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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on  
Monday, April 8, 2013 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

## Open Session

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

Antle, Alissa  
Birmingham, Elina  
Black, Sam  
Brandhorst, Bruce  
Burley, David  
Chapman, Glenn  
Corbett, Kitty  
Craig, John  
Cyr, Dianne  
Driver, Jon  
Easton, Stephen  
Eckman, Charles  
Elle, Elizabeth  
Flodr, Sarah-Sophia  
Francis, June  
Geisler, Cheryl  
Gordon, Robert  
Haunerland, N. (for M. Pinto)  
Hedley, Nick  
Jozaghi, Ehsan  
Kopahi, Moe  
Kropinski, Mary Catherine  
Laitsch, Dan  
Leacock, Tracey  
Leznoff, Daniel  
Li, Paul  
Magnusson, Kris  
Myers, Gordon  
Parkhouse, Wade  
Paterson, David  
Pavsek, Christopher  
Percival, Colin  
Percival, Paul  
Perry, Tom  
Pierce, John  
Quarmby, Lynne  
Rajapakse, Nimal

Schellenberg, Betty  
Shapiro, Daniel  
Somers, Julian  
Szeto, Hendson  
Tingling, Peter  
Wussow, Helen

**Absent:**

Brennand, Tracy  
Chen, Alexander  
Cupples, Claire  
Delgrande, Jim  
Golnaraghi, Farid  
Hall, Angie  
Kessler, Anke  
Kwon, Caleb  
Leivdal, Joseph  
Lundgreen-Nielsen, Jens  
McRae, Jennifer  
O'Neil, John  
Palis, Heather  
Parekh, Nimisha  
Pilarinos, Andreas  
Robinsmith, Stacey  
Ruben, Peter  
Sakhrani, Rohan  
Shaw, Chris  
Taylor, Carole  
Warner, D'Arcy  
Wilson, Meaghan  
Zhang, Kevin

**In Attendance:**

Dawson, Alexander  
Lougheed, Patrick  
Nesbit, John  
Rhodes, Susan  
Tiffany, Evan  
Verdun-Jones, Simon

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

There was a concern raised regarding late changes to the agenda and documentation.

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**2. Minutes of the Open Session on March 4, 2013**

The minutes of the open session on March 4, 2013 were approved as distributed.

A question was asked regarding the wording of the response to S.13-39 SCEMP Enrolment Plan, whether GPA cutoffs *could be* or *would be* included in the future. Senate was informed that the March 4 meeting recording would be checked for the correct wording.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Senator Driver provided an update on the Learning Outcomes and Assessment Report and the proposal that resulted from the discussion at the February 2013 Senate meeting. The proposal has been posted for comment and discussed at three town hall meetings. The revised proposal will be brought forward to the May 2013 Senate meeting.

**4. Report of the Chair**

The Chair welcomed a new faculty Senator, Alissa Antle from the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, and then provided an update on several items.

The Chair reported that, as the provincial election approaches, he continued to meet with MLAs and candidates to press the Opportunity Agenda. The Chair spoke to the Boards of Trade in Surrey, Burnaby, and Vancouver and is encouraged by the level of support for the Opportunity Agenda and for more post-secondary spaces.

The Chair reported on the federal budget, including the following items of note: funding support for Genome Canada; confirmation of funding for the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI); a \$60 million fund for incubator and accelerator organizations; and new funding for internships for graduates of post-secondary institutions.

The Chair reported that SFU researchers received NSERC Discovery Grants, Research, Tools and Instrumentation (RTI) equipment grants, and SSHRC partnership grants. Also, SFU retained all NSERC and SSHRC Chairs and added several new CIHR chairs, for a total of 47 Chairs.

The Chair reported that the public announcement of the honorary degree recipients has been made.

The Chair noted that Chancellor Carole Taylor's husband, Art Phillips, recently passed away and that the details for a celebration of his life would be circulated to Senate.

**5. Question Period**

No questions were submitted for the April 2013 meeting. There was a question submitted after the deadline regarding indigenous student support and success that will be researched and reported on in either the May or June Senate meeting.

## 6. Reports of Committees

### A) Research Ethics Board (REB)

#### i) Annual Report (S.13-49)

Senate received the Research Ethics Board annual report for 2012 for information.

### B) Senate Appeals Board (SAB)

#### i) Annual Report (S.13-50)

Senate received the Senate Appeals Board annual report for 2011-2012 for information.

### C) Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA)

#### i) Annual Report (S.13-51)

Senate received the Senate Committee on International Activities annual report for 2012 for information.

A comment was made that the list of committee positions in the report did not match the list on the SCIA website. Senate was informed that the discrepancy will be communicated back to the committee.

A question was raised whether the Faculty of Education field schools could be included in the SCIA annual report. Senate was informed that this suggestion would be forwarded to SCIA.

### D) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)

#### i) Suspension of Admission and Dissolution of the Joint Major and Joint Honours in Computing Science and Philosophy (S.13-52)

#### **Motion 1**

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

“That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Joint Major and Joint Honours in Computing Science and Philosophy in the School of Computing Science and Department of Philosophy within the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2013.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

#### **Motion 2**

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

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Joint Major and Joint Honours in Computing Science and Philosophy in the School of Computing Science and Department of Philosophy within the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences effective, Fall 2014.”

A question was raised regarding the time between the suspension of admission to the program and the dissolution of the program. Senate was informed that notice is usually provided between suspension and dissolution of a program.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**ii) Graduate Certificate in Curriculum and Instruction (S.13-53)**

**Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by S. Black.

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Curriculum and Instruction within the Faculty of Education, effective Fall 2013.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**iii) Concurrent Bachelor’s – Master’s Program in the School for International Studies (S.13-54)**

**Motion**

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

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Concurrent Bachelor's- Master's Program in the School for International Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2013.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**iv) Revisions to Policy R20.01 – Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Participants (S.13-55)**

**Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by S. Easton.

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the revisions to Section 15.1(e) and Section 15.2(e) of the Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Participants (R20.01).”

A comment was made and noted that it is no longer possible for an SFU staff member to serve on the Research Ethics Board as a result of these revisions.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**v) NWCCU Accreditation 2012 Progress Report (For Information) (S.13-56)**

Senate received the progress report concerning SFU's accreditation with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) for information.

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

**i) WQB Requirements for Second Degrees (S.13-57)**

**Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by P. Percival.

“That Senate approve the permanent exemption of all second-degree students from WQB requirements, with the exception that the upper-division W course in the major and a three-credit Q course will still be required for a second degree.”

A question was raised why the Q course is not an upper division requirement. Senate was informed that there has never been an upper division Q requirement.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**ii) Course Withdrawal Notation Change (S.13-58)**

**Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by S. Easton.

“That Senate approve effective Fall 2013 students withdrawing from courses during week 3 of the term will have a WD standing recorded for each withdrawn course on their academic record.”

Various concerns were expressed regarding the impact to students, including: the need to make the decision to withdraw from courses earlier and the potential increase in WD notations on transcripts. Senate was informed that aligning the WD notation date with the tuition refund deadline would be clearer to students and that the WD notation is not punitive.

A question was asked whether international exchange students would be impacted by this change. Senate was informed that the WD is not transcribed onto the transcript for exchange students.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**iii) Curriculum Revisions — Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.13-59)**

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 Applied Sciences (Geographic Information Science; School of Computing Science; School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering).

Concern was expressed that some of the new Mechatronic Systems Engineering courses appeared to overlap with courses in the Faculty of Science. The concern was noted and Senate was informed that the courses went through the approval process at SCUS, where Associate Deans from each faculty are consulted regarding course content and overlap issues.

A question was asked how first year students would learn to write lab reports with the removal of PHYS 131 from the Engineering Science major program. Senate was informed that PHYS 131 will be replaced by ENSC 120, which will provide Engineering students with lab work that is more attuned to Engineering.

**iv) Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.13-60)**

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

**v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.13-61)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, added a new course and made revisions to existing courses and an existing program in the Faculty of Education.

**vi) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.13-62)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made changes to existing courses and an existing program in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

**F) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)****i) Annual Report (For Information) (S.13-63)**

Senate received the Senate Graduate Studies Committee annual report for 2011-2012 for information.

**ii) Curriculum Revisions — Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.13-64)**

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 Applied Sciences (School of Engineering Science; School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering).

A question was asked why students in the Master of Engineering (MEng) program are ineligible for university financial support. Senate was informed that the MEng program is a professional program and the rules state that professional programs are ineligible for scholarship awards.

**iii) Curriculum Revisions — Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.13-65)**

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 Arts and Social Sciences (French; School of International Studies; Political Science; Urban Studies Program).

**iv) Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.13-66)**

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 Beedie School of Business.

**v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.13-67)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to an existing course and existing programs in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School of Communication).

**vi) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.13-68)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, added a new course in the Faculty of Environment (Geography).

**vii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.13-69)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to existing courses in the Faculty of Science (Earth Sciences; Mathematics).

**7. Other Business**

**i) Election Report (S.13-70)**

Senate received the results of Faculty elections to Senate and the Board of Governors for information.

**8. Information**

**i) Date of the next regular meeting – Tuesday, May 21, 2013.**

Open session adjourned 6:18 pm and Senate moved directly into the closed session.

Kate Ross  
Registrar & Executive Director Student Enrolment