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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on  
Monday, February 4, 2008 at 5:30 pm in Room 3210 WMC

Open Session

Present: Easton, Stephen, Vice-Chair of Senate

Atkins, Stella  
Copeland, Lynn  
Corbett, Kitty  
Cormack, Lesley  
Driver, Jon  
Fizzell, Maureen  
Fox, Amy  
Gençay, Ramo  
Harder, Derrick  
Harding, Kevin  
Hayes, Michael  
Hemingway, Alex  
Krane, William  
Laba, Martin  
LaBrie, John  
Lee, Benjamin  
Lein, Adam  
Letourneau, Michael  
Lewis, Brian  
Malcoe, Lorraine Halinka  
O'Neil, John  
Paling, Joe  
Percival, Paul  
Peters, Joseph  
Plischke, Michael  
Popadiuk, Natalee  
Russell, Robert  
Shaker, Paul  
Shapiro, Daniel  
Shermer, Thomas  
Smith, Don  
Thompson, Steve  
Wakkary, Ron  
Waterhouse, John  
Williams, Tony

Absent  
Abdulwahab, Kamal  
Brebner, Sarah  
Brennand, Tracy  
Dagenais, Diane  
Dickinson, Peter  
Francis, June  
Gordon, Robert  
Hannah, David  
Javed, Waseem  
Li, Paul  
Liljedahl, Peter  
Louie, Brandt  
McArthur, James  
Percival, Colin  
Pinto, Mario  
Stevenson, Michael  
Tiffany, Evan  
Tse, Karen  
Vaid, Bhuvinder  
van Baarsen, Amanda  
Warner, D'Arcy  
Weeks, Daniel  
Williams, Peter

In attendance:  
Dench, Sarah  
di Francesco, Concetta  
Hatala, Marek  
Li, Ze-Nian  
MacAlister, David  
Rahilly, Tim

Ross, Kate, Registrar and Senior Director  
Student Enrolment  
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 January 7, 2008  
Following an amendment to add the name of A. Hemingway to the list of Senators present, the Minutes were approved.
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  
Questions surrounding the implementation of a change to the assessment of tuition fee refunds for graduate students who drop classes after the semester had started were addressed by the Dean of Graduate Studies in written documentation (S.08-26) presented to Senate at the meeting.
6. Reports of Committees

A) Paper S.08-19 Annual Report on Student Discipline (For Information)

D. MacAlister, Co-ordinator, University Board on Student Discipline, C. di Francesco, Secretary, Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals, K. Ross, Registrar, and T. Rahilly, Senior Director, Student and Community Life, were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Senate received the 2006/2007 Annual Report on Student Discipline for information. The report includes a summary of cases dealt with by the University Board on Student Discipline and the Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals, as well as a statistical summary of incidents of academic dishonesty and non-academic dishonesty dealt with by the Registrar and by the Senior Director, Student and Community Life.

Brief discussion took place with respect to UBSD case 07-6 concerning the student's status in the graduate program. An opinion was expressed that the 36 cases of plagiarism reported by the Registrar appeared to be very low. Senate was advised that a new process for reporting incidents of academic dishonesty was put in place and the report reflects the cases reported under this new procedure which only covers a partial year.

B) Senate Committee on University Priorities

- i) Paper S.08-20 – Joint Major Program in Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Administration

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded on K. Harding

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, the proposal for a Joint Major in Interactive Arts & Technology and Business Administration in the Faculty of Applied Sciences and the Faculty of Business Administration”

M. Hatala, School of Interactive Arts and Technology, and M. Fizzell, Faculty of Business Administration, were in attendance to respond to questions.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

C) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

i) Paper S.08-21 – Faculty of Science: Honors component to the Joint Major between Computing Science and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

Moved by B. Krane, seconded by K. Harding

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, the addition of an Honors component to the Joint Major between Computing Science and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.08-22 – WQB Requirement Substitution Request for Computing Science Dual Degree Program

Moved by B. Krane, seconded by M. Letourneau

“that Senate approve the WQB Requirement Substitution Request for Computing Science Dual Degree Program”

Z. Li, School of Computing Science, and S. Dench, Director, University Curriculum and Institutional Liaison, were in attendance to respond to questions.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.08-23 – Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses, program changes, and changes to existing courses in the following areas: Interactive Arts and Technology, Engineering Science, and Kinesiology.

Senate was advised that the course numbers for KIN 477/479 (cross listed with Psychology courses) had to be changed to 457/459 because 477/479 were already in use

for existing courses in Psychology, and that the credit value of 459 should be nine instead of three.

iv) Paper S.08-24 – Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses in the Department of Psychology.

Senate was advised that the course numbers for PSYC 477/479 (cross listed with Kinesiology courses) had to be changed to 457/459 because 477/479 were already in use for existing courses in Psychology, and that the credit value of 459 should be nine instead of three.

D) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.08-25– Elections

Senate was advised that a nomination was received for the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules – Stella Atkins who is elected by acclamation to SCAR for term of office to May 31, 2008. With respect to the International Student Exchange Committee (ISEC) Steve Corber is elected by acclamation as the Faculty Member from the Faculty of Health Sciences; the vacancy for the Faculty of Business Administration is withdrawn, and the vacancy for the Faculty of Applied Sciences remains vacant and will be carried forward to the next meeting.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, March 3, 2008.

The Open Session adjourned at 5:45 pm, and Senate moved directly into Closed Session.

Alison Watt  
Director, University Secretariat