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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, January 7, 2013 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

Open Session

Present: Andrew Petter, President and Chair

Brandhorst, Bruce
Burley, David
Cameron, Rob (for N. Rajapakse)
Chapman, Glenn
Corbett, Kitty
Craig, John
Cupples, Claire
Delgrande, Jim
Driver, Jon
Eckman, Charles
Elle, Elizabeth
Flodr, Sarah-Sophia
Francis, June
Geisler, Cheryl
Gordon, Robert
Hall, Angie
Hedley, Nick
Jozaghi, Ehsan
Kessler, Anke
Kopahi, Moe
Kwon, Caleb
Leacock, Tracey
Leznoff, Daniel
Li, Paul
Magnusson, Kris
McRae, Jennifer
Myers, Gordon
O'Neil, John
Parkhouse, Wade
Paterson, David
Percival, Colin
Percival, Paul
Perry, Tom
Pierce, John
Pinto, Mario
Robinsmith, Stacey
Ruben, Peter
Schellenberg, Betty

Shapiro, Daniel
Somers, Julian
Tingling, Peter
Warner, D'Arcy

Absent:

Birmingham, Elina
Black, Sam
Chen, Alexander
Cyr, Dianne
Easton, Stephen
Golnaraghi, Farid
Kropinski, Mary Catherine
Laitsch, Dan
Leivdal, Joseph
Lundgreen-Nielsen, Jens
Palis, Heather
Parekh, Nimisha
Pavsek, Christopher
Pilarinos, Andreas
Quarmby, Lynne
Sakhrani, Rohan
Shaw, Chris
Szeto, Henderson
Taylor, Carole
Wilson, Meaghan
Woodbury, Rob
Wussow, Helen
Zhang, Kevin

In Attendance:

Allen, Doug
Hinchliffe, Jo
Kugler, Don
Rose, Gordon

Kris Nordgren, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Minutes of the Open Session on December 3, 2012

The minutes of the open session on December 3, 2012 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 acknowledged the passing of Geoff Madoc-Jones, Faculty Senator and Gary Hall, longer term employee and father of Senator Hall. The Chair welcomed the new Faculty Senator, Elina Birmingham (not in attendance) and then provided an update on several items.

The Chair reported on the ongoing CUPE, Faculty and APSA negotiations.

The Chair reported on three upcoming events that may be of interest to Senate: the upcoming President's Dream Colloquium: Justice Beyond National Boundaries; Jacques Frémont, the former provost and VP Academic at the University of Montréal, will be giving a public lecture on January 16 on the topic of "Internationalizing Higher Education: Adapt or Perish?"; and the Sixth World Universities Forum in Vancouver this week.

5. Question Period

No questions were submitted for the January meeting; however, a previously submitted question will be answered at the February 2013 meeting.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Student Discipline Matters

i) Annual Report (S.13-1)

Senate received the Student Discipline Matters Annual Report from 2011 to 2012 for information.

It was recommended that the report include more details regarding the ratio and the rate of incident reports for domestic students vs. international visa students and the proportion of students within each faculty. A correction was noted that the proportion of students who received an incident report form represented 1%, not .01%.of the student population. It was pointed out that the high number of incidents in the Faculty of Applied Science was likely due to their use of an electronic reporting process and their vigilance with regard to dishonesty. J. Hinchliffe spoke of the new website being developed that is expected to be more accessible and clearer for all students, including international students, with regard to academic integrity and the consequences of cheating. The Department of Chemistry has developed a system of assigning seats and utilizing photo IDs for exams to reduce the opportunity for cheating, which will be investigated by the Registrar's office. Greater faculty accountability for changing exams and assignments from term to term was raised as an issue. In answer to a question, the range of penalties in the policy allows instructors flexibility when dealing with individual cases. The committee resource person will take the recommendations under advisement for action and design of future reports.

B) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)

i) Suspension of Admission to the Master of Arts in Latin American Studies (S.13-2)

Motion

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by J. Craig.

“That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Master of Arts in Latin American Studies Program in the School of International Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2013.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Suspension of Admission to the Joint Major in Sociology and Art and Culture Studies (S.13-3)

Motion

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by C. Geisler.

“That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Joint Major in Sociology and Art and Culture Studies in the School for the Contemporary Arts within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Fall 2013.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Suspension and Dissolution of the Joint Major in Anthropology and Art and Culture Studies (S.13-4)

Motion 1

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by C. Geisler.

“That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Joint Major in Anthropology and Art and Culture Studies in the School for the Contemporary Arts within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Summer 2013.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by C. Geisler.

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Joint Major in Anthropology and Art and Culture Studies in the School for the Contemporary Arts within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Fall 2013.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Establishment of the Institute for Diaspora Research and Engagement (S.13-5)

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by J. Francis.

“That Senate approve the proposal for the establishment of the Institute for Diaspora Research and Engagement as an Institute for a five year term.”

Clarification was requested regarding the nature of research institutes at Simon Fraser University and the expanding definition of research. Senate was informed that research has expanded beyond the traditional definition of what constitutes research, including innovation, advocacy, and research in the arts and social science.

Clarification was requested regarding the definition of diaspora, whether it refers to the forced movement of peoples outside of their homeland or the broader definition of the movement or migration of peoples away from their ancestral homeland. Senate was informed that the definition is the latter.

The Chair thanked the resource people for all the work done on bringing this institute to fruition and expects that SFU will be a leader in this type of research.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

v) Revision of Policy R20.01 – Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Subjects (S.13-6)

At the suggestion of J. Driver, and with general assent, the motion was modified by changing the motion to “Human Participants.”

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by N. Hedley.

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the revised Policy R20.01 – Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Participants.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

C) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

i) Curriculum Revisions — Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.13-7)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, added new courses and made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (School of International Studies; French; Linguistics; and Gerontology).

ii) Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.13-8)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, added a new course, and made revisions to an existing course in the Beedie School of Business.

iii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.13-9)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, added new courses, and made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (Publishing; School of Contemporary Arts).

Clarification was requested regarding the inconsistencies in the admission requirements for the various programs in the School of Contemporary Arts and the quality of the hand written corrections made on the documents. Senate was informed that there are different admission requirements for the various programs – some require an audition, others an interview, and others a portfolio submission to be considered before enrolling in classes within the specific programs. SCUS will be reviewing its processes regarding updating or changing documents.

iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.13-10)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, added new courses, and made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Environment.

D) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)

i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.13-11)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, added new courses and programs in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (School of Mechatronics Systems Engineering).

ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.13-12)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, added new courses, and made revisions to existing courses in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies; School of Public Policy).

Clarification was requested regarding the lack of supporting documentation to justify increasing the number of units for Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies graduate courses. Senate was informed that the information was reviewed verbally during the Senate Graduate Studies Committee meeting and that the change was made in response to external requirements requesting a minimum of thirty units in graduate programs, and followed university policies evaluating course work to determine unit values.

iii) Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.13-13)

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

iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.13-14)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to an existing course in the Faculty of Education.

v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.13-15)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, added new courses, and made revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Science.

E) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

i) Senate Committee Elections (S.13-16)

Senate received a revised summary from the Senate Nominating Committee of nominations received and outstanding vacancies for positions on Senate committees that are elected by Senate.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information

i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, February 4, 2013.

Open session adjourned at 6:15 pm and Senate moved directly into the closed session.

Kate Ross
Registrar & Executive Director Student Enrolment