



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on  
Monday, October 1, 2012 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

## Open Session

**Present:** Andrew Petter, President and Chair

Black, Sam  
Brandhorst, Bruce  
Burley, David  
Chapman, Glenn  
Corbett, Kitty  
Craig, John  
Cupples, Claire  
Delgrande, Jim  
Driver, Jon  
Flodr, Sarah-Sophia  
Francis, June  
Geisler, Cheryl  
Hall, Angie  
Hedley, Nick  
Kessler, Anke  
Leacock, Tracey  
Leznoff, Daniel  
Li, Paul  
Lundgreen-Nielsen, Jens  
Madoc-Jones, Geoff  
Magnusson, Kris  
Myers, Gordon  
O'Neil, John  
Parekh, Nimisha  
Parkhouse, Wade  
Paterson, David  
Percival, Colin  
Percival, Paul  
Perry, Tom  
Pinto, Mario  
Quarmby, Lynne  
Rajapakse, Nimal  
Ruben, Peter  
Schellenberg, Betty  
Tingling, Peter

**Absent:**

Brennand, Tracy  
Chen, Alexander  
Cyr, Dianne  
Easton, Stephen  
Eckman, Charles  
Elle, Elizabeth  
Golnaraghi, Farid  
Gordon, Robert  
Kopahi, Moe  
Kropinski, Mary Catherine  
Laitsch, Dan  
Leivdal, Joseph  
McRae, Jennifer  
Palis, Heather  
Pavsek, Christopher  
Pierce, John  
Pilarinos, Andreas  
Robinsmith, Stacey  
Sakhrani, Rohan  
Shapiro, Daniel  
Shaw, Chris  
Somers, Julian  
Szeto, Henderson  
Taylor, Carole  
Warner, D'Arcy  
Wilson, Meaghan  
Woodbury, Rob  
Wussow, Helen  
Zhang, Kevin

**In Attendance:**

Beale, Alison  
Daminato, Cathy  
Lechner, Mark  
Tiffany, Evan  
Volkoff, Olga

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**2. Minutes of the Open Session on September 10, 2012**

The minutes of the open session on September 10, 2012 were approved as distributed.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Senate was informed that the curriculum questions raised by Senator Leacock at the September Senate meeting are being investigated and the information will be made available to Senator Leacock and anyone that expresses an interest.

**4. Report of the Chair**

The Chair welcomed two new faculty Senators from the Faculty of Education, Geoff Madoc-Jones and David Paterson, and then provided an update on some new initiatives and information items.

The first community summit of SFU Public Square was held in September and was successful in engaging the community. The SFU Public Square is an ongoing initiative where people within the university can connect with the community and people in the community can involve the university on issues of public concern. The Dream Colloquium Series, also a new initiative, has held two sessions and both were well attended. The purpose of this initiative is to create interdisciplinary engagement for students, provide an opportunity for faculty to get together and create a lecture series that may lead to research and teaching collaborations, and to provide some outstanding speakers for the university community. Additional information on both of these initiatives can be found on their respective websites.

Several information items were highlighted for Senate. A new Office of Sustainability has been established on campus for the purpose of developing a strategic approach to the various sustainability commitments. The Chair encouraged all Senators to attend the upcoming Convocation ceremonies. A research reception will be held on October 30<sup>th</sup> with the purpose of discussing research, updating the community and celebrating some of the success that SFU has had over the past year. Strike notices were recently served by TSSU and CUPE concerning contracts that were not settled in the previous mandate. The Chair assured everyone that the university will attempt to keep everyone informed throughout the process.

The Chair also mentioned that he had the opportunity to provide the keynote address at the MOSAIC Annual General meeting. MOSAIC is an organization that provides immigrant and settlement services for refugees and immigrants. The President used this opportunity to emphasize the need for adequate space for undergraduate and graduate students, funding for students, and a strategic focus on investments in innovation, research and future job creation within B.C.

**5. Question Period**

A concern was raised regarding the new Office of Sustainability and the trend within universities to have an increasing portion of the budget spent on central administration as opposed to teaching or research. Senate was informed that SFU has the lowest administrative overhead of any comprehensive university in Canada and that the creation of the new office is actually a realignment of current resources and an opportunity for existing personnel to work together in a more coordinated way. A request was made to see the numbers regarding administrative costs and the Chair assured Senate that this would be made available.

**6. Reports of Committees****A) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)****i) Terms of Reference for the Beedie Professorship Endowment Fund (S.12-139)****Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by T. Leacock

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Terms of Reference for the Beedie Professorship Endowment Fund.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**ii) Graduate Certificate in Business in the Americas (S.12-140)****Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by J. Francis

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Business in the Americas within the Beedie School of Business, effective Spring 2013.”

The effective date was originally Summer 2013 but it was changed to Spring 2013 during the meeting.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**iii) Joint Major in Philosophy and Health Sciences (S.12-141)****Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by J. Craig

“That Senate and approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Joint Major in Philosophy and Health Sciences in the Department of Philosophy within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences in the Faculty of Health Sciences, effective Fall 2013.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**iv) External Review for the School of Communication (S.12-142)**

**Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by C. Geisler

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

A question was raised as to why one of the recommendations, that a greater number of students should be in the Honours program, wasn't addressed in the response from the School of Communication. Senate was informed that in the review, the nature of Honour programs at SFU was misunderstood and rather than correct this error, it was decided to focus on the action plans instead.

Concern was also expressed that the recommendation by the external review that senior faculty members should be teaching at all levels and that there was a “malaise” among the senior faculty, was not adequately addressed. Senate was informed by the Director of the School of Communication that it was felt that the malaise described by the external reviewers was somewhat exaggerated and that a meeting has been planned within the School of Communication to review the three areas of faculty responsibility (i.e. service, teaching, supervision) and to encourage senior faculty to stay involved.

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**v) External Review for the Department of English (S.12-143)**

**Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by J. Craig

“That Senate approve the Action Plan for the Department of English that resulted from its External Review.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**vi) Name Change for the Institute for Research on Early Education and Child Health (S.12-144)**

**Motion**

Moved by J. Driver, seconded by D. Paterson

“That Senate approve the name of the Institute for Research on Early Education and Child Health be changed to Centre for Research on Early Child Health and Education.”

Question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

**B) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)**

**i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.12-145)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, made a revision to an existing course in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Liberal Studies).

**ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.12-146)**

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

**iii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.12-147)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to an existing program in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

**iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.12-148)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to existing courses in the Faculty of Science (Earth Science, Mathematics).

**C) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)**

**i) Senate Committee Elections (S.12-136)**

Senate received a revised summary from the Senate Nominating Committee regarding election results, nominations received and outstanding vacancies for positions on Senate committees that are elected by Senate.

**7. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**8. Information**

**i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, November 5, 2012.**

Kate Ross

Registrar & Executive Director Student Enrolment