

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, September 17, 2007 at 5:30 pm in Room 3210 WMC

Open Session

Present:

Stevenson, Michael, President and Chair of Senate

Black, Sam
Brennand, Tracy
Corbett, Kitty
Cormack, Lesley
Dickinson, Peter
Driver, Jon
Easton, Stephen
Fairey, Elaine (representing L. Copeland)
Fox, Sasha
Gencay, Ramo
Gordon, Robert
Hannah, David
Harder, Derrick
Harding, Kevin
Hemingway, Alex
Joffres, Michel
Laba, Martin
Lein, Adam
Letourneau, Michael
Lewis, Brian
O'Neil, John
McArthur, James
Percival, Colin
Percival, Paul
Peters, Joseph
Plischke, Michael
Popadiuk, Natalee
Russell, Robert
Shaker, Paul
Shermer, Thomas
Smart, Carlyne
Thompson, Steve
Tiffany, Evan
Tse, Karen
van Baarsen, Amanda
Warner, D'Arcy
Waterhouse, John
Weeks, Daniel
Williams, Tony

Absent:

Abdulwahab, Kamal
Brebner, Sarah
Dagenais, Diane
Fizzell, Maureen
Francis, June
Hayes, Michael
Javed, Waseem
Krane, William
LaBrie, John
Liljedahl, Peter
Louie, Brandt
Pinto, Mario
Smith, Don
Vaid, Bhuvinder
Wakkary, Ron
Williams, Peter

In attendance:

Guthrie, Larry
Hibbitts, Pat
Marshall, Dan

Ross, Kate, Registrar and Senior Director, Student
Enrolment
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 July 9, 2007
The Minutes were approved as distributed.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - i) Paper S.07-101 – Boycott Motion to be withdrawn

Moved by S. Black, seconded by S. Easton

“that the motion concerning the proposed boycott by the University and College Union of the UK be withdrawn”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Report of the Chair
 - i) The Chair reported that as a result of intensive efforts led by Nello Angerilli, Associate Vice-President, Students and International, Kate Ross, Registrar and Senior Director of Student Enrolment, their colleagues in Student Services, and in collaboration with Faculties and staff across the University, SFU has met and exceeded its enrollment targets. This appears to be largest class of new domestic students in the Province of British Columbia.
 - ii) The Chair reported that the University also welcomed a large number of incoming new faculty members. Eighty-six new continuing faculty members and librarians were appointed at the beginning of September 2007 with thirty-eight percent of that number being female. These new colleagues have come from leading institutions in Canada, and from the United States, Europe, China and Japan adding strength to SFU's commitment to 'Thinking of the World'.
 - iii) On behalf of Senate and the University, the Chair extended a special welcome to Dr. Lesley Cormack, the new Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and to Dr. John O'Neil, the new Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences.
 - iv) On behalf of the University, the Chair wished to observe the untimely passing over the summer months of the following members of the SFU community who will be greatly missed: Bill Richards, Department of Communication; Blair Rosser, Technical Director, 7th Floor Media Centre; Ian Dyck, Department of History; Richard Shutler, Professor Emeritus, Department of Archaeology; Barry Beyerstein, Department of Psychology; and Laurine Harrison, Ombudsperson.
 - v) Paper S.07-102 – SFU Financial Statements – March 31, 2007 (For Information)

P. Hibbitts, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, and L. Guthrie, Financial Services, were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

It was pointed out that the report had been presented to the Board of Governors at their May meeting, and an inquiry was made as to why it had not come to Senate in July. Senate was advised that the delay was due to time needed for the final printing of the report; however, if Senate wished to have the report presented earlier, this could be arranged. In addition, expectations were that the September Senate would have a higher attendance and therefore the report would be more widely read.

A date error in the Auditor's Report on page 10 was noted.

Reference was made to the end of the first paragraph on page 3 which refers to competition for top students and mentions that SFU had responded with emphasis on student recruitment and retention. An inquiry was made if there was any relation to the fact that at the time the report was produced, the University reduced the budget for bursaries and undergraduate scholarships. Senate was advised that the overall scholarship budget was increased by approximately \$1.5 million, and the reduction in the undergraduate component resulted from the fact that for the two years preceding, there were unspent funds in that budget.

5. Question Period

Reference was made to current labour dispute between management and employees of the daycare centre, and a question was raised as to the University's role in the issue. Senate was informed that the Childcare Centre is run by a separately incorporated society with a separate board and management. The University is not involved directly in the management of the Childcare Centre and is not a party to the negotiations. The Administration is extremely conscious of the pressures resulting from the labour dispute for faculty, staff and students who have children enrolled in the daycare centre and has issued a general statement to the university community calling for consideration of those persons affected.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on University Priorities

i) Paper S.07-103 – Certificate in Earth Sciences

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by K. Harding

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the proposal for a Certificate in Earth Sciences, in the Faculty of Science”

D. Marshall, Chair, Department of Earth Sciences, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

The question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) Paper S.07-104 – Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by D. Weeks

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the creation of the Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth as a Schedule A Centre within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences”

D. Weeks, Senator (Department of Psychology) was available to respond to questions.

Reference was made to point three on page 6 regarding the election of faculty members to the Steering Committee. It was pointed out that the document fails to clarify by whom or from whom the five faculty members would be elected. The following understanding was agreed to be an editorial adjustment – the initial membership would be as noted in Appendix A and once set, the faculty from that group would be the ones to elect the steering committee.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- iii) Paper S.07-105 – Chair in Health Disparities in Cancer – Terms of Reference

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by J. O’Neil

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the terms of reference for the Chair in Health Disparities in Cancer”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

B) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

- i) Paper S.07-107 – Proposed Change to Policy A10.03, sub-section Search Committee for Dean of Graduate Studies

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by K. Harding

“that Senate approve that Policy A13.05, sub-section Search Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies, be amended to include one member of the support staff, elected by the support staff of the Dean of Graduate Studies Office”

In response to an inquiry about the membership of the current Search Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies, Senate was advised that in anticipation of the approval of this motion, and in order to obtain balance on the committee, a staff person had been appointed by the Vice-President, Academic in accordance with the policy which allows discretion for such appointments to search committees.

The question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

C) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.07-108 - Elections

Senate was advised that no further nominations had been received. Stephen Spector (Business Administration) was therefore elected by acclamation to the Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL); Tony Williams was elected by acclamation to the Senate Committee on University Honours (SCUH); Richard Yates was elected by acclamation to the Senate Appeals Board (SAB); and Amanda van Baarsen was elected by acclamation to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS).

Vacancies on the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies, the Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning, and the Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals would be carried forward to the next meeting of Senate.

7. Other Business

i) Paper S.07-109 – Motion concerning 10 October 2007 SFSS AGM

Moved by M. Letourneau, seconded by D. Harder

“that Senate request that faculty and instructors make every effort to accommodate students who wish to participate in the general meeting of the Simon Fraser Student Society on October 10, 2007 (2:00 – 4:30 pm), and not penalize these students academically”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, October 15, 2007.

The Open Session adjourned at 6:00 pm and Senate moved into Closed Session shortly thereafter.

Alison Watt
Director, University Secretariat