



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, June 6, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

Open Session

Present: Andrew Petter, Chair

Andersen, Holly
Baharmand, Iman
Bartram, Lyn
Binotto, Jordan
Bird, Gwen
Burley, David
Chapman, Glenn
Chen, Larissa
Christians, Julian
Cupples, Claire
Dastmalchian, Ali
Driver, Jon
Druick, Zoe (for Aoife Mac Namara)
Farah, Arr
Gajdics, Sylvia
Giardini, Anne
Glässer, Uwe
Gray, Bonnie
Han, Richard
Hans, Paul
Ige, Adebola Abayomi
Johnson, Joy
Kirkpatrick, Ted
Laitsch, Dan
Leacock, Tracey
MacAlister, David
Magnusson, Kris
Malhan, Blossom
Markey, Sean (for Ingrid Stefanovic)
McTavish, Rob
Miller, Tatum
Moen, Alexander
Mongrain, Steeve
Parkhouse, Wade
Paterson, David
Percival, Colin
Percival, Paul
Pooghkay, Curtis
Pulkingham, Jane

Ruben, Peter
Sekhon, Gurbir
Spector, Stephen
Szymczyk, Barbara
Tabin, Yvonne
Tingling, Peter
Wiese, Kay
Williams, Tony

Absent:

Abramson, Neil
Birmingham, Elina
Brennand, Tracy
Budra, Paul
Dale, Nadia
Haywood, Weldon
Hedley, Nick
Kropinski, Mary-Catherine
Lewthwaite, Jayme
Mac Namara, Aoife
Myers, Gordon
O'Neil, John
Peters, Joseph
Shaw, Chris
Stefanovic, Ingrid

In Attendance:

Forsyth, Ian
Hinchliffe, Jo
Pappas, Panayiotis

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed, with items S.16-67 and S.16-68 deferred to the July Senate meeting upon the request of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session on May 16, 2016

Minutes of the Open Session on May 16, 2016 will be considered for approval at the Senate meeting on July 4, 2016.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Business arising from the May 16, 2016 meeting will be presented at the Senate meeting on July 4, 2016.

4. Report of the Chair

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, welcomed the following new and re-elected Senators:

New Faculty Senators: Holly Andersen; Julian Christians; Bonnie Gray; Alexander Moens; Steeve Mongrain; Peter Ruben; Kay Wiese

Re-elected Faculty Senators: Dan Laitsch

New Student Senators: Jordan Binotto; Nadia Dale; Arr Farah; Richard Han; Weldon Haywood; Adebola Abayomi Ige; Blossom Malhan; Tatum Miller; Curtis Pooghkay; Gurbir Sekhon

Re-elected Student Senators: Iman Baharmand; Larissa Chen; Paul Hans; Jayme Lewthwaite; Barbara Szymczyk

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, also recognized and thanked some long-serving Senators: as of the meeting date Senator Driver has been a Senator for 20 years, including 17 years of continuous service; and not to be outdone, Senator Paul Percival will have been a Senator for 25 years, including 16 years continuously.

The Chair reported that SFU researchers received over \$8.9 million in the latest NSERC Discovery Grant Competition, and 6 SFU researchers are going to receive \$40,000 per year for 3 years in Discovery Accelerator Supplement allocations. Also, Meghan Winters of Health Sciences received a 2016 Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Scholar Award. Her project, *Transforming Urban Form for Mobility: Intervention to Improve Population Health*, aims to generate new evidence on the impact of population level interventions on mobility.

The Chair reported that the Surrey Board of Trade announced their Top 25 Under 25 Awards and eleven were SFU students from Business, Economics and Engineering who received awards for their innovations and their engagement with the Surrey community.

The Chair reported that he spoke at the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade and used the opportunity to talk about education and its role in the economy. It was argued that we tend to view post-secondary education's role as being there to fill jobs created in the economy for reasons unrelated to post-secondary education or research. We in the knowledge economy would do better if we made it our mission to educate our population to the greatest extent possible because it would draw new economic opportunities, creating social value that would enlarge our

economy and see education as a driver of the economy. This argument is bolstered by two studies: one study from the Conference Board of Canada suggested there is an education deficit in this province and we are not meeting our current labor market needs, let alone creating additional opportunities; the second study from the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade suggested that Greater Vancouver is undereducated in terms of university degrees relative to some of our main competitors - Seattle, San Francisco, and even Toronto.

The Chair noted some previous and upcoming events: the Annual Alumni AGM was held on May 26th at the Segal Graduate School and was very well attended. Our Alumni Association has done an excellent job of building the alumni base and it was a chance to shine a light on our 50th anniversary; our annual Athletic Scholarship Breakfast, which was held to raise funds for athletic scholarships, was held on May 30th. It featured a very good turnout at the Vancouver Convention Center with special guest John Herdman, who is the coach of Canada's women's soccer team; with Convocation coming up we have a Convocation Dialogue: Speaking with the Powerful about the Powerless with Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond and Izzeldin Abuelaish, two of our honorary degree recipients on Thursday afternoon from 4:30-6:00 organized by Burnaby Mountain College.

5. **Question Period**

There were no questions submitted for question period.

6. **Reports of Committees**

A) Electoral Standing Committee (ESC)

i) Annual Report (S.16-66)

Senate received for information the Electoral Standing Committee Annual Report for 2015-2016.

B) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

i) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.16-69)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to an existing course in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (School of Engineering Sciences).

ii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.16-70)

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

A question was asked as to why there is a disparity in titles listed in the documentation for FPA 381. Senate was informed that this issue did come up at SCUS and was changed on the transmittal memo but not on the original document.

A question was asked as to why the title was changed for FPA 381. Senate was informed it was around use of the word *entrepreneurship* and an agreement that was reached at SCUS about removing that term.

iii) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (For Information) (S.16-71)

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

iv) Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.16-72)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, made revisions to an existing program in the Faculty of Science (Biological Sciences).

v) Curriculum Program – Visiting Undergraduate Research Course (S.16-73)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the Curriculum Program – Visiting Undergraduate Research Course, effective Spring 2017.

A concern was raised that this course would appear on a transcript but would not be listed in the University Calendar. Senate was informed that this is a mirroring of a Grad Studies practice and that this course acts as a placeholder rather than as a course with content. It was noted that the concern will be considered.

C) Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL)**i) Annual Report (S.16-74)**

Senate received for information the Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning Annual Report for 2015/16.

D) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)**i) Senate Committee Elections (S.16-75)**

Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for the Senate committees.

A concern was raised that Senators were not able to consider the nominations and make further nominations due to the nomination deadline having already passed prior to the Senate meeting. A motion was moved to extend the nomination period for 72 hours.

Motion moved by C. Percival, seconded by T. Leacock

“That Senate instruct the Registrar to accept nominations for a further 72 hours.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

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7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information

i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, July 4, 2016.

Open session adjourned at 6:53 p.m. and Senate moved into the closed session.

Rummana Khan Hemani
Registrar (pro tem)