

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, July 10, 2006 at 5:00 pm, Lower Level, Diamond Alumni Centre
Open Session

Stevenson, Michael, President and Chair	
Black, Sam	Absent:
Breden, Felix	Brennand, Tracy
Copeland, Lynn	Caufield, Sarah
Corbett, Kitty	Easton, Stephen
Delgrande, James	Ester, Martin
Dickinson, Peter	Gordon, Robert
Driver, Jon	Gregory, Titus
Dunnet, Margo	Haunerland, Norbert
Fizzell, Maureen	Hayes, Michael
Gençay, Ramo	Honda, Barry
Gordon, Irene	Horvath, Adam
Halpern, Erica	Hunsdale, Shawn
Joffres, Michel	Javed, Waseem
Kelly, Vanessa	Krane, Bill
Lewis, Glyn	LaBrie, John
Li, Wei	Louie, Brandt
Liljedahl, Peter	Love, Ernie
MacKenzie, Christine	McArthur, James
MacLean, David	Peters, Joseph
Parkhouse, Wade (representing B. Lewis)	Shaker, Paul
Percival, Colin	Van Baarsen, Amanda
Percival, Paul	Williams, Peter
Pierce, John	
Pinto, Mario	In attendance:
Plischke, Michael	Boal, David
Rebman, Rachelle	Hanlan, Lee
Russell, Robert	
Schellenberg, Betty	
Shermer, Thomas	
Smith, Don	
Tingling, Peter	
Warner, D'Arcy	
Waterhouse, John	
Weeks, Daniel	
Wong, Josephine	
Heath, Ron, Registrar	
Watt, Alison, Director, University Secretariat	
Grant, Bobbie, Recording Secretary	

1. Approval of the Agenda
The Agenda was approved as distributed.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of June 5, 2006
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
There was no report from the Chair.
5. Question Period
There were no questions.
6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Appeals Board

i) Paper S.06-80 – Annual Report (For Information)

L. Hanlan, Chair, Senate Appeals Board, was in attendance in order to respond to questions. Senate received the Annual Report for information.

B) Senate Committee on University Priorities

i) Paper S.06-81 – External Review – Department of Physics

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by I. Gordon

“that Senate concur with the recommendation of the Senate Committee on University Priorities that the Department of Physics and the Dean of Science be advised to continue pursuing the priority items as set out in Senate paper S.06-81”

D. Boal, Chair of the Department of Physics was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

It was noted that the strategic planning exercise was to be completed by July 2006, and inquiry was made as to its status. Senate was advised that hiring priorities were underway and should be completed by mid-July.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.06-82 – Centre for Studies in Print and Media Cultures

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by B. Schellenberg

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the creation of the Centre for Studies in Print and Media Cultures as a Schedule B Centre”

B. Schellenberg, Senator and Department of English, was available to respond to questions.

On behalf of the School of Communication, W. Parkhouse raised a concern about the proposed name of the Centre, in particular the use of “Media” and “Culture”. “Media” and “Culture” are terms the School uses frequently in key areas of activities from descriptors of curricula to conferences sponsored by the School and they are concerned about how the name of this Centre might cause confusion and impact on programming in their area. Senate was advised that the proposed name was conceived by a group of people who will meet in September to consider the concerns of the School of Communication. The group would likely be open to alternative suggestions with respect to the name but it was stressed that the content of the proposal would not change.

A vote would be taken on the motion on the understanding that discussions would continue with the School of Communication to resolve ambiguities or concerns and if necessary a motion would then be brought back to Senate for a name change for the Centre.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.06-83 – Great Northern Way Campus: Academic Governance and Administration of Degree Programs

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by V. Kelly

“that Senate approve the principles set out for the academic governance and administration of degree programs for the Great Northern Way Campus”

Senators were provided with background information concerning the creation of the partnership at the Great Northern Way Campus and the approval of a vision statement in June 2003. Subsequently, limited progress has occurred around the three thematic areas envisioned for the GNWC — Transforming the Arts and Culture, Urban Sustainability, and Digital Media. In the first two areas, courses have been offered by instructors from each institution. In the third area, the Provincial Government has provided \$ 40 million to GNWC to assist in the development of a program in Digital Media, and planning around the potential to offer a professional program at the master’s level has taken place. The document before Senate speaks to the principles that would govern the development of programs, the management of students, and the hiring of faculty and staff at the GNWC. If the document is approved by Senate and by the other three institutions, a detailed program proposal in Digital Media would come forward.

Reference was made to the process outlined under 'Credentialing' on page 2 of the document, and concern was expressed about the unwieldiness of having four institutions approve a particular degree, and the possibility of graduates claiming a degree from all four institutions. Senate was reminded that when Senate approved the academic vision paper, the decision was taken by all four institutions that Great Northern Way should not be a separate degree-granting institution.

Referring to the status of the Director as outlined on page 3, a concern was expressed that the Director need not be a faculty member of any of the institutions, but should be suitable for appointment as an adjunct professor at least one of the institutions. It was suggested that a director of an academic program leading towards a degree should ideally be a full faculty member but at the least should qualify for adjunct status. The following change in wording was accepted as a friendly amendment: *...it is expected that the Director must have an adjunct appointment or greater at one or more of the institutions.*

It was noted that the Great Northern Way Campus will take full responsibility for the recruitment, admission, and registration of students, and for fee collection, and an opinion was expressed that this seemed to be an expensive duplication of the administrative structure and services already offered by the four institutions. It was pointed out that this recommendation arose from the agreement of the four institutions that students would be students of GNWC as opposed to students of an individual institution.

An inquiry was made about whether their staff could unionize at GNWC, whether students at GNWC would have a student society and whether space has been allocated for student use. Senate was advised that at least in the first instance staff would be hired on contract and workplace issues would conform to the Labour Code of BC. Senate was also informed that space within buildings has been allocated for student use, and it would be up to the students on this campus to decide how they wish to organize themselves.

It was noted that student representation was included on steering committees and a question was posed as to why there was no student representation on the GNWC Board of Directors. Senate was advised that when the Board was struck and continuing through to date, there were no students. Since student representation would be most appropriate from programs that are offered at GNWC, it is something that could be considered if and when programs for that campus are approved.

A motion to table until adequate student consultation has occurred was suggested, and a discussion ensued with respect to how consultation would take place when there were no students affiliated with programs at the GNWC. Following clarification that the programs at GNWC were programs of the Consortium and students were students of the Consortium, not the individual institutions, no action was taken on the suggestion to table or on a subsequent proposed amendment to include four student representatives, one each from the four institutions, on the Board of Directors.

The Vice-President, Academic reiterated that the difference in constitutional structures likely was the result of the timing of the creation of each of the bodies. The Board of Directors was created in 2001 as the governance mechanism for how the partnership was

to work whereas the steering committees will be created as programs are created. The Vice-President, Academic stressed that he had no objection to taking this issue back to the Board of Directors and advising them that SFU's Senate felt that there ought to be student representation on the Board.

In response to a question about tenure for faculty, Senate was advised that faculty members will be appointed to one or more of the institutions and will be eligible for the responsibilities and privileges of faculty appointments within that institution.

The issue of revenue sharing and fee structure was raised. Senate was advised that programs at Great Northern Way were expected to be self-supporting. The GNWC will not seek government funding in support of student enrollment, and arrangements covering deficits and surpluses are covered in the partnership agreement. Fees are intended to cover the cost of offering courses/programs, including the teaching costs, as the GNWC will pay the institution for faculty members teaching in their programs.

Prior to taking a vote on the motion, the Chair reiterated the understanding of this Senate that there ought to be parallel student representation on the Board of Directors as on the academic steering committees at such time as students become part of the operations of the Great Northern Way Consortium.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

C) Senate Graduate Studies Committee

i) Paper S.06-84 – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences – Curriculum Changes (For Information): Department of Psychology

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved changes in course requirements in the Developmental and Social areas of the Program in Experimental Psychology, and a change to clarify satisfactory progress within the framework of the academic year and within the process of the Annual Review.

ii) Paper S.06-85 – Revision to Graduate General Regulation 1.9 – Preparation for Examinations

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by M. Plischke

“that Senate approve the proposed changes to Graduate General Regulation 1.9 with respect to Section 1.9.1 – Examining Committee for a master's degree candidate, and Section 1.9.3 – Examining committee for doctoral thesis”

Since this was a practice within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the question arose as to why it was necessary to include it as a general university regulation rather than reference it in the section of the Calendar dealing with graduate programs in the

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Senate was advised that students were more likely to read the general regulations rather than Faculty-specific regulations.

Brief discussion followed with respect to the different practices between Faculties with regard to the qualifications of a member from outside the student's department and the use of the term 'internal external'.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.06-86 – Revision to SGSC Membership

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by V. Kelly

“that Senate approve the SGSC proposal to change the conditions for electing graduate students to the SGSC as follows: Elected annually in the Spring Semester by and from graduate students. Post-election vacancies will be elected by and from the Graduate Issues Committee at a regular meeting of the Graduate Issues Committee”

Amendment moved by P. Percival, seconded by M. Dunnet

“that Senate approve the SCAR proposal to change the conditions for electing graduate students to the SGSC as follows: Elected annually in the Spring Semester by and from graduate students. Post-election vacancies will be filled by election by Senate”

Senate was advised that SCAR felt that the election process for members to this committee should be as consistent as possible with other Senate committees and it was more therefore appropriate that the post-election vacancies be elected by Senate.

Question was called on the amendment,
and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Question was called on the main motion,
as amended, and a vote taken.

MAIN MOTION (AS AMENDED) CARRIED

D) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

i) Paper S.06-87 – Policy Revision – R20.01 Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Subjects

Motion 1

Moved by M. Pinto, seconded by D. Weeks

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the revisions to Policy R20.01 – Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Subjects”

Senate was provided background information concerning the process of consultation that took place with regard to the revision of this policy. Particular reference was made to changes which resulted from the input of Senate at a previous meeting with respect to the sections concerned with risk analysis.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2

Moved by P. Percival, seconded by I. Gordon

“that Senate approve that in the next Research Ethics Board elections of faculty members, university and community members, the terms of these members shall be staggered and shall range from one to three years”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

E) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.06-88 – Elections

Senate was advised that A. Watt was elected by acclamation as the Community Member to the Diverse Qualifications Adjudication Committee; K. Beck was elected by acclamation as the graduate student representative on the Senate Committee on International Activities; and M. Streich, an additional nomination that had been received, was elected by acclamation as the graduate student representative on the Senate Graduate Awards Adjudication Committee. The remaining vacancies will be carried forward to the next meeting of Senate.

7. Other Business

i) Paper S.06-89 – Notice of Motion – Revision to the Rules of Senate

In accordance with the Rules of Senate, a notice of motion regarding revision to the Rules of Senate was presented to Senate. This item will be on the agenda for consideration at the next Senate meeting.

8. Information

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate will be held on September 18, 2006. There is no meeting of Senate scheduled in August.

The Open Session adjourned at 6:05 pm and Senate moved directly into Closed Session.

Alison Watt
Director, University Secretariat