MINUTES

Attendees: S. Spector (acting Chair), G. Agnes, R. Dawson, R. Khan Hemani, C. Percival
Regrets: M. Bhakthan, A. Khan, P. Nepomnaschy, P. Tupper

1. Approval of the Agenda

An additional agenda item was added to include approval of the minutes of the September 17th SPCSAB meeting.

The agenda was approved as amended.

2. Approval of the Minutes of September 17 and the minutes of October 15, 2018

The minutes from the September 17th and the October 15th SPCSAB meetings were approved as presented.

3. Chair’s Report

The Chair is in receipt of the SPCSAB Annual Report which will be forwarded for information to the January 7th Senate meeting in 2019.

A question was posed as to who will be in attendance to represent the annual report at Senate. S. Spector, M. Bhakthan, J. Derksen or R. Dawson will be there as resources to answer any queries that may arise.

There was brief discussion regarding vacant positions on the SPCSAB committee and how to resolve this going forward in 2019 to prevent delays on approving agenda items due to not meeting quorum. R. Khan Hemani to speak to Steven Noel regarding appointments and elections and will update the committee. All agreed to cancel the December SPCSAB meeting unless M. Bhakthan has any pending agenda items. R. Balletta to speak to M. Bhakthan upon his return and will notify the committee accordingly, otherwise, the SPCSAB committee will reconvene on January 21, 2019.

4. New Business

Motion 1

It was moved by C. Percival and seconded by G. Agnes

“that SPCSAB approve and send to Senate for information the SPCSAB Annual Report for fiscal year 2017/2018.”

CARRIED
a. **Annual Report (For Information Only)**

R. Dawson gave a brief overview of the annual report from Graduate Studies and answered questions from the committee members.

1. Memorandum and Table

2. **Disbursement Summary of Funding Administered or Supported through Financial Aid and Awards Comparative Report: Fiscal Year 2016/2017 vs. 2017/2018**

3. **Financial Summary of Graduate Scholarship, Bursaries and Awards (SBA) Budget – Fiscal Year 2017/2018**

4. **Summary of Graduate Scholarships/Bursaries/Awards (SBA) Base Budget Allocations Five-Year Overview: Fiscal Years 2014/2015 through 2018/2019**

5. **Expense Summary of Graduate Award Funds Administered by Dean of Graduate Studies Three-Year Overview: Fiscal Years 2015/2016 through 2017/2018**

b. **2019-21 BC Graduate Program (BCGS) – Update (For Information Only)**

R. Dawson spoke to this agenda item explaining the core criteria from the Ministry and the framework created by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, in consultation with academic units. The Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training (the Ministry) has provided one-time funding of 2.25 million dollars with awards valued at $15,000/yr. Of these 150 awards, SFU will reserve 8 awards for Indigenous student funding. The remaining 142 awards will be distributed to eligible academic units to use within a two year window. R. Dawson added that work is in progress to determine an allocation model. An additional criteria that Graduate & Postdoctoral studies has added is that awardees must apply for Tri-agency funding; increasing successful federal funding will help lobby to make this provincial funding permanent. R. Dawson answered questions posed by SPCSAB members.

5. **Other Business**

No other business

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am
Minutes prepared by R. Balletta