



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, April 4, 2011 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

Open Session

Present: Petter, Andrew, President and Chair

Acierno, Kyle
Black, Sam
Brandhorst, Bruce
Brennand, Tracy
Chapman, Glenn
Corbett, Kitty
Craig, John
Cupples, Claire
Dhillon, Arinder
Dow, Greg
Driver, Jon
Easton, Stephen
Eckman, Charles
Fizzell, Maureen
Garneau-Scott, Christi
Gordon, Robert
Krane, Bill
Lee, Benjamin
Leznoff, Daniel
MacGrotty, Alysia
Magnusson, Kris
Mann, Geoff
Myers, Gordon
O'Neil, John
Parkhouse, Wade
Patidar, Risha
Patidar, Trisha
Percival, Colin
Peters, Joseph
Pierce, John
Pinto, Mario
Rajapakse, Nimal
Ruben, Peter
Russell, Robert
Saif, Mehrdad
Shapiro, Daniel
Somers, Julian
van der Wey, Dolores

Wakkary, Ron (for C. Geisler)
Warner, D'Arcy
Wussow, Helen

Absent:

Bezglasnyy, Anton
Brinkhurst, Marena
Cyr, Dianne
Francis, June
Golnaraghi, Farid
Janes, Craig
Kong, Shuyu
Kopahi, Moe
Kropinski, Mary Catherine
Laitsch, Dan
Law, Mona
Lewis, Cynthia
Li, Fiona
Louie, Brandt
McArthur, James
Moghaddamjoo, Sarah
Morrison, John
Patel, Ravi
Paterson, David
Pavsek, Christopher
Percival, Paul
Sahinalp, Cenk
Shaw, Chris
Tashakor, Pasha
Woodbury, Rob

In attendance:

Budra, Paul
Busumtwi-Sam, James
Daminato, Cathy
Gemino, Andrew
Higgins, Anne

1. Approval of the Agenda

A request was made to move item S.11-58, revision of policy GP 35, to the closed agenda because of a related item in the closed session. The agenda was approved with this revision.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of March 7, 2011.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

A follow-up question from the previous meeting was raised regarding student representation on the Strategic Enrolment Management (SEM) council. Senate was informed that the composition of this council hasn't been decided but that the request for student representation has been noted and will be discussed.

4. Report of the Chair

Senator Craig was congratulated for his appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences effective April 1, 2011. The Chair commented on some of the provincial changes that have recently occurred, specifically noting that the Ministry of Advanced Education has been reunited by having all the major post-secondary institutions under the same ministry. University Advancement was congratulated for surpassing its goal for fundraising this year.

It was reported that the senator survey results were reviewed by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules and that there was good participation by the senators. It has been decided that Senate materials will be sent to senators electronically starting with the July meeting. Paper copies will also be provided to those who make a special request during the transition time. Extra laptops and/or Ipads will be provided at the meeting for those who don't have their own device.

5. Question Period

A question was raised regarding the possibility of allowing senators, that come from other campuses, to attend the Senate meetings remotely. Senate was informed that this suggestion will be considered after the first step of managing everything electronically has been successfully implemented.

6. Reports of Committees**A) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)****i) Dissolution of the Minor in Gender Studies (S.11-39)**

Paul Budra, Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, was in attendance to respond to questions.

Motion

Moved by John Driver, seconded by John Craig

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Minor in Gender Studies in the Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2011.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Certificate in Business Technology Management (S.11-40)

Andrew Gemino, Associate Dean, Beedie School of Business, was in attendance to respond to questions.

Motion

Moved by Jon Driver, seconded by Maureen Fizzell

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in Business Technology Management within the Beedie School of Business.”

A question was raised regarding the proliferation of certificate programs. Senate was informed that although a review of certificate programs is currently being conducted, the Senate Committee on University Priorities decided it was appropriate to proceed with this certificate because it was well researched with a lot of endorsement from the external community.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) External Review Update for Environmental Science Program (S.11-41)

Senate received the External Review Update for the Environmental Science Program within the Faculty of Environment for information. It was clarified that although these updates don't normally go to Senate, the Senate Committee on University Priorities decided this one was appropriate because there was a lot of debate at Senate regarding the creation of the Faculty of Environment and whether the programs would develop in the promised direction.

B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

i) Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions (S.11-42 to S.11-49)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses, course deletions, and minor revisions to existing courses and program requirements in the Faculty of Applied Sciences; Arts and Social Sciences; Beedie School of Business; Communication, Art and Technology; Education; Environment; Health Sciences; and Science.

C) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SCUS)

i) Annual Report (S.11-50)

Senate received the 2010 Annual Report for the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies for information.

ii) Graduate Curriculum Revisions (S.11-51- S.11-55)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses, course deletions, and minor revisions to existing courses and program requirements in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; Beedie School of Business; Communication, Art and Technology; Education; and Science.

D) Senate Appeals Board (SAB)**i) Annual Report (S.11-56)**

Anne Higgins, Chair, Senate Appeals Board, was in attendance to respond to questions. Senate received the 2010 Annual Report for the Senate Appeals Board for information.

E) Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA)**i) Annual Report (S.11-57)**

James Busumtwi-Sam, Chair, Senate Committee on International Activities, was in attendance to respond to questions. Senate received the 2010 Annual Report for the Senate Committee on International Activities for information.

7. Other Business**i) Revision of Policy GP 35 (S.11-58)**

This item was moved to the closed agenda because of a related item in the closed session.

8. Information

The date of the next meeting of Senate is Tuesday, May 24, 2011 in the West Mall Complex (room 3210).

Open session adjourned at 5:50 pm and Senate moved directly into the closed session.

Kate Ross
Registrar and Secretary of Senate