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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

Open Session

Present: Paul Percival, Vice-Chair

Antle, Alissa
Bell, Lynne
Birmingham, Elina
Burley, David
Chapman, Glenn
Corbett, Kitty
Craig, John
Cupples, Claire
Delgrande, Jim
Driver, Jon
Eikerling, Michael
Elle, Elizabeth
Fairey, Elaine (for B. Owen)
Francis, June
Geisler, Cheryl
Glaesser, Uwe (for N. Rajapakse)
Guttman, Julian
Hedley, Nick
Jozaghi, Ehsan
Kessler, Anke
Khan, Humza
Laitsch, Dan
Leacock, Tracey
Leznoff, Daniel
Lu, Yoko
McTavish, Rob
Myers, Gordon
Norouzi, Yasmine
Paterson, David
Percival, Colin
Perry, Tom
Pinto, Mario
Quarmby, Lynne
Ruben, Peter
Smith, Jon
Thiara, Karanvir Singh
Tingling, Peter
Truong, Tesicca
Wakarchuk, Forrest
Warner, D'Arcy
Wussow, Helen

Absent:

Acierno, Kyle
Brennand, Tracy
Easton, Stephen
Flodr, Sarah-Sophia
Golnaraghi, Farid
Jawanda, Harvey
Jermias, Johnny
Kopahi, Moe
Kwon, Caleb
Lehal, Japreet
Magnusson, Kris
O'Neil, John
Pappas, Panayiotis
Parkhouse, Wade
Pavsek, Christopher
Petter, Andrew
Pierce, John
Shaffer, Catherine
Shapiro, Daniel
Shapiro, Lisa
Shaw, Chris
Somers, Julian
Taylor, Carole

In Attendance:

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Minutes of the Open Session on November 4, 2013

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

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Senate was informed that the Office of Research Ethics provided a response to Senator Kessler's question regarding the average length of time for an ethical review of a research project by the Research Ethics Board.

The REB and Office of Research Ethics (ORE) currently do not calculate average length of time from submission to approval because their current system does not have the reporting features to calculate average days/weeks from submission to approval, which would have to be calculated manually for the 535 studies that were approved from September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013. The ORE has been exploring other options for an ethics database system that would have the ability to report average time to approval, number of new studies, amendment and renewals submitted for review. The REB has chosen not to report on average length of time from submission to approval until a new system is in place where this information can be easily calculated.

4. Report of the Chair

The Vice-Chair reported that the Chair is in Montreal at a national conference on Canadian universities and institutional autonomy.

The Vice-Chair welcomed a new faculty Senator, Lynne Bell.

The Vice-Chair reported that Western Economic Diversification Canada has awarded \$513,000 to the Vancouver Institute for Visual Analytics, which is a joint SFU-UBC institute with Fred Popovich from the School of Computing Science as its principal investigator and director.

The Vice-Chair reported on recent faculty awards. Martin Andresen, from the School of Criminology, has been awarded the Julian M. Szeicz Award for Early Career Achievement from the Canadian Association of Geographers for his contributions to the geographies of crime and international trade. Peter Andersen, from the School of Communication, has received the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Board of Directors of Pacific Northwest Preparedness Society for his contributions to BC's preparedness and ability to communicate during disaster and extreme events, as well as for generating future professionals in the field. Professor Emerita Sandra Djwa, from the Department of English, has won the 2013 Governor General's Award in Non-fiction, as well as five other awards, including the Charles Taylor Prize, for her biography of P.K. Page, *Journey with No Maps*. Two SFU faculty members have been recognized by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC. Ash Parameswaran, from the School of Engineering Science, has received the 2013 Meritorious Achievement award for his lab-on-a-chip device. Diana Allen, from the Department of Earth Sciences, has received the C.J. Westerman Memorial Award for her work assisting developing countries in managing and protecting their ground water resources and for increasing public understanding of hydrogeology.

The Vice-Chair reported that two Canada Research Chairs have been renewed. Cenk Sahinalp, from the School of Computing Science, has advanced from a Tier 2 to a Tier 1 Canada Research

Chair in Computational Genomics. Diane Gromala, from the School of Interactive Arts and Technology, has received a renewal to her Tier 2 Chair in Computational Technologies for Transforming Pain.

The Vice-Chair reported that Mike Thewalt, from the Department of Physics, and his research team has maintained a fragile quantum state at room temperature for 39 minutes. The achievement improves upon the previous record of a few seconds and is an advancement toward the development of quantum computers.

The Vice-Chair reported that the SFU men's soccer team will be playing in the NCAA Final Four championship in Evans, Georgia on December 5, following a 5-0 victory over Regis University.

5. **Question Period**

There were no questions submitted for question period.

6. **Reports of Committees**

A) **Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)**

i) **Annual Report (S.13-145)**

Senate received the SCCS Annual Report for information.

Senator Wussow, Chair of the SCCS, was in attendance to respond to questions.

ii) **Criteria and Guidelines for the Establishment of Non-credit Certificates and Diplomas Programs (S.13-146)**

Motion

Moved by H. Wussow, seconded by D. Warner.

“That Senate approve the revisions to the Criteria and Guidelines for the Establishment of Noncredit Certificates and Diploma Programs.”

Senator Wussow, Chair of the SCCS, was in attendance to respond to questions.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

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

i) **Revisions to Policy R20.01 – Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Participants (S.13-147)**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by M. Pinto.

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

Senator Pinto, Vice-President, Research, was in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was asked regarding potential situations where five or more adjunct faculty members were elected with only four adjunct faculty members eligible to fill these positions. Senate was informed that the Senate Nominating Committee would resolve these issues should they arise.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) External Review of the Department of Biological Sciences (S.13-148)

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

“That Senate approve the Action Plan for the Department of Biological Sciences that resulted from its External Review.”

Senator Elle, Chair of Biological Sciences, and Senator Cupples, Dean of the Faculty of Science, were in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was asked whether the language used in the Action Plan was typical language or if a stronger commitment was needed. Senate was informed that the department carefully considered the recommendations of the external review team before arriving at a specific solution. Senate was informed further that some of the recommendations would be impossible for a department to carry out by themselves; however the department is working with the dean’s office to make the action plan happen.

A question was asked regarding the length of time to consider the recommendations of the external review team. Senate was informed that the Chair of Biological Sciences wrote the response to the external review in early summer and that since the time the action plan was written and approved by the Department progress has been made on some of the action items

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) 2012/13 Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications (S.13-149)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on University Priorities, acting under delegated authority, reviewed and approved the renewal of twelve research centres and institutes for a five year term.

Senator Pinto, Vice-President, Research, was in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was asked whether the Centre for Disability Independence Research and Education would be discontinued because it had not submitted a renewal application. Senate was informed that the director has been given until December 31st, 2013, to produce an annual report and application for renewal. Senate was further informed that when the report is submitted, the matter would be referred to SCUP and then forwarded to Senate for information.

iv) Centre and Institute Report 2012/13 (S.13-150)

Senate received the Centre and Institute Report for 2012/13 for information.

Senator Pinto, Vice-President, Research, was in attendance to respond to questions.

A concern was raised regarding the formatting of data in the columns of the table of research centres. Senate was informed that the issue will be reviewed for future reports.

Senator Pinto noted that TRIUMF had not submitted an annual report at the time the Centre and Institute Report was written; however, TRIUMF has since submitted the report, which will be referred to SCUP and then to Senate for information.

C) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.13-151)

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 (Language Training Institute; English; Philosophy; Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies; School of Criminology; Psychology; History; First Nations Studies; School for International Studies; Explorations in the Arts and Social Sciences; History).

A question was asked regarding the reason for the deletion of CRIM 411, Crime and Victimization of the Elderly. Senate was informed that the School of Criminology lacks the faculty to teach the course.

ii) Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.13-152)

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

iii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.13-153)

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

iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.13-154)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, temporarily withdrew courses in the Faculty of Education.

v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.13-155)

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 (Archaeology; Environment; School of Resource and Environmental Management).

vi) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.13-156)

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 Science (Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology; Earth Sciences; Molecular Biology and Biochemistry; Physics; Biology; Chemistry).

D) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)

i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.13-157)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, added new courses, and made revisions to existing programs in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Economics; Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies; History; School for International Studies; Latin American Studies; Urban Studies Program).

Senator Leacock thanked Lara Campbell, from the Department of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies, for her well-written cover letter for the changes to the Master of Arts program.

A question was asked whether guidance is provided to chairs of curriculum committees on expectations for these documents. Senate was informed that the Senate & Academic Services office holds regular curriculum workshops and that the Senate committees responsible for curriculum changes have developed guidelines and procedures for curriculum documents.

E) Senate Library Committee (SLC)

i) Annual Report (S.13-158)

Senate received the SLC Annual Report for information.

Senator Pinto, Vice-President, Research, and Elaine Fairey, Associate University Librarian, were in attendance to respond to questions.

A question was asked regarding a recent external review recommendation that the Library set up an information desk on a permanent basis within a particular department, given the availability of online services such as Ask a Librarian. Senate was informed that the Library may hold office hours within the department on a temporary basis if requested and if space is available. The Library's AskAway online service is heavily used by SFU students.

F) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

i) Senate Committee Elections (S.13-159)

Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, and outstanding vacancies for the Senate committees.

The Secretary amended the SNC election report, adding Kevin O'Neill, who was acclaimed to replace Carolyn Mamchur as Education faculty member on SCUTL.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information

i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, January 6, 2014.

Open session adjourned at 7:39 pm and Senate moved into the closed session.

Jo Hinchliffe

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