1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

2. Approval of the Minutes of November 20, 2017

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. Chair’s Report

The Vice-Chair informed the committee that the SPCSAB Annual Report will be forwarded for approval to the February Senate meeting. He also informed the members that a query may be coming forward to SPCSAB from Wade Parkhouse as a request to re-examine the breakdown of scholarships awarded between undergraduate and graduate students.

According to W. Parkhouse, his research has shown that other institutions allocate more or equal to the amount of scholarship monies to graduate students as allocated to the undergraduate students. In comparison, it appears SFU gives less monies to graduate students.

The members posed questions to the Vice-Chair to determine what type of scholarship and type of student is being referenced. S. Spector explained this was just a query and wanted to inform the members of this possible agenda item coming forward to a future SPCSAB meeting.
4. New Business

a. Undergraduate Medals and Awards (SPCSAB 18-01)

1. Terry Fox Gold Medal (SPCSAB 18-01a)

M. Bhakthan gave a brief overview of this agenda item and the intent of the changes. There was a brief discussion regarding editing of the language to make clearer what someone would receive as a recipient of this opportunity.

Motion 1
It was moved by S. Easton and seconded by C. Percival

“that SPCSAB approve changes to the terms of reference for the Terry Fox Gold Medal so that it limits the eligibility of recipients to SFU students only and replace the tuition funding with a one-time award in the amount of $5,000 along with a medal and plaque (effective Spring 2018).”

CARRIED

2. Gordon M. Shrum Gold Medal (SPCSAB 18-01b)

M. Bhakthan spoke to this agenda item explaining the changes. There was brief discussion regarding the removal of the monetary value or to otherwise significantly increase it. It was agreed to add to the terms of reference, details of what supporting documents are required from the nominators and how many reference letters should be provided. R. Dawson will forward to M. Bhakthan language used in Grad Studies.

Motion 2
It was moved by S. Easton and seconded by C. Percival

“that SPCSAB approve changes to the terms of reference for the Gordon M. Shrum Gold Medal by removing the $500 monetary value and to add requirement for supporting documentation (effective Spring 2018).”

CARRIED

3. University-funded Athletics Awards (SPCSAB 18-01c)

M. Bhakthan spoke to this agenda item giving some history and background regarding athletic awards. He explained the goal of this joint process between the Athletics Office and Financial Aid and Awards is to combine together those athletic awards with the same selection criteria to allow for easier assessment, processing and adjudicating of athletic awards.

There was much discussion regarding process and transparency and it was suggested to review this requested change in a couple of years to see if it has made a difference. There was a question posed regarding female athletes and how monies are handled or designated. M. Bhakthan will bring an update to the next SPCSAB meeting.
Motion 3
It was moved by P. Tupper and seconded by S. Easton

“that SPCSAB approve the following changes to the University-funded Athletics Awards: (a) the following current university-funded SFU athletic awards no longer be awarded
  - Recreation Promotion Awards (Athletics)
  - Athletic General Awards
  - SFU Athletic Scholarship
  - Rick Hansen Athletic Award
  - Athletic Entrance Award
  - Jack Diamond Entrance Award
  - Jack Diamond Athletic Award and
(b) funding be allocated to the new university general SFU Athletics Award (effective Summer 2018) and
(c) that new SFU Athletic Awards terms of reference be approved (effective Fall 2018).”
CARRIED

b. Graduate Studies – Provost International Fellowship (SPCSAB 18-02)

R. Dawson gave an overview of this agenda item and explained the intent of the changes. The members agreed it is restricting international students and should be changed. It was suggested to ensure the grade point average is correct at 3.67.

Motion 4
It was moved by P. Tupper and seconded by S. Easton

“that SPCSAB approve the changes to the Terms of Reference for the Provost International Fellowship by removing clause 5 which reads:

‘PIF recipients are not eligible to receive other scholarship support from internal SFU sources e.g., major entrance scholarships (C.D. Nelson Scholarships), Graduate Fellowships (GFs), Special Graduate Entrance Scholarships (SGES), etc.), with the exception of private awards which are derived from annual and endowed funds.’ effective Fall 2018.”
CARRIED

5. Other Business

The Vice-Chair informed the committee that Michael Parent does not intend to serve on this committee, therefore S. Spector has agreed to chair the meetings until further notice. The committee has gained a new Faculty Senator, Pablo Nepomnashy and will await his intention of serving as Chair or choosing a designate.

The next SPCSAB meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2018.
S. Spector will be absent.

Minutes prepared by R. Balletta
Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am