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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, July 9, 2012 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

Open Session

Present: Paul Percival, Vice-Chair

Black, Sam
Brandhorst, Bruce
Cameron, Rob (for N. Rajapakse)
Chapman, Glenn
Collins, Colleen (for W. Parkhouse)
Craig, John
Delgrande, Jim
Driver, Jon
Eckman, Charles
Elle, Elizabeth
Flodr, Sarah-Sophia
Francis, June
Hall, Angie
Krane, Bill
Laitsch, Dan
Leacock, Tracey
Magnusson, Kris
Moore, Margo (for J. O'Neil)
Nilson Levisohn, Michelle
Palis, Heather
Parekh, Nimisha
Percival, Colin
Pierce, John
Pilarinos, Andreas
Pinto, Mario
Quarmby, Lynne
Robinsmith, Stacey
Schellenberg, Betty
Szeto, Henderson
Tingling, Peter
Warner, D'Arcy
Wussow, Helen

Absent:

Ali, Alia
Brennand, Tracy
Burley, David
Chen, Alexander
Corbett, Kitty
Cupples, Claire
Cyr, Dianne
Easton, Stephen
Geisler, Cheryl
Golnaraghi, Farid
Gordon, Robert
Hedley, Nick
Hejazi, Michael
Kong, Shuyu
Kopahi, Moe
Kropinski, Mary Catherine
Leivdal, Joseph
Leznoff, Daniel
Li, Paul
Lundgreen-Nielsen, Jens
McRae, Jennifer
Pavsek, Christopher
Perry, Tom
Petter, Andrew
Ruben, Peter
Sakhrani, Rohan
Shapiro, Daniel
Shaw, Chris
Somers, Julian
Taylor, Carole
Wilson, Meaghan
Woodbury, Rob
Zhang, Kevin

In Attendance:

Beale, Alison
Gunster, Shane
Moore, Margo
Osborne, Judith
Pratt, Elspeth

Kate Ross, Registrar and Executive Director, Student Enrolment
Shelley Gair, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of the Agenda

A request was made to reverse the order of items S.12-122 and S.12-123 so that the Board Election Rules in S.12-123 can be considered for approval before they are removed from the Senate Rules in S.12-122. This revision to the agenda was agreed upon by Senate. One Senator reported a discrepancy between two versions of the agenda, so the correct version of the agenda was confirmed by the Vice-Chair.

2. Minutes of the Open Session on May 22, 2012.

Approval of the minutes was moved by Senator C. Percival and seconded by Senator Krane. It was noted that Senator Craig was present at the meeting on May 22, 2012. The minutes were approved with this revision.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Report of the Chair

The Vice-Chair acknowledged that this was the last meeting for Senator Bill Krane as Associate Vice-President Academic and thanked him, on behalf of Senate, for his many years of service as a Senator. Secondly, Senate was informed that a call for honorary degree nominations would be going out soon with a deadline of September 14th.

5. Question Period

There were no questions submitted for question period.

6. Reports of Committees**A) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)****i) Master of Arts Double Degree Program in Global Communications, SFU-Communication University of China (S.12-104)****Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by G. Chapman

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for Simon Fraser University – Communication University of China, Master of Arts Double Degree Program in Global Communications in the School of Communication within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Fall 2013.”

In response to a question that was raised, Senate was assured that the three entrance scholarships referred to on p. 7 of the document would be administered using the regular process for approval. It was confirmed that the admission requirements in the proposal (p. 4) should be the same as the calendar description (p. 16) by referring to a “500 to 600 word essay” instead of “two to three page essay”. It was clarified for Senate that the activity fee is for various field trips that are out of province.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Terms of Reference for Proposed Chair in HIV/AIDS at St. Paul's Hospital (S.12-105)

Motion

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by J. Pierce

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Terms of Reference for the proposed Chair in HIV/AIDS at St. Paul's Hospital.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) External Review of the School for the Contemporary Arts (S.12-106)

Motion

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by B. Schellenberg

“That Senate approve the Action Plan for the School for the Contemporary Arts that resulted from its External Review.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) External Review Update for the Department of Chemistry (S.12-107)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on University Priorities reviewed the External Review Update Report for the Department of Chemistry within the Faculty of Science.

B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

i) BC 12 Admission Criteria for the School for the Contemporary Arts (S.12-108)

Moved by B. Krane, seconded by J. Craig

“That Senate approve the changes to the BC 12 Admission Criteria for the School for the Contemporary Arts within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology.”

Senate was informed that an expected amendment to the list of courses on the last page was not received in time for this meeting. After some discussion on how to proceed, this motion was withdrawn by the mover. This item will return to Senate once the information has been updated.

MOTION WITHDRAWN by B. Krane

ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.12-109)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved revisions to existing courses in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (Engineering Science).

iii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.12-110)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses and revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (World Literature, Criminology, Political Science, Humanities, Explorations).

iv) Curriculum Revisions - Faculty of Communication, Art & Technology (S.12-111)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved new courses and revisions to existing courses and programs in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (TechOne, Communication, Interactive Arts and Technology).

v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.112)

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

vi) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.113)

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

vii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.114)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved revisions to existing courses in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

C) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)**i) GGR 1.3.6 and GGR 1.3.8 Admission as a Qualifying Student and Conditional Admission (S.12-115)****Motion 1**

Moved by C. Collins, seconded by S. Black

“That Senate approve the changes to GGR 1.3.6 Admission as a Qualifying Student”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2

Moved by C. Collins, seconded by S. Black

“That Senate approve the changes to GGR 1.3.8 Conditional Admission”

A concern was raised regarding item 6 on page 3 with regard to students who have not completed their degree, or provided evidence of meeting the English language requirements, being granted regular admission and then given an allowance of two terms to submit their documentation showing that these requirements have been fulfilled. Senate was informed that the purpose of this allowance is to cover administrative issues (e.g. an outstanding grade) or timing issues with the English competency exams.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) GGR 1.3.13 Certificate Programs (S.12-116)

Motion

Moved by C. Collins, seconded by S. Black

“That Senate approve the changes to GGR 1.3.13 Certificate Programs”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) GGR 1.4.7 Co-operative Education (S.12-117)

Motion

Moved by C. Collins, seconded by M. Nilson Levisohn

“That Senate approve the changes to GGR 1.4.7 Co-operative Education”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) GGR 1.7.6 Courses in Master’s and Doctoral Programs (S.12-118)

Motion

Moved by C. Collins, seconded by M. Nilson Levisohn

“That Senate approve the changes to GGR 1.7.6 Courses in Master’s and Doctoral Programs”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

v) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.12-119)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved revisions to existing programs in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Political Science, Public Policy).

D) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)**i) Elections by Senate (S.12-120)**

Senate received a report from the Senate Nominating Committee on the positions that require a vote, the positions that were elected by acclamation, and outstanding vacancies. Senate was informed that online voting would begin on July 10, 2012.

7. Other Business**i) Election Report (S.12-121)**

Senate received the results of elections to Senate and the Board of Governors for information.

ii) Board Election Rules (S.12-123)**Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by C. Percival

“That Senate approve the attached Board Election Rules effective immediately.”

An explanation was requested for the difference between voting periods. The voting period for faculty and staff elections is two to four days and the voting period for student elections is two to five days. Senate was informed that this is the existing practice and it is believed that the voting period for students is fixed by other factors. It was also pointed out that under the general regulations on page 5, there is an item addressing faculty elections and student elections but no item addressing non-faculty staff member elections. It was agreed that an item regarding the election of non-faculty staff members should be added to this section.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Revisions to Rules of Senate (S.12-122)**Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by C. Percival

“That Senate approve the revisions to the Rules of Senate as per the attached document, effective immediately.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Information**i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, September 10, 2012.**

Open session adjourned at 6:20 pm and Senate moved directly into the closed session.

Kate Ross
Registrar & Executive Director Student Enrolment