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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

Open Session

Present: Andrew Petter, President and Chair

Brennand, Tracy
Chapman, Glenn
Craig, John
Driver, Jon
Eckman, Charles
Fizzell, Maureen
Fontaine, Marc
Francis, June
Garneau-Scott, Christi
Gordon, Robert
Kohn, Jordan
Kong, Shuyu
Krane, Bill
Kropinski, Mary Catherine
Laitsch, Dan
Leacock, Tracey
Li, Paul
Magnusson, Kris
McRae, Jennifer
Moghaddamjoo, Sara
Myers, Gordon
Nilson Levisohn, Michelle
O'Neil, John
Palis, Heather
Parkhouse, Wade
Paterson, David
Percival, Colin
Percival, Paul
Perry, Tom
Peters, Joseph
Pierce, John
Pilarinos, Andreas
Pinto, Mario
Rajapakse, Nimal
Robinsmith, Stacey
Ruben, Peter

Russell, Robert
Shapiro, Daniel
Somers, Julian
Tashakor, Pasha
Warner, D'Arcy
Woodbury, Rob
Wussow, Helen

Absent:

Acierno, Kyle
Armstrong, Arthur
Black, Sam
Brandhorst, Bruce
Chen, Alexander
Corbett, Kitty
Cupples, Claire
Cyr, Dianne
Dhillon, Arinder
Easton, Stephen
Geisler, Cheryl
Golnaraghi, Farid
Hughes, David
Leznoff, Daniel
Mann, Geoff
Pavsek, Christopher
Sahinalp, Cenk
Shaw, Chris
Taylor, Carole
Yeung, Lorenz

In Attendance:

Budra, Paul
DiPaolo, Steve
Di Francesco, Concetta

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Minutes of the Open Session on April 2, 2012

The minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Senate was informed that the SCIA annual report, submitted at the March Senate meeting, did include some membership errors. The SCIA website has the correct membership listing, which is consistent with changes that were approved in 2009.

4. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported on a new program in Brazil called “Science without Borders” which plans to send 100,000 students from Brazil, fully-funded by the Brazil government, to study outside Brazil over the next three years. Canada was successful in securing support within the Brazil government to target 12,000 of those students to come to Canada. It is expected that two thirds of the students will be undergraduates. The Chair also reported that Vancouver seems to be a preferred destination for Brazilian students and that Simon Fraser University is very well regarded.

SFU’s vision has been shared with external audiences and the reception has been very positive. It was noted that internally there is still work to be done in regards to integrating the vision with the various planning processes. It was also reported that an agreement has been reached to extend the lease at Harbour Centre for another ten to eighteen years.

Appreciation was expressed by a Student Senator to the Dean of Library Services for offering extended library hours during the Spring exam period on a trial basis.

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, expressed appreciation to the following Senators whose terms of office expire on May 31, 2012: Maureen Fizzell, Geoff Mann, Gordon Myers, David Paterson, Joseph Peters, Robert Russell, Cenk Sahinalp, Pasha Tashakor, Kyle Acierno, Arthur Armstrong, Arry Dhillon Marc Fontaine, Christi Garneau-Scott, David Hughes, Jordan Kohn, Benjamin Lee, Sara Moghaddamjoo, and Lorenz Yeung

5. Question Period

There were no questions submitted for question period.

6. Reports of Committees**A) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)****i) Dissolution of the Geography and Economics Environmental Specialty BA Joint Major Program (S.12-73)**

Motion 1

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by P. Percival

“That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Geography and Economics Environmental Specialty BA Joint Major Program within the Faculties of Environment and Arts and Social Sciences, effective immediately.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by M. Fizzell

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Geography and Economics Environmental Specialty BA Joint Major Program within the Faculties of Environment and Arts and Social Sciences, effective Spring 2013.”

The effective date in the motion was changed from September 1, 2012 to Spring 2013.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Graduate Certificate in Visual Analytics in the School of Interactive Arts and Technology (S.12-74)

Motion

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by R. Woodbury

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Visual Analytics in the School of Interactive Arts and Technology within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Spring 2013.”

The effective date in the motion was changed from Fall 2012 to Spring 2013.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) SCUP Annual Report 2011 – 2012 (S.12-75)

Senate received the annual report for the Senate Committee on University Priorities for information.

B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.12-76)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved a revision for an existing course in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (History).

ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.12-77)

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

A Senator expressed concern over CMPT 401 being temporarily withdrawn because it is a critical course that some well-known companies look at when hiring. A Senator from the School of Computing Science agreed to have this course reconsidered.

iii) Curriculum Revisions - Faculty of Communication, Art & Technology (S.12-78)

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

iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.12-79)

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 Education.

v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.12-80)

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 Science.

C) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)**i) General Graduate Regulation 1.3.6 and 1.3.8 (S.12-81)****Motion**

Moved by Wade Parkhouse, seconded by S. Moghaddamjoo

“That Senate approve the changes to GGR 1.3.6 Admission as a Qualifying Student and GGR 1.3.8 Conditional Admission.”

An **amendment** was proposed by Senator Percival and seconded by Senator Leacock to change the wording on p. 4 of the document from, “These courses must be completed no later than the end of the first term of enrolment” to “These courses must be completed no later than the end of the second term of enrolment.”

Question was called and a vote taken on amendment.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Concern was expressed that the requirement for qualifying students to complete between 12 to 30 undergraduate courses may be higher than necessary. Senate was informed that this was considered by the Senate Graduate Studies Committee and it was determined to be a reasonable requirement.

An **amendment** was proposed by Senator Magnusson and seconded by Senator Paterson to change the wording on p. 3 of the document from, “Admission as a qualifying student does not guarantee future admission to a master’s program unless the offer of admission clearly states that satisfying specific requirements within a specific period of time will result in admission to the master’s program” to “Admission as a qualifying student guarantees admission to a master’s program provided that the student satisfies the specific requirements within the specific period of time.”

Question was called and a vote taken on amendment.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

A **motion** was proposed by Senator Percival and seconded by Senator Perry to refer this item back to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for further deliberation since there have already been two amendments with considerable discussion and there are still additional concerns with the document.

Question was called and a vote taken on motion to refer

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.12-82)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved revisions to an existing program in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Gerontology).

iii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.12-83)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses and revisions to existing courses and program in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (Communication, Publishing Program).

iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.12-84)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved revisions to existing courses in the Faculty of Science (Molecular Biology and Biochemistry).

7. Other Business

i) Revision to the Rules of Senate – Notice of Motion (S.12-85)

Senate received revisions to the Rules of Senate as a notice of motion. These revisions will be submitted for approval at the July Senate meeting.

8. Information

i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, June 11, 2012.

Open session adjourned at 6:22 pm and Senate moved directly into the closed session.

Kate Ross
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