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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on  
Monday, April 2, 2012 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

## Open Session

**Present:** Andrew Petter, President and Chair

Acierno, Kyle  
Black, Sam  
Brandhorst, Bruce  
Brennand, Tracy  
Chapman, Glenn  
Craig, John  
Cyr, Dianne  
Driver, Jon  
Easton, Stephen  
Fizzell, Maureen  
Fontaine, Marc  
Francis, June  
Garneau-Scott, Christi  
Geisler, Cheryl  
Gordon, Robert  
Kohn, Jordan  
Kong, Shuyu  
Kropinski, Mary Catherine  
Laitsch, Dan  
Leacock, Tracey  
Lee, Benjamin  
Li, Paul  
Magnusson, Kris  
McRae, Jennifer  
Myers, Gordon  
Nilson Levisohn, Michelle  
O'Neil, John  
Parkhouse, Wade  
Paterson, David  
Percival, Colin  
Percival, Paul  
Perry, Tom  
Peters, Joseph  
Pierce, John  
Pinto, Mario  
Rajapakse, Nimal  
Robinsmith, Stacey

Russell, Robert  
Warner, D'Arcy  
Woodbury, Rob  
Wussow, Helen

**Absent:**

Armstrong, Arthur  
Chen, Alexander  
Corbett, Kitty  
Cupples, Claire  
Dhillon, Arinder  
Eckman, Charles  
Golnaraghi, Farid  
Hughes, David  
Krane, Bill  
Leznoff, Daniel  
Mann, Geoff  
Moghaddamjoo, Sara  
Palis, Heather  
Pavsek, Christopher  
Pilarinos, Andreas  
Ruben, Peter  
Sahinalp, Cenk  
Shapiro, Daniel  
Shaw, Chris  
Somers, Julian  
Tashakor, Pasha  
Taylor, Carole  
Yeung, Lorenz

**In Attendance:**

Collins, Colleen  
Smith, Richard

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**2. Minutes of the Open Session on March 5, 2012**

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**

The Chair expressed congratulations to Senator Francis, who was elected to the Board of Governors, and Senator Myers, who will be the new Associate Vice President Academic starting in September.

The Chair shared some good news and comments on the federal budget. It was reported that funding for the granting councils will remain unchanged for the coming year. Senate was also informed that the Canadian Foundation for Innovation, which invests in research infrastructure, has made a five year commitment of \$500 million for new research infrastructure starting in 2014. As well, new funding has been allocated for internships through Mitacs, a national, not-for-profit research organization. It was also reported that the government will be reducing the amount of tax credits going to Scientific Research and Experimental Development, a federal tax incentive program that encourages research and development in the private sector, by \$500 million. It has not been determined how this funding will be reinvested but it's possible that universities may have some access to these funds. The Chair commented that it appears a clear message was received and accepted in Ottawa regarding funding for universities and university research.

The Chair expressed appreciation to those students who supported and led the initiative to increase the student society fees to support the construction of a major activity centre and stadium on this campus.

**5. Question Period**

A question was raised regarding the location of the SFU swimming pool if there is a possibility that the new student centre will be built there. Senate was informed that the student referendum was not tied to the centre being in that exact location so there are alternatives. Another question was raised in regards to what SFU is doing in terms of creating a recreational space for the large number of students at the downtown campus. Senate was informed that students at the Surrey and Downtown campus do have access to community facilities but that a greater concern is finding space for students to study and socialize. To address this concern, the VP Academic is putting together a planning committee that will be looking at the Downtown and Surrey campuses in terms of expansion possibilities.

**6. Reports of Committees****A) Senate Appeals Board (SAB)****i) Annual Report (S.12-56)**

Senate received the annual report for the Senate Appeals Board for information. A question was asked regarding the increase in cases over the previous four years. Senate was informed that more of the selective withdrawal cases are not being approved at the faculty level which has resulted in more appeals being submitted to the Senate Appeals Board.

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

**i) Proposal to Dissolve the Global Asset and Wealth Management Program (S.12-57)**

**Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by D. Cyr

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Global Asset and Wealth Management Program within the Beedie School of Business, effective Fall 2012.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

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

**i) Admission Changes in the Beedie School of Business (S.12-58)**

**Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by S. Black

“That Senate approve the admission changes to:

- Information Systems in Business and Computing Science Joint Major
- Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Business Administration Joint Major
- Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Bachelor of Science Joint Major
- Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Joint Major
- Business and Economics Joint Honours
- Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Joint Honours effective Fall 2012.”

A friendly amendment was made on page 8 to replace the words “First Class Honours” with “Honours with distinction” in order to be consistent with current graduation classifications.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.12-59)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses and revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Humanities, Sociology and Anthropology, Psychology, Criminology, EBP, Philosophy, International Studies, Labour Studies, Linguistics, Gerontology, History).

**iii) Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.12-60)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved revisions to existing courses and programs in the Beedie School of Business.

**iv) Curriculum Revisions - Faculty of Communication, Art & Technology (S.12-61)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (Communication, Contemporary Arts, Interactive Arts and Technology).

**v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.12-62)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses and revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Environment (Archaeology, Environment, Geography, Environmental Science, Resources & Environmental Management).

**vi) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.12-63)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

**D) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)**

**i) General Graduate Regulation 1.3.12 (S.12-64)**

Motion

Moved by Wade Parkhouse, seconded by S. Easton

“That Senate approve the changes to GGR 1.3.12 English Language Competence.”

It was clarified for Senate that due to concerns with raising the TOEFL requirements too quickly, a TOEFL score of 93 will be accepted for now but in the future, it will be increased to align better with the IELTS score of 7.0. A couple of editorial changes were identified on page 5 and accepted.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**ii) General Graduate Regulation 1.9.4 (S.12-65)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved revisions to General Graduate Regulations 1.9.4 “Preparation for Examination of a Doctoral Thesis” effective Fall 2012.

**iii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.12-66)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses and revisions to existing programs in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (English, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies, History).

**iv) Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.12-67)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a new course and revisions to an existing program in the Beedie School of Business.

**v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.12-68)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved revisions to an existing course and program in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (Digital Media)

**vi) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.12-69)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses and revisions to existing courses in the Faculty of Health Sciences. It was pointed out that the title for HSCI 727 should say “The Immune System II” to be consistent with the title for HSCI 726.

**vii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.12-70)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a new course in the Faculty of Science (Physics).

**viii) Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Temporarily Withdrawn Courses (S.12-71)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the temporary withdrawal of courses identified as inactive by various faculties across the campus.

**7. Other Business**

**i) Election Report to Senate (S.12-72)**

Senate received a summary of the faculty election results for positions on Senate and the Board of Governors. A question was raised from a previous meeting in regards to a membership discrepancy between the Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) report and the SCIA website. This will be followed up at the next meeting.

**8. Information**

**i) Date of the next regular meeting – Tuesday, May 22, 2012.**

Open session adjourned at 5:55 pm and Senate moved directly into the closed session.

Kate Ross  
Registrar & Executive Director Student Enrolment