

*As amended by
Senate 7 Nov 05*

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, October 3, 2005 in Room 3210 WMC at 5:30 pm

Open Session

Present: Stevenson, Michael, President and Chair of Senate

Apaak, Clement
Breden, Felix
Budd, James
Copeland, Lynn
de la Mare, William (representing B. Lewis)
Delgrande, James
Dickinson, Peter
Driver, Jon
Easton, Stephen
Fizzell, Maureen
Gordon, Irene
Harder, Derrick
Haunerland, Norbert
Honda, Barry
Hunsdale, Shawn
Javed, Waseem
Krane, Bill
LaBrie, John
MacKenzie, Christine
Magee, Sean
McArthur, James
Percival, Colin
Percival, Paul
Pinto, Mario
Schellenberg, Betty (also representing J. Pierce)
Shaker, Paul
Smith, Don
Tilley, Kevin
Uhlmann, Sasha
Warner, D'Arcy
Waterhouse, John
Wong, Josephine
Woodbury, Robert

Absent:

Black, Sam
Brennand, Tracy
Caufield, Sarah
Dickinson, John
Ester, Martin
Fleming-Saraceno, David
Francis, June
Gordon, Robert
Grimmett, Peter
Halpern, Erica
Horvath, Adam
Johansen, Elinor
Louie, Brandt
Love, Ernie
MacLean, David
Plischke, Michael
Scott, Jamie
van Baarsen, Amanda
Weeks, Daniel
Williams, Peter
Zandvliet, David

In attendance:

O'Shea, Tom
Weinberg, Hal
Whittlesea, Bruce

Heath, Ron, 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 September 12, 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

On behalf of Senate, the Chair welcomed newly elected Student Senator from the Faculty of Health Sciences, S. Uhlmann, to the meeting.

The Chair briefly reported on the Alumni Homecoming event held in conjunction with the 40th anniversary celebration that had occurred at SFU on October 1st and thanked all those involved in the organization of the very successful event.

The Chair reported that he would be spending two weeks in Asia in October on business and participating in Alumni meetings in conjunction with the ongoing celebration of SFU's 40th anniversary.

5. Question Period

The Chair reported that a question had been raised dealing with a complicated issue of confidentiality with respect to information gathered during the process of faculty searches. The communication from the Office of the Vice President Academic which had originally given rise to the question reflected a misunderstanding of the FOI/POP Act, and a clarification was subsequently issued and the matter was resolved.

P. Percival, on behalf of Senators S. Black, I. Gordon and himself, wished to express appreciation for the actions of S. Roppel, Director of Academic Affairs and other members of the administration who took note of faculty concerns and resolved the issue so expeditiously. J. Waterhouse stated that the appreciation would be passed on to S. Roppel.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Research Ethics Board

i) Paper S.05-105 – Annual Report (For Information)

B. Whittlesea, Chair of the Research Ethics Board, and H. Weinberg, Director of the Office of Research Ethics and Secretary to the Board were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Reference was made to Item 5 on Page 3 and clarification was requested with respect to the procedures regarding informed consent. B. Whittlesea provided Senate with a comparison in wording between the previous and current policy, and pointed out that the current wording represented a very small change that allowed more latitude to the Board on a case by case basis.

A question arose with respect to whether the number of applications made to the Board was consistent relative to the actual research activities on campus. Senate was advised that although there was a great deal more research conducted on campus than reflected by the numbers, the numbers were representative of the research involving human subjects.

Following discussion, the report was received by Senate.

B) Senate Committee on University Priorities

i) Paper S.05-106 – PhD in Education – New Stream, Mathematics Education

Moved by P. Shaker, seconded by C. Apaak

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for a PhD in Education, Mathematics Education stream, including the following new courses: EDUC 941, 942 ”

T. O’Shea, Director of Graduate Programs, Faculty of Education, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

C) Senate Library Committee

i) Paper S.05-107 – Annual Report (For Information)

L. Copeland, Senator, University Librarian, and Secretary to the Senate Library Committee, was available to respond to questions.

L. Copeland advised that in addition to the items mentioned in the report, the following issues were also discussed: Multicultural Canada project, Synergies and CRKM CFI submissions, reorganization of the Library and renovations to the 6th floor, reports on e-journal usage, electronic reserves, and endowment fund expenditures. Information on all of these items was available on the Library website. Senate was also advised that the Library’s annual report would be presented to Senate at the November meeting.

In response to a question about the Learning Commons, Senate was advised that the Learning Commons would be located on the entry level floor of the Library.

A question was posed about copyright fees and whether the Library was changing its copyright license or increasing copyright fees in the near future. L. Copeland explained that copyright agreements were negotiated through the organization, Access Copyright, with the Associate Vice-President Legal Affairs acting on behalf of the University. Changes were anticipated to the Copyright Act, one of which would benefit the University by allowing desktop delivery of journal articles. In terms of Access Copyright, the University paid a per student fee that allowed certain kinds of materials to be photocopied, with the actual fee being negotiated periodically.

In response to a question as to whether an increase in such fees would be passed on to students in the form of increased photocopy fees for example, L. Copeland advised that currently photocopy fees were determined by the Board of Governors to cover the costs of paper, toner, and maintenance of the machines, and she was unable to speculate on the what action, if any, the Board might take.

Following discussion, the report was received by Senate.

D) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.05-108 (Revised) – Elections

Senate's attention was directed to the newly distributed paper, S.05-108 (revised) which contained the final slate of candidates. A number of elections were resolved by acclamation. The outstanding vacancy on the Senate Appeals Board would be carried forward to the next meeting.

The results of elections to Senate Committees are as follows.

Senate Committee on University Honours (SCUH)

One Student to replace W. Michelow for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation:

Joe Pereira

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

One Undergraduate Student to replace S. Farrahi for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Elected by acclamation:

Josephine Wong

Senate Appeals Board (SAB)

One Graduate Student (Regular position) to replace A. Hlivka for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation:

Shadaab Rahemtulla

One Graduate Student (Alternate position) to replace K. McCaughan for term of office to December 31, 2005.

No nominations received

Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL)

One Faculty Member (Education) to replace C. Amundsen for term of office to December 31, 2005.

Elected by acclamation:

Paul Neufeld

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, November 7, 2005

The Open Session adjourned at 5:50 pm. Senate moved directly into Closed Session.

Alison Watt
Director, University Secretariat