



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
THINKING OF THE WORLD

Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

Open Session

Present: Andrew Petter, President and Chair

Acierno, Kyle
 Black, Sam
 Brandhorst, Bruce
 Brennand, Tracy
 Chapman, Glenn
 Craig, John
 Cyr, Dianne
 Dhillon, Arinder
 Driver, Jon
 Easton, Stephen
 Eckman, Charles
 Fizzell, Maureen
 Fontaine, Marc
 Francis, June
 Garneau-Scott, Christi
 Golnaraghi, Farid
 Gordon, Robert
 Hatala, Marek (for C. Geisler)
 Haunerland, Norbert (for M. Pinto)
 Kohn, Jordan
 Kong, Shuyu
 Krane, Bill
 Laitsch, Dan
 Leacock, Tracey
 Li, Paul
 Magnusson, Kris
 McRae, Jennifer
 Myers, Gordon
 O'Neil, John
 Palis, Heather
 Parkhouse, Wade
 Paterson, David
 Pavsek, Christopher
 Percival, Colin
 Percival, Paul
 Perry, Tom
 Peters, Joseph
 Pierce, John
 Pilarinos, Andreas

Rajapakse, Nimal
 Robinsmith, Stacey
 Ruben, Peter
 Warner, D'Arcy
 Woodbury, Rob
 Yeung, Lorenz

Absent:

Armstrong, Arthur
 Chen, Alexander
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 Hughes, David
 Kropinski, Mary Catherine
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Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Suspension and Dissolution of Mathematical Sciences Specialization (S.12-5)

Motion 1

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“That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Mathematical Sciences Specialization program within the Faculty of Education.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by S. Easton

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Question was called and a vote taken.

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E) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)

i) General Graduate Regulation 1.3.2 (S.12-17)

Motion

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by P. Ruben

“That Senate approve the revision of GGR 1.3.2 which outlines the criteria for admission to a graduate diploma program.”

A request was made for an overview of the various changes that are being recommended to the General Graduate Regulations. Senate was informed that the General Graduate Admission requirements were crafted in 1980/1981 and were last reviewed approximately ten years ago. Documentation was reviewed from a number of universities and the review showed that the admission requirements needed to be addressed so that students who have done well in their later years of study are able to get into the graduate programs. A second area of revision will increase opportunities for graduate students. It addresses a change in demographics resulting from fewer students going directly from an undergraduate degree into a graduate degree.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) General Graduate Regulation 1.3.2.a (S.12-18)**Motion**

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by D. Cyr

“That Senate approve the addition of GGR 1.3.2.a which outlines the criteria for admission to a graduate certificate program.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) General Graduate Regulation 1.3.3 (S.12-19)**Motion**

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by S. Black

“That Senate approve the revision of GGR 1.3.3 which outlines the criteria for admission to a master’s program.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) General Graduate Regulation 1.3.4 (S.12-20)**Motion**

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by S. Easton

“That Senate approve the revision of GGR 1.3.4 which outlines the criteria for admission to a doctoral program.”

A friendly amendment was accepted to delete the words “provided minimally” found in item ii) under the heading of revised language.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

v) General Graduate Regulation 1.3.8.a (S.12-21)

Motion

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by P. Ruben

“That Senate approve the addition of GGR 1.3.8.a which outlines the criteria for admission to a Concurrent Bachelor’s-Master’s program.”

A friendly amendment was accepted to delete the words “or better” found at the end of the sentence in item a) under the heading of calendar language. A concern was expressed regarding editorial errors that should have been corrected before submission to Senate. It was agreed that the motion will be approved subject to the non-substantive editorial errors being corrected.

A question was raised regarding the necessity of a concurrent program since undergraduate students can already take graduate courses. Senate was informed that various graduate programs around the university were interested in developing this program. The concurrent program will allow students to reduce the length of time for their Master’s degree and provide a more stimulating environment which may help attract and keep top students.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

vi) General Graduate Regulation 1.3.11.a (S.12-22)

Motion

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by J. Pierce

“That Senate approve the addition of GGR 1.3.11.a which outlines the application to complete a non-joint concurrent graduate degree.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

vii) General Graduate Regulation 1.7.6 (S.12-23)

Motion

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by N. Haunerland

“That Senate approve the revision of GGR 1.7.6.”

A friendly amendment was accepted to delete the words “Mary Ann says this never happens at the time of application” found on p. 3 in item d) under the heading of revised language. It was agreed that the motion will be approved subject to some editorial changes that do not affect the substance of the document.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

viii) SFU Exchange Program: Outbound Graduate Students Criteria (S.12-24)

Senate received the eligibility requirements for SFU graduate students to participate in exchange programs for information.

ix) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.12-25)

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

F) Calendar Committee (CC)

i) Academic Dates 2012 – 2015 (S.12-26)

Motion

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by M. Fontaine

“That Senate approve a Schedule of Academic Dates 2012 – 2015.”

A request was made for the Calendar Committee and Senate to consider adding a spare block once a week, as some other universities have done, to help with creating a positive experience for students. Senate was informed that this is an issue for the Scheduling department to consider rather than the Calendar Committee.

A discussion followed regarding various dates that didn't appear to be correct. It was agreed by Senate that the motion be withdrawn and resubmitted at a future meeting so that the dates can be reviewed and confirmed.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

E) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

i) Elections by Senate (S.12-27)

A revised Senate paper distributed prior to the start of the meeting, showed a position that was elected by acclamation and vacancies that would be carried forward to the next Senate meeting.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information

i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, February 6, 2012.

Open session adjourned at 8:50 pm and Senate moved directly into the closed session.

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“That Senate approve the addition of GGR 1.3.8.a which outlines the criteria for admission to a Concurrent Bachelor’s-Master’s program.”

A friendly amendment was accepted to delete the words “or better” found at the end of the sentence in item a) under the heading of calendar language. A concern was expressed regarding editorial errors that should have been corrected before submission to Senate. It was agreed that the motion will be approved subject to the non-substantive editorial errors being corrected.

A question was raised regarding the necessity of a concurrent program since undergraduate students can already take graduate courses. Senate was informed that various graduate programs around the university were interested in developing this program. The concurrent program will allow students to reduce the length of time for their Master’s degree and provide a more stimulating environment which may help attract and keep top students.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

vi) General Graduate Regulation 1.3.11.a (S.12-22)

Motion

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by J. Pierce

“That Senate approve the addition of GGR 1.3.11.a which outlines the application to complete a non-joint concurrent graduate degree.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

vii) General Graduate Regulation 1.7.6 (S.12-23)

Motion

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by N. Haunerland

“That Senate approve the revision of GGR 1.7.6.”

A friendly amendment was accepted to delete the words “Mary Ann says this never happens at the time of application” found on p. 3 in item d) under the heading of revised language. It was agreed that the motion will be approved subject to some editorial changes that do not affect the substance of the document.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

viii) SFU Exchange Program: Outbound Graduate Students Criteria (S.12-24)

Senate received the eligibility requirements for SFU graduate students to participate in exchange programs for information.

ix) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.12-25)

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

F) Calendar Committee (CC)**i) Academic Dates 2012 – 2015 (S.12-26)****Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by M. Fontaine

“That Senate approve a Schedule of Academic Dates 2012 – 2015.”

A request was made for the Calendar Committee and Senate to consider adding a spare block once a week, as some other universities have done, to help with creating a positive experience for students. Senate was informed that this is an issue for the Scheduling department to consider rather than the Calendar Committee.

A discussion followed regarding various dates that didn't appear to be correct. It was agreed by Senate that the motion be withdrawn and resubmitted at a future meeting so that the dates can be reviewed and confirmed.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

E) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)**i) Elections by Senate (S.12-27)**

A revised Senate paper distributed prior to the start of the meeting, showed a position that was elected by acclamation and vacancies that would be carried forward to the next Senate meeting.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information**i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, February 6, 2012.**

Open session adjourned at 8:50 pm and Senate moved directly into the closed session.

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