need to vet this program. If vetting is required, it’s believed that that process may not be concluded in time for starting the program in Fall 2022.

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Name Change of the Department of Humanities and Humanities Programs (S.21-128)

Motion 1:

Moved by C. Dauvergne, seconded by S. Spector

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the department name change from the Department of Humanities to the Department of Global Humanities within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2:

Moved by C. Dauvergne, seconded by A. Parmar

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the program name changes as listed in motion 2 of S.21-128.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

v) Centres and Institutes Annual Report (S.21-129)

Senate received the Centres and Institutes Annual Report 2020/21 for information.

vi) Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications 2021 (S.21-130)

Senate received the Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications 2021 for information.

A question was asked regarding how many centres and institutes request funding resources directly from the University in their reports as opposed to relying on the general support of the University. Senate was informed that it's not common for centres or institutes to request direct funding given that there is no formal invitation to request resources as a part of submitting their reports.

A question was asked about the status of TRIUMF, which used to appear in previous renewal application reports. Senate was informed that TRIUMF did used to be included in the list of institutes, however, at their request, they have now asked to be listed as an SFU associated research initiative. As noted by TRIUMF, they are involved with more than 45 partner universities, making it impossible to submit an institute report to each. This problem was solved by recategorizing them.

C) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)**i) Withdrawal Deadline (WD) Extension (S.21-131)**

Senate received the Withdrawal Deadline (WD) Extension for information.

A question was asked if consideration has been given to harmonizing the withdrawal deadlines, thereby allowing students to drop courses without receiving a WD on their transcript. Senate was informed that SCUS would discuss this issue and report back to Senate at a later date.

ii) Program Changes (S.21-132)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved program changes in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (School of Computing Science), the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Cognitive Science Program, School of Criminology, English, Global Asia Program, Indigenous Studies, School of International Studies, Labour Studies Program, Linguistics, Philosophy, Psychology, World Languages and Literatures), the Beedie School of Business, the Faculty of Health Sciences, and the Faculty of Science (Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology).

iii) New Course Proposals (S.21-133)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new course proposals in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (School of Computing Science, School of Engineering Science), the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (School of Criminology, Indigenous Studies, School of International Studies, Labour Studies Program, Philosophy, Psychology, School of Public Policy, Urban Studies Program, World Languages and Literatures), and the Faculty of Science (Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Statistics and Actuarial Science).

iv) Course Changes (S.21-134)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved course changes in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (School of Computing Science), the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (School of Criminology, Economics, History, Indigenous Studies, Linguistics, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, World Languages and Literatures), the Beedie School of Business, the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School for the Contemporary Arts), the Faculty of Education, and the Faculty of Science (Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology, Physics).

D) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)

i) Program Changes (S.21-135)

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 (Centre for Digital Media).

ii) Course Changes (S.21-136)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved course changes in the Faculty of Science (Earth Sciences).

E) Senate Library Committee (SLC)

i) Annual Report 2020/2021 (S.21-137)

Senate received the Senate Library Committee (SLC) Annual Report 2020/2021 for information.

F) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

i) Senate Committee Elections (S.20-138)

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

8. Other Business

9. Information

i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, January 10, 2022

Open session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Tom Nault
Senate Secretary