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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, January 10, 2011 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

Open Session

Present: Petter, Andrew, President and Chair

Acierno, Kyle
Brandhorst, Bruce
Brinkhurst, Marena
Chapman, Glenn
Corbett, Kitty
Craig, John
Cupples, Claire
Cyr, Dianne
Dhillon, Arinder
Dow, Greg
Driver, Jon
Easton, Stephen
Eckman, Charles
Francis, June
Garneau-Scott, Christi
Geisler, Cheryl
Golnaraghi, Farid
Gordon, Robert
Kong, Shuyu
Krane, Bill
Kropinski, Mary Catherine
Laitsch, Dan
Law, Mona
Lee, Benjamin
Leznoff, Daniel
Li, Fiona
Magnusson, Kris
Myers, Gordon
O'Neil, John
Parkhouse, Wade
Paterson, David
Patidar, Risha
Patidar, Trisha
Percival, Colin
Percival, Paul
Peters, Joseph
Pierce, John
Pinto, Mario
Rajapakse, Nimal
Russell, Robert

Saif, Mehrdad
Shapiro, Daniel
Somers, Julian
van der Wey, Dolores
Warner, D'Arcy
Wussow, Helen

Absent:

Bezglasnyy, Anton
Black, Sam
Brennand, Tracy
Fizzell, Maureen
Janes, Craig
Kopahi, Moe
Lewis, Cynthia
Louie, Brandt
MacGrotty, Alysia
Mann, Geoff
McArthur, James
Moghaddamjoo, Sarah
Morrison, John
Patel, Ravi
Pavsek, Christopher
Ruben, Peter
Sahinalp, Cenk
Shaw, Chris
Tashakor, Pasha
Woodbury, Rob

In attendance:

Busumtwi-Sam, James
Gemino, Andrew
Knowler, Duncan
Lorimer, Rowland

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with the understanding that the Senate documents would be renumbered.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of December 6, 2010.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

- i) Response to question regarding Library and GIS (For Information) S.11-1

Senate received a written response to the question raised in the Senate meeting on December 6, 2010 regarding the Senate Library committee and GIS resources.

4. Report of the Chair

- i) enVISION SFU (Draft – For Information) S.11-2

The discussion paper, enVISION SFU, was received by Senate for information. The chair reported why this vision process is strategically important at this time. First, the government has increased awareness for the need to expand post-secondary education as evidenced in the report entitled “Skills for Growth: Labour Market Strategy for British Columbia”. Second, the vision process will give the SFU community a common purpose without in any way submerging or trying to stifle the creativity and diversity that are also a hallmark of SFU. Third, it will communicate the message to our community that we are a university that is student-centered, research-driven and community-engaged.

5. Question Period

There were no questions submitted for question period.

6. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)

- i) **Minor in Print and Digital Publishing** S.11-3

Rowland Lorimer, Director of the Publishing Program, was in attendance to respond to questions.

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by Steve Easton

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Print and Digital Publishing in the Publishing Program within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective September 2011.”

It was clarified for Senate that administrative responsibility for the publishing minor is transferring from the School of Communication to the Publishing Program and with that change there have been revisions to the minor. Students currently in a declared Publishing Minor will be able to complete that program.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Double Degree in Engineering Science (Mechatronics) and Business Administration S.11-4

Andrew Gemino, Associate Dean, Business and Farid Golnaraghi, Associate Director, Engineering Science were in attendance to respond to questions.

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by June Francis

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Double Degree in Engineering Science (Mechatronics) and Business Administration within the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Faculty of Business Administration, effective September 2011.”

A question was raised regarding the change in breadth requirements from two to one course. Senate was informed that some of the breadth courses in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences have been traded for courses in Business Administration and because Engineering Science is a credited program, there is less flexibility in allowing breadth. It was noted that originally when the WQB requirements were implemented, it was stated that these requirements could be relaxed with joint and double major programs.

Concern was raised regarding the heavy course load of this program. Senate was assured that only a small number of students will apply and be eligible for the program.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Minor in Development and Sustainability S.11-5

Duncan Knowler, Associate Dean, Environment and James Busumtwi-Sam, Political Science were in attendance to respond to questions.

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by June Francis

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Development and Sustainability in the Development and Sustainability Program within the Faculty of Environment, effective September 2011.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Terms of Reference for the William J.A. Rowe EMBA Alumni Professorship S.11-6

Daniel Shapiro, Dean, Business Administration was in attendance to respond to questions.

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by D’Arcy Warner

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the William J.A. Rowe EMBA Alumni Endowment Fund supporting the William J.A. Rowe EMBA Alumni Professorship Terms of Reference.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

**i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences S.11-7
(For Information)**

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

ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (For Information) S.11-8

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved minor revisions to existing courses in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology.

iii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (For Information) S.11-9

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

iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (For Information) S.11-10

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

v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (For Information) S.11-11

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

C) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)

i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (For Information) S.11-12

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

ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (For Information) S.11-13

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a minor revision to an existing course in the Faculty of Science.

D) Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB)**i) Annual Report (For Information) S.11-14**

Senate received the 2009/2010 SPCSAB annual report for information. It was noted that there is a significant issue concerning the increased enrollment of international graduate students and the lack of funding to support those students. Senate was advised that the registrar and dean of graduate studies are looking into this matter. A request was made to have the SPCSAB annual report include more trend data that shows how student enrollment and the budget has changed over the past few years.

E) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)**i) Elections S.11-15**

Senate received a report from the Senate Nominating Committee on remaining vacancies. No new nominations were received.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information

The date of the next meeting of Senate is Monday, February 7, 2011 in the West Mall Complex (room 3210).

Open session adjourned at 6:15 pm and Senate moved directly into closed session.

Kate Ross

Registrar and Secretary of Senate