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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, February 7, 2005 in Room 3210 WMC at 7:00 pm
Open Session

Present: Stevenson, Michael, President and Chair of Senate

Beynon, Peter
Blackman, Roger
Copeland, Lynn
Dean, Charmaine
Delgrande, James
Dickinson, John
Driver, Jon
Dunsterville, Valerie
Easton, Stephen
Fizzell, Maureen
Fung, Edward
Giacomantonio, Chris
Gordon, Irene
Gordon, Robert
Harder, Derrick
Haunerland, Norbert
Hayes, Michael
Honda, Barry
Horvath, Adam
Hunsdale, Shawn
Krane, Bill
Lewis, Brian
Love, Ernie
MacKenzie, Christine
MacLean, David
McInnes, Marcia
Percival, Paul
Pierce, John
Pinto, Mario
Plischke, Michael
Sears, Camilla
Schellenberg, Betty
Scott, Jamie
Shaker, Paul
Smit, Bernard
Tombe, Trevor
Waterhouse, John
Wessel, Sylvia
Wong, Josephine
Woodbury, Robert
Zandvliet, David

Absent:

Apaak, Clement
Breden, Felix
Brennand, Tracy
Budd, James
da Silva, Gisele
Grimmett, Peter
Gupta, Kamal
Higgins, Anne
Johansen, Elinor
Li, Ze-Nian
Mauser, Gary
McArthur, James
McFetridge, Paul
Rozell, Sara
Smith, Don
Weeks, Daniel
Wong, Milton
Yerbury, Colin

In attendance:

Burley, Dave
Chen, Imin
Dench, Sarah
Fraser, Don
Grauer, Rob
Hankivsky, Olena
Kaufman, David
Liljedahl, Peter
Munro, Jock
Patton, Cindy
Roitberg, Bernard
Yellowhorn, Eldon

Heath, Ron, Dean of Student Services and Registrar
Watt, Alison, Director, University Secretariat
Grant, Bobbie, Recording Secretary

Referring to the recent announcement of the reappointment by the Board of Governors of M. Stevenson as President of SFU, P. Percival, on behalf of Senate, extended congratulations and best wishes for another successful term. In turn, the President acknowledged the recent re-appointment of J. Waterhouse as Vice-President Academic, and J. Driver as Dean of Graduate Studies, and indicated his appreciation for the acknowledgement from Senate.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of January 10, 2005

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that he had hoped to be able to present Senate with a progress report with respect to funding but he was unable to do so at this time. He expected that more detailed information would be available by mid-February.

5. Question Period

There were no questions.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.05-19 – Elections

Senate's attention was directed to the newly distributed paper, S.05-19 Revised. The results of elections are as follows, and since there were insufficient nominations to fill all positions the vacancies will be carried forward.

Committee to Review University Admissions (CRUA)

One Undergraduate Student (Alternate) to replace S. Hunsdale for term of office to May 31, 2005.

Elected by acclamation:

Sarah Caufield

Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA)

Two Students (1 Regular, 1 Alternate) to replace S. McKinnon and S. Hunsdale respectively for terms of office to May 31, 2005.

Candidates: S. Caufield, K. Dhillon, S. Magee, A. Tugume, J. Yoon

Elected as the Regular Member:

Sarah Caufield

Elected as the Alternate Member:

Sean Magee

Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee (SUAAC)

One Undergraduate Student to replace S. McKinnon for term of office to May 31, 2005.

Elected by acclamation:

Sean Magee

Research Ethics Board (REB)

One member from the community outside the University to replace L. Kennedy for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation:

Margit Nance

Senate Committee on Academic Integrity in Student Learning and Evaluation (SCAISLE)

Faculty Senator (Chair) for term of office to May 31, 2008

No nominations received

Vacant

Two Faculty Members for terms of office to May 31, 2007

Elected by acclamation:

Alton Harestad

Insufficient nominations received

Vacant

Two Undergraduate Students (1 Regular, 1 Alternate) for term of office to May 31, 2007 for the Regular position, and term of office to May 31, 2006 for the Alternate position.

Candidates: C. Bickford, S. Caufield, S. Farrahi, S. Kim, B. Smit, An Tugume, J. Wong

Elected as the Regular member:

Shirin Farrahi

Elected as the Alternate member:

Josephine Wong

One Graduate Student (Regular position) for term of office to May 31, 2007

Elected by acclamation:

Camilla Sears

One Graduate Student (Alternate position) for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation:

Douglas Grant

B) Senate Committee on University Priorities

i) Paper S.05-20 – Institute for Critical Studies in Gender and Health

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by J. Pierce

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of the Institute for Critical Studies in Gender and Health (ICSGH)”

O. Hankivsky, Department of Political Science, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

It was noted that the name of the Vice President Research in the list of persons copied on the covering memo should be changed from B. Clayman to M. Pinto.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.05-21 – Revisions to the M.Sc. Program in Kinesiology

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by J. Dickinson

“that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors, the proposal for revisions to the M.Sc. program, Kinesiology, in the Faculty of Applied Sciences”

J. Dickinson, Senator and Chair of the School of Kinesiology, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

It was noted that the rationale indicated that the revisions were being made to increase enrolment, yet the number of required courses was also being increased which it was felt might result in a further reduction in enrolment. Senate was advised that the revisions were also being made as a result of comments received from students to provide a core of courses in the thesis program and, since the School felt that the number of electives could not be reduced, a net increase to the course requirements resulted. It was pointed out that both the coursework and the thesis options were within the range of requirements that exist at SFU and do not depart from university standards.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.05-22 – Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Department of Mathematics

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by M. Plischke

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for program changes to the M.Sc. Program in the Department of Mathematics”

I. Chen, Department of Mathematics was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Paper S.05-23 – Minor in Secondary Mathematics Education

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by A. Horvath

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for a Minor in Secondary Mathematics Education as set out in S.05-23”

P. Lilejdahl, Faculty of Education, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

v) Paper S.05-24 – MBA in Global Asset and Wealth Management

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by E. Love

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for an MBA in Global Asset and Wealth Management in the Faculty of Business Administration”

R. Grauer, Faculty of Business Administration and D. Fraser, Executive Director, Global Asset and Wealth Management Program were in attendance to respond to questions.

A concern was raised about the relationship between academic freedom and the Business Council associated with overseeing this program. Although the quality and rigor of the program was not questioned, opinion was expressed that the program appeared to be a public subsidization of a private job training program for a specific industry. Senate was reminded that Senate previously approved guidelines for the development of professional master programs which set out a series of requirements to ensure that such programs maintain a linkage to the research mission of the university and that this was a category of program that was acceptable to SFU. Brief discussion followed with respect to comments from one of the external reviewers.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

vi) Paper S.05-25 – Joint Major in Archaeology and First Nations Studies

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by S. Hunsdale

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for a Joint Major in Archaeology and First Nations Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences”

D. Burley and E. Yellowhorn from the Department of Archaeology were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

A question was posed as to how a joint major can exist without having a major in First Nations. Senate was advised that since the course requirements for a joint major were considerably less than having a stand alone major program, the Department had sufficient resources to offer a joint major but not a full major program in First Nations Studies.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

vii) Paper S.05-26 – Master in Urban Studies

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by S. Easton

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for a Master in Urban Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences”

J. Munro, Director, Urban Studies Program, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

In response to a question about employment opportunities for graduates of the program, Senate was advised that based on experience from the Graduate Diploma Program in Urban Studies, graduates would likely be employed in local and other levels of government, in community organizations, and in consultant firms.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

viii) Paper S.05-27 – Dual Degree Program in China

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by B. Lewis

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for a Dual Degree Program in China, in the Faculty of Applied Sciences”

J. Munro, representing SFU International, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Concerns were raised by several Student Senators about the inconsistency in tuition fees between domestic students and Chinese students. It was noted that Canadian students would pay domestic fees at both SFU and in China whereas Chinese students would pay domestic fees in China but international fees at SFU. Suggestion was made that the fee structure should be equitable and that the Chinese students should pay domestic fees to their university for the entire program. Senate was advised that because the domestic fees at Zhejiang University were so low the program would not be viable at that level. Brief discussion followed about the fee issue and the cost of the program.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ix) Paper S.05-28 – Graduate Certificate in Development Studies

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by J. Pierce

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of the Graduate Certificate in Development Studies”

Discussion ensued with respect to the term ‘development studies’. Senate was advised that this issue had been debated extensively on several occasions at SCUP. It was demonstrated to SCUP that in various universities of the world the term ‘development studies’ was used to describe the study of changing communities both internationally and domestic, and with some editorial changes to insert the word ‘societal’ in various places in the calendar description, SCUP approved the title.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

C) Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning

i) Paper S.05-29 – Revisions to Terms of Reference

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by S. Hunsdale

“that Senate approve the revised terms of reference for the Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL), as set out in S.05-29”

B. Roitberg, Chair of the Committee, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

It was noted that one group of teaching professionals was omitted from point 4, and a suggestion to insert the words ‘laboratory and’ before the word ‘sessional’ was accepted as a friendly amendment. As a result, point 4 would read

To review periodically, and to provide advice on, the instructional development needs of faculty, *laboratory and* sessional instructors and teaching assistants including teaching enhancement initiatives and professional development.

Reference was made to the proposal to add the term following point 8, and a concern was expressed that the wording was so vague that it would be difficult to determine what issues should go to the committee.

Amendment moved by S. Hunsdale, seconded by I. Gordon

“that the text ‘Add the following term’ and all of the italicized text be deleted”

Discussion followed in which several alternative wordings were suggested. An opinion was expressed that the proposed addition, in its current wording or in any of the suggested alternative wordings, rendered many of the other points in the terms of reference redundant and therefore was not necessary. Senate was advised that various issues have been brought before the Committee for consultation and the proposal to add the term was an attempt to formalize this past practice.

Question was called on the amendment,
and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Question was called on the motion, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

D) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

i) Paper S.05-30 – Revisions to Criteria for Admission of College or University Transfer Students (Fall 2006)

Moved by S. Easton, seconded by D. Zandvleit

“that Senate approve the proposed revisions to the criteria for admission of college or university transfer students as set forth in S.05-30, effective as of Fall 2006”

S. Dench, Director of University Curriculum, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Reference was made to the proposed change under admission by college or university transfer, and opinion was expressed that the change had inadvertently made the process more confusing and complex. Suggestion was made that the following part of the sentence be deleted “and articulates to a W course at SFU” and replaced with “by SFU” so that point (b) would read “Obtain a grade of C- or better in a college course that is certified W by SFU”. R. Blackman, as a member of the UCITF and as Chair of SCUS supported the suggested change and advised Senate that the change simplified the process and was fully consistent with the thrust of the Task Force’s intention. Brief discussion followed with respect to clarification of the change. S. Dench provided clarification with regard to the articulation and certification process and confirmed that the simplification suggested would work fine. The suggested change was adopted as a friendly amendment.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.05-31 – Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Business Administration

Moved by R. Blackman, seconded by I. Gordon

“that Senate approve a change in criteria for admission to undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Business Administration under category 4 with a minimum SFU GPA of 2.25 required, as set forth in S.05-31”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved changes to existing courses in the Faculty of Business Administration.

iii) Paper S.05-32 – Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved one new course, changes to existing courses in the Department of Gerontology, and a list of Certified Quantitative (Q) and Breadth (B) courses in the Department of Geography.

iv) Paper S.05-33 – Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved two new courses and a change to an existing Education course.

v) Paper S.05-34 – Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved one new course, and changes to existing courses and programs in the following departments: Earth Sciences, Mathematics, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Physics, and Statistics & Actuarial Science. A List of Certified Quantitative (Q) and Breadth (B) courses for the Faculty of Science was also approved by SCUS under delegated authority.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information

The next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 7, 2005.

Open Session adjourned at 8:00 pm and Senate moved into Closed Session following a brief recess.

Alison Watt
Director, University Secretariat