

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, December 3, 2001 at 6:00 pm in Room 3120 WMC

Open Session

Present: Stevenson, Michael, President and Chair

Atkins, Stella
Budra, Paul
Cameron, Rob (representing B. Lewis)
Chan, Albert
Clayman, Bruce
Collins-Dodd, Colleen
Copeland, Lynne
D'Auria, John
Davidson, Willie
Delgrande, James
Dunsterville, Valerie
Gerson, Carole
Gill, Alison
Haunerland, Norbert
Hill, Ross
Jackson, Margaret
Jones, John
Krane, Bill
Love, Ernie
Mauser, Gary
McFetridge, Paul
McInnes, Dina
Naef, Barbara
Paterson, David
Percival, Paul
Peters, Joseph
Pierce, John
Russell, Robert
Smith, Michael
Steinbach, Chris
Stephensen, Brock
Thandi, Ranbir
Toohey, Kelleen (representing J. Driver)
Van Aalst, Jan
Waterhouse, John
Weldon, Larry
Wessel, Sylvia
Wong, Milton
Wortis, Michael

Absent: Aloï, Santa
Barrow, Robin
Bawa, Parveen
Chang, Jack
Dempster, Peter
Grimmett, Peter
Gupte, Jaideep
Heaney, John
Jensen, Britta
Klymson, Sarah
McArthur, James
Muirhead, Leah
Sekhon, Devinder
Sirri, Odai
Tansey, Caralyn
Warren, Joel
Yerbury, Colin

In attendance:

Brockman, Joan

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 November 5, 2001

Senate was advised that there was an omission in the Minutes regarding an inquiry with respect to the reading break and advertising in the Calendar. Following agreement that the omission would be corrected, the Minutes were approved.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

i) BUEC 333 Revisions

In response to a question raised at the last meeting requesting details and clarification with respect to the change of credit hours for BUEC 333, Senate was advised that more lecture time was needed to provide more detailed examples and applications, and the change would apply equally to both Business Administration and Economics students.

ii) Centre for Dialogue Undergraduate Semester

The following revisions were reported with respect to the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue Undergraduate Semester:

- 50 credit hours has been changed to 45 throughout the document
- the program name has been changed to 'Undergraduate Semester in Dialogue' since courses would not always be held at the Centre for Dialogue
- the project's final publishable paper has been redefined to reflect the possibility that the project might include radio or video
- the administrative home for the program has been designated as the Dean's Office in the Faculty of Science

Senate was advised that SCAR felt that the changes were consistent with the tenor of discussion at the last meeting and that no further action was required. It was noted that the change from Continuing Studies to the Dean's Office was due to the need to have internal processes in place for grade appeals etc. which were not available through Continuing Studies.

An inquiry was made as to whether the program had been approved by the appropriate committees within the Faculty of Science. It was pointed out that this was not a Faculty of Science program. The Dean's office was an administrative location strictly to handle student appeals and other student matters related to the program. The Dean of Science confirmed that his office would administer the program while Mark Winston (a faculty member in Science) was in charge of the program but when a new director was appointed the administrative location should be reviewed. Concern was expressed that a precedent was being set in that courses in this program do not have an academic home and clarification was sought as to whether it was possible for the university to have courses or programs that were not attached to any one Faculty. Clarification was not available at the meeting but the Vice President Academic stated he would make inquiries and report back to Senate at the next meeting.

iii) Woodsworth Chair

Senate was provided with a further update on the status of the Woodsworth Chair appointment. As mentioned in an announcement from the Vice President Academic dated November 23rd, the University Appointments Committee (UAC) reconsidered the appointment of D. Noble and had sent the nomination back to the Department of Humanities with a request that a new search be undertaken. The nomination did not have the demonstrated support of the Humanities Department and the documentation in support of the nomination was incomplete. The Department, together with the Dean, would now decide when and what kind of new search would be undertaken.

iv) Meeting Time for UTC and Search Committees

Reference was made to the concern raised at the last meeting about the specification of a Friday meeting time in the call for nominations for the UTC and certain search committees. The Vice President Academic reported that an analysis of the usage of rooms by half days of the week had found that Friday afternoons appeared to be the time with the lowest room utilization. In future, meetings of those groups would focus on Friday afternoons.

4. Report of the Chair

As announced in the press, the Chair reported that the University had formed a consortium to receive a very substantial gift from Finning International of a property in the False Creek area. The gift to each of the four members – SFU, UBC, BCIT, and Emily Carr – was valued at 8.5 million dollars each. The consortium agreement commits the parties to initiate a planning process within each of the institutions to determine what use they might make of the site and to integrate those interests across the consortium, subject to the ratification of each institution's governing bodies. The agreement also provides a clear exit agreement from the consortium if desired. Emily Carr and BCIT are prepared to immediately occupy all or most of the buildings at commercial rent which would pay for the full operating costs of the buildings. Under this arrangement there would be no cost to SFU unless the university wished to utilize some of the existing space. The Vice President Academic has been requested to initiate planning as to how SFU might make use of this property and a sub-committee of SCUP has been set up to work on this.

Reference was made to recent information in the press concerning Tech BC. The Chair alerted Senate that there may be consequences to the University as a result of decisions with respect to Tech BC. It is possible that the Ministry may regard the protection of the students in existing programs at Tech BC as a priority to ensure satisfactory completion of their programs. In addition, the shortfalls in enrolment at Tech BC would have a significant impact on general planning and accessibility. The Chair reiterated that no official communication had been received from the Ministry with respect to this issue.

5. Question Period
There were no questions submitted.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.01-73 (Revised) – Elections

The following are the results of elections to Senate Committees.

Committee to Review University Admissions (CRUA)

One undergraduate student (alternate) to replace W. Gerwel for term of office to May 31, 2002.

Elected by acclamation: Cynthia Leung

Research Ethics Board (REB)

Two Faculty or Staff Members for terms of office to May 31, 2005.

Elected by acclamation: Kathleen Akins
John Lowman

Two members of the community from outside the University for term of office to May 31, 2004.

Candidates: L. Kennedy, B. Melville, R. Ogden

Elected: Lynne Kennedy
Bill Melville

Senate Appeals Board (SAB)

One (at-large) Undergraduate Student to replace S. Al-Natour for term of office to May 31, 2003.

Elected by acclamation: Cynthia Leung

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

One (at-large) Student Alternate to replace L. Ho for term of office to May 31, 2002.

Elected by acclamation: Muneer Esmail

Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL)

One Faculty Member (Science) to replace B. Honda for term of office to May 31, 2002.

Elected by acclamation: Bernard Roitberg

Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

One Faculty Senator to replace P. Budra for term of office to May 31, 2002.

Elected by acclamation: Carole Gerson

B) University Board on Student Discipline (UBSD) and Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA)

i) Paper S.01-74 – Annual Reports (For Information)

Joan Brockman, Co-ordinator of the UBSD and Joseph Peters, Senator and Chair of SCODA were in attendance in order to respond to questions. The annual reports were received by Senate for information.

C) Senate Library Committee (SLC) including Library Penalties Appeal Committee (LPAC)

Bruce Clayman, Senator and Chair of the SLC and Lynne Copeland, Senator and University Librarian were in attendance in order to respond to questions. The annual report was received by Senate for information.

D) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

i) Paper S.01-76 – Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses in the School of Kinesiology.

ii) Paper S.01-77 – Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses in the Department of Linguistics and curriculum revisions to existing courses/programs in the Department of Psychology.

iii) Paper S.01-78 – Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses and curriculum revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Education.

iv) Paper S.01-79 – Deletion of courses not offered/Temporarily Withdrawn Courses (For Information)

Senate regulation states that any courses not offered within a six semester period should be deleted from the Calendar unless adequate justification for retaining the course is presented. Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the deletion of ARCH 378, CMPT 400, EDPR 347, EDPR 407, EDPR 461, EDUC 420, GEOG 475, GERM 141, GERM 205, GS 106, GS 410, GS 411, POL 357, POL 382, POL 427, POL 430.

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 410, BUEC 397, ECON 101, ECON

459, ECON 468, EDUC 250, EDUC 342, EDUC 343, HIST 104, HIST 354, HIST 418, LING 423, POL 330, POL 311.

E) Senate Graduate Studies Committee

i) Paper S.01-80 – Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved curriculum revisions in the following departments: English, Geography, Political Science, and Psychology.

ii) Paper S.01-81 – Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses in the Faculty of Education.

iii) Paper S.01-82 – Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved curriculum revisions in the following departments: Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Geography, and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, January 7, 2002.

Open Session adjourned at 6:30 pm. Following a brief recess, Senate moved into Closed Session.

Alison Watt
Director, University Secretariat