

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, January 8, 2001 at 5:30 pm in Room 3210 WMC

Open Session

Present: Stevenson, Michael, President and Chair

Barrow, Robin

Bawa, Parveen

Clayman, Bruce

Collinge, Joan (representing C. Yerbury)

Cooper, Kait

Copeland, Lynn

Davidson, Willie

Delgrande, James

Driver, Jon

Dunsterville, Valerie

Finley, David

Giffen, Ken

Gill, Alison

Gupte, Jaideep

Hill, Ross

Jackson, Margaret

Klymson, Sarah

Livadiotakis, Georgia

Love, Ernie

Marteniuk, Ron

McArthur, James

McFetridge, Paul

Miralles-Sanchez, Veronika

Naef, Barbara

Osborne, Judith

Percival, Paul

Peters, Joseph

Pierce, John

Russell, Robert

Sanghera, Balwant

Smith, Michael

Steinbach, Christopher

Stewart, Ryan

Warsh, Michael

Waterhouse, John

Wortis, Michael

Zaichkowsky, Judith

Zazkis, Rina

Absent: Atkins, Stella

Budra, Paul

Chan, Albert

D'Auria, John

Dill, Larry

England, William

Gerson, Carole

Grimmett, Peter

Hold, Angela

Jones, John

LaRocque, Linda

Mauser, Gary

McInnes, Dina

Ogloff, James

Paterson, David

Runyowa, Mac

Weldon, Larry

Wessel, Sylvia

Wong, Milton

Yau, David

In attendance:

Gutman, Gloria

Heath, Ron, Dean of Student Services and Registrar

Watt, Alison, Director, University Secretariat

Grant, Bobbie, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of the Agenda
The Agenda was approved as distributed.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of December 4, 2000
The Minutes were approved as distributed.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes

i) Ad Hoc Senate Committee on Undergraduate Curricula

In response to concerns raised at the last meeting about the timing of the Committee's report, Senate was advised that following consultation with SCAR, the timing of the final report was changed to Spring 2002, permitting additional time for consultation and input from departments and faculties. Senate was also advised that the name of the committee should refer to the plural "curricula" rather than the singular "curriculum".

ii) Education 441

In response to concerns raised at the last meeting about the prerequisite change for Education 441, Senate was advised that the change was proposed because of the difference in background between PDP students and others in the course. The change affected two Diploma programs in Arts but in each case students still had flexibility in course selection. In addition, the Faculty of Education indicated to SCUS that a new 300-level course which would be open to students in those programs would be developed. M. Warsh noted that his concern related to whether the appropriate consultation had taken place and J. Waterhouse noted this and said he would relate it to SCUS.

4. Report of the Chair

i) Provincial Grants

The Chair reported that he and The University Presidents' Council had held meetings with Government officials and the opposition caucus regarding financial support to universities in the next budget cycle in order to ensure that everyone was aware of the budget issues facing the university system.

ii) Fair Use of E-mail

Reference was made to the recent suspension of the SFU email account of a retired faculty member. The Chair indicated that he was sensitive to the concern within the university that this was perceived by some as a threat to academic freedom although he did not share this view. He assured Senate that the action taken by the administration was specific to a lengthy and complicated dispute resulting some time ago in a legal case and settlement, the alleged violation of which was now again before the courts. Prior to legal resolution, and in the absence of clear policy, the administrative action was intended to assure fairness and protection from abuse.

The Chair indicated that he intended to strike a committee or to reactivate a committee which had been struck previously to consider revisions to GP 24 Fair Use of Information Resources. Senate was assured that it would be kept informed.

5. Question Period

Senate was advised that D. Finley had raised two questions concerning employment related issues and the Chair stated that he intended to refer them to SCAR for discussion about whether questions related to employment histories of individuals and employment matters in general were appropriate matters for Senate. The Chair briefly informed Senate that one of the questions asked about mechanisms available to faculty or staff who wish to bring grievances against administrators. The Chair noted that members of the Faculty Association and other employee groups have dispute and grievance mechanisms in their negotiated agreements that could be used in such situations.

The second set of questions submitted concerned events related to harassment policy and discipline in a specific case which took place over three years ago. The University and the employee had reached two mutually acceptable settlement agreements and the Chair felt the matter was now closed. In view of his concern about bringing questions regarding the terms of employment and the terms of agreements between employees and the University to Senate for discussion, he would consult with SCAR and provide a brief report at the next meeting of Senate.

Senate was informed that R. Stewart had submitted a question asking whether or not Senate should receive reports and recommendations from SCUP that deal substantively with operating budget scenarios. The Chair of SCUP indicated that the Committee was mandated to provide annual reports to Senate and if Senate wished, SCUP could present information on the consultation process that occurred between SCUP and the President with regard to the operating budget. It was noted by R. Stewart that his question was for Senate in general, as he wished to know if Senate wanted a role in the preparation of the University's budget. The Chair gave his view that there was a clear division of responsibility between Senate and the Board of Governors which clearly limited Senate's role in the preparation of the budget. Senate was provided with background information by one of the former chairs of SCUB, P. Percival, on the process followed by SCUB in previous years. He noted that SCUB had been consulted on the budget, but that Senate had never had a hand in the preparation of the budget and certainly had never been involved in the approval of the budget at any stage.

A question was raised by R. Stewart with respect to the documentation that was attached to the Values and Commitment Statement. He asked about the status of the Principles and Initiatives, and particular reference was made to Section 3 relating to building an ethical society. It was pointed out that only the statement on Values and Commitments was approved; supporting documentation including recommendations and suggestions was not considered by Senate or the Board of Governors.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.01-1 – Elections to Senate Committees

The following are the results of elections to Senate committees. There were insufficient nominations to fill all positions; vacancies will be carried over and brought forward to the next meeting of Senate.

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

One Student Senator for term of office to May 31, 2002.

No nominations received

Senate Committee on Enrolment Management and Planning (SCEMP)

One Graduate Student (at-large) for term of office to May 31, 2001.

Elected by acclamation:

James McArthur

Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA)

One Student (at-large) to replace C. Percival for term of office to May 31, 2001.

Elected by acclamation:

Chris Steinbach

Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR)

One Student Senator to replace S.Y. To for term of office to May 31, 2001.

Elected by acclamation:

Chris Steinbach

B) Senate Committee on University Priorities

i) Paper S.01-2 – External Review – Gerontology Programs and Research Centre

J. Waterhouse advised Senate that since consideration of this matter by SCUP, Gerontology has raised concerns about recommendation one and an amended motion follows:

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by B. Clayman

“that Senate concurs with recommendations 2, 3, and 4 from the Senate Committee on University Priorities concerning advice to the Gerontology Program and Research Centre on priority items resulting from the external review, as outlined in S.01-2, and that recommendation 1 be referred back to SCUP for further consideration”

G. Gutman, Director of the Gerontology Program, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

In response to an inquiry, G. Gutman provided Senate with brief background information on the success of the Gerontology program both at the undergraduate and graduate level. She also stated, in response to an inquiry questioning the cost and usefulness of external reviews, that the unit could probably have identified the issues raised by the reviewers without the external review report. Concern was expressed about units initiating only those recommendations of a review which particularly interested them. Senate was advised that SCUP was concerned about the effectiveness of the external reviews and was reviewing the current process.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

C) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

i) Paper S.01-3 – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (For Information)

Senate was advised that item 2 (Change in BC 12 Admission Requirements – 5 course admission model) under the School of Kinesiology was on the agenda in error and should be withdrawn. It would come back to Senate in a different format.

Senate received information that the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions in the Faculty of Applied Sciences:

a) School of Kinesiology

- New courses: KIN 304, 342, 484, 446
- Revisions to the Major Program – lower and upper division requirements and electives
- Addition of courses to the Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- Revisions to the Certificate in Applied Human Nutrition
- Revisions to the Certificate in Health and Fitness Studies
- Change of course title: KIN 201
- Change of course description: KIN 326, 381, 420, 421, 422
- Change of course title and description: KIN 402, 445
- Change of course credit: KIN 418
- Change of course prerequisites: KIN 105, 201, 205, 301, 303, 305, 306, 310, 311, 325, 326, 343, 375, 381, 382, 383, 402, 415, 430, 431, 444, 461, 486, 497, 498
- Deletion of KIN 203
- Deletion of human movement sciences concentration

b) School of Computing Science

- Change of prerequisite grade requirement

c) School of Resource and Environmental Management

- Change of prerequisite: REM 311, 412

d) School of Engineering Science

- Change of course order in Engineering Physics
- Change of prerequisite: ENSC 406

ii) Paper S.01-4 – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following revisions in the Faculty of Science – Department of Biological Sciences:

- New Special Topics courses: BISC 474, 475

iii) Paper S.01-5 – Deletion of courses not offered/Temporarily Withdrawn Courses (For Information)

Senate regulation states that any courses not offered within a six semester period be deleted from the Calendar unless adequate justification for retaining the course is presented, with SCUS charged with reviewing those courses under this ruling. Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the deletion of the following courses: BISC 415, CHEM 411, CHIN 102, EASC 490, EDPR 361, EDUC 439, GS 240, GS 304, GS 399, GS 400, GS 498, GS 499, HIST 340, KIN 460, SA 467.

Senate regulation also provides an option for departments to identify courses that have not been offered as 'temporarily withdrawn' (mothballed) if they do not wish to delete the course. Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, identified the following courses under this provision as being temporarily withdrawn: ARCH 379, BUEC 495, BUS 434, BUS 439, CMPT 411, CRIM 342, CRIM 411, CRIM 430, CRIM 440, EASC 405, ECON 252, EDPR 407, GERM 300, GS 101, HIST 230, HIST 385, HIST 412, HIST 451, PHIL 325, SA 357.

D) Senate Graduate Studies Committee

i) Paper S.01-6 – Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors the deletion of the Joint MRM/MBA degree program"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following changes:

a) School of Engineering Science

- New course: ENSC 835
- Revised description of Master's and PhD programs
- Change of description: ENSC 801, 802
- Change of title, description and prerequisites: ENSC 810, 815
- General revision of prerequisites
- Change of description, ENSC 820, addition of special instructions

b) School of Kinesiology

- Change of title, description, prerequisite: KIN 840

c) School of Resource and Environmental Management

- Changes to Master's and PhD requirements
- Change of title and description: REM 601, 610, 650, 651, 646

- Change of title, description and prerequisites: REM 646, 655
 - Deletion of REM 634
- ii) Paper S.01-7 – Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts
(For Information)
- Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following changes:
- a) Department of Economics
- Replacement of BUEC 815 with ECON 815; BUEC 817 with ECON 817, and BUEC 818 with ECON 818. ECON 315/817/818 to be cross-listed with similarly numbered courses in Business Administration
- b) Department of Philosophy
- New course: PHIL 899
 - Deletion of all 700-level courses
 - PHIL 800, 801, 810, 811, 820, 821, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 871, 880 deleted and re-numbered to PHIL 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 812, 813, 814, 815, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 852, 853, 854, 855
 - Change in MA degree requirements
 - Revision of the Calendar description for SFU-UBC co-operation on Philosophy graduate programs
 - Change in course number and title: PHIL 805 to 861, PHIL 815 to 862, PHIL 825 to 863, PHIL 845 to 864, PHIL 855 to 865
- c) Department of Political Science
- New course: POL 802
 - Changes to areas of study
 - Changes to MA degree requirements
 - Changes to the PhD program re degree requirements, course work and comprehensive examinations section
 - Change of course title and prerequisite: POL 801
 - Deletion of calendar description for POL 837
- d) Department of Psychology
- Removal of the GRE Advanced Subject Test as a requirement for Application to the graduate program
- e) Master of Publishing
- Change of title and description: PUB 607
- iii) Paper S.01-8 – Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Business Administration (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following changes:

- Change of admission requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Business Administration
- New course: BUS 560
- Deletion of BUEC 819, BUEC 820, BUEC 823
- Replacement of BUEC 815, 187, 818 with BUS 815, 817, 818. BUS 815/817/818 to be cross-listed with similarly numbered courses in Economics.

iv) Paper S.01-9 – Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education
(For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following changes:

- New course: EDUC 853
- Change of title: EDUC 805
- Change of prerequisites: EDUC 826, 860, 946, 971
- Change of description and credit hour: EDUC 862
- Change of description: EDUC 877
- Change in calendar entry for an Individual Program in Education

v) Paper S.01-10 – Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science
(For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following changes:

- a) Department of Earth Sciences
 - New courses: EASC 603, 606, 607, 608
- b) Department of Mathematics and Statistics
 - Re-labeling the 900-level courses used in the Applied and Computational Mathematics program from MATH to APMA

E) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

- i) Paper S.01-11 – Membership – Ad Hoc Senate Committee to Review and Develop the Undergraduate Curricula (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules approved the following membership for the Ad Hoc Senate Committee to Review and Develop the Undergraduate Curricula: Dennis Krebs (Chair); Michael Wortis (Science); Tina Loo (History); Kieran Egan (Education); Joseph Peters (Applied Sciences); Maureen Fizzell (Business); Sue Roppel (Researcher). The student member of the committee had not yet been determined.

7. Other Business

Inquiry was raised with regard to the process used by the Student Society to recruit students for committees. Concern was expressed that SFSS may not recruit or advertise widely enough. Senate was assured that the Student Society took its

responsibility to find qualified candidates for committee positions very seriously. Each week a notice was posted in the classified section of The Peak listing current committee vacancies and e-mail announcements were sent fairly widely to various departmental student unions, groups, and other e-mail lists.

8. Information

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, February 5th and will take place at the Centre for Dialogue downtown.

Open session adjourned at 6:15 pm. Following a brief recess, Senate moved into Closed Session.

Alison Watt
Director, University Secretariat