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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, October 1, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)

Open Session

Present: Andrew Petter, Chair

Andersen, Holly
Bhalla, Srishti
Bird, Gwen
Brennand, Tracy
Bubela, Tania
Buttar, Sumrit Singh
Chandhok, Vikramaditya
Chapman, Glenn
Christians, Julian
Collard, Mark
Dastmalchian, Ali (via Vancouver videoconference)
Derksen, Jeff
Fiume, Eugene
Forde, Nancy
Freedman, Jackson
Gajdics, Sylvia
Gray, Bonnie (via Vancouver videoconference)
Kalra, Mehak (via Surrey videoconference)
Keliipio, Kau'i
Keller, Peter
Kench, Paul
Kim, Woo Soo
Laitsch, Dan (via Surrey videoconference)
Leacock, Tracey
Leznoff, Daniel
Magnusson, Kris
Moen, Alexander
Mongrain, Steeve
Murray, Catherine (for Jane Pulkingham)
Myers, Gord
Nepomnaschy, Pablo
O'Neil, Dugan (for Joy Johnson)
O'Neill, Susan
Parent, Michael (via Vancouver videoconference)
Parkhouse, Wade
Percival, Colin
Peters, Joseph
Planchenault, Gaelle

Plettner, Erika
Poitras, Geoffrey
Somers, Julian
Stockie, John
Tingling, Peter
Wiese, Kay
Zanette, Amanda

Absent:

Bartram, Lyn
Batish, Harman
Dangi, Ridhi
Denholm, Julia
Elle, Elizabeth
Favere-Marchesi, Michael
Giardini, Anne
Ho, Shuna
Johnson, Joy
Lord Ferguson, Sarah
Luelfesmann, Christoph
Luu, Susan
Mac Namara, Aoife
Pulkingham, Jane
Randhawa, Jaskarn
Sanghera, Simran
Scott, Jamie
Shaw, Chris
Stefanovic, Ingrid
Tavakoli, Camelia

In Attendance:

Broshko, Li-Jeen
Naqvi, Zareen
Nordgren, Kris
Rahilly, Tim
Roberts, Heather

Rummana Khan Hemani, Registrar
Steven Noel, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved, with agreement that item S.18-99 be moved up from the seventh to the fourth item on the agenda.

2. Minutes of the Open Session of September 10, 2018 will be considered for approval at the Senate meeting on November 5, 2018**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- i) At the July meeting a concern was raised about the wording listed under program requirements for Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies which states that students must complete two graduate on-campus courses, suggesting that online courses would not count. Senate was informed that the wording is a program regulation above the normal GGR 1.7.6 which stipulates that half of the minimum course work required for the credential must be completed at SFU. Given that students could complete their degree without setting foot on campus, students felt they were isolated and were not getting enough interaction with other graduate students. The stipulation of taking on-campus courses was a response to student feedback to create a stronger cohort.

A question was asked as where this explanation would be provided given that it does not appear in the program documentation. Senate was informed that this stipulation would be conveyed to the applicant at the time of their application.

4. Other Business – Part I**i) Revisions to Code of Academic Integrity and Good Conduct (S.18-99)****a) Student Academic Integrity Policy**

Moved by P. Keller, seconded by C. Percival

“That Senate approve revisions to policies:

- S 10.01 Student Academic Integrity Policy (formerly titled Code of Academic Integrity and Good Conduct, S10.01 and portions of Principles and Procedures for Student Discipline, S10.02)
- S 10.02 University Board on Student Discipline (formerly numbered S10.03)
- S 10.03 Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (formerly numbered S10.04)

Subject to approval from the Simon Fraser University Board of Governors, these revised policies would take effect on January 1, 2019.”

Tim Rahilly, Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President, Students & International, Li-Jeen Broshko, General Counsel, and Heather Roberts, Student Conduct/Case Manager, were in attendance to respond to Questions.

A clarification was made for page 6 of the document to remove the word *not*. The sentence should read *In cases of non-academic student conduct, appeals of decisions made by the President will be heard by a committee of Senate.*

A question was asked as to how these new policy changes will be made accessible to both the student and faculty populations. Senate was informed that communication and education will be key in making these policies accessible to the University community. The intent of having behaviours defined in the schedules is to take pressure off of the policy documents so they are not being used as the sole reference point. Also, the schedules now being shorter allows the University to provide more outreach and education to students and faculty.

Noting that the policy states *Instructors are responsible to inform their students at the beginning of each term if there are additional specific criteria for academic honesty that pertain to a class or course*, a concern was raised that based on this wording a student may be subject to academic dishonesty for using a different formatting than what was indicated. Senate was informed it is difficult to draft language covering all academic disciplines, given that academic integrity can vary widely across disciplines. The intent is to create a policy supportive of discussing the expectations around academic honesty with students.

A question was asked if academic integrity advisors were included in the consultation process. Senate was informed that the Academic Integrity Advisory Committee, along with academic integrity advisors, were consulted. It was noted that consultation across various stakeholders was an important part of this process, and that a number of years have been dedicated to making revisions based on feedback.

A concern was raised that draft papers may not be subject to penalty for academic dishonesty unless so informed by the instructor. It was suggested that since this is not discipline specific and that W courses require students to submit multiple drafts as part of the process, the policy for academic dishonesty should be applied consistently across the University and be made to include draft papers. Senate was informed that this language does not represent a change from the previous iteration of this policy.

A question was called and a vote taken.

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b) Student Conduct Policy

Senate received the revised Student Conduct Policy (Policy number to be determined) and its associated Procedures and Schedules for information.

A concern was raised about appeals of cases of non-academic student conduct being heard by a committee of Senate that may not be SCODA. If appeals are to be heard by a yet to be determined or established Senate committee, there is no assurance that there would be student representation on that committee. Senate was informed that for matters such as sexual violence, SCODA may not have the expertise required to hear such an appeal. While the intention is to keep Senate as the final body of appeal the wording of the policy allows the flexibility to use SCODA when appropriate, and consider other committee options when it is not.

5. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported on recent research grant successes:

- Computing Science professor Richard Zhang secured a \$3 million commitment from *Huawei Canada* to set up the *Huawei-SFU Visual Computing Joint Lab* with the aim of developing novel concepts and techniques in visual computing and machine learning.
- Mechatronics professor Siamak Arzanpour has been awarded \$150,000 dollars from the *Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research* for a 2-year project on *An Advanced Wearable Robotic Exoskeleton for Assisting People with Lower Limb Disability*.
- Engineering professor Marinko Sarunic has been awarded \$150,000 from the *Michael Smith Foundation* for a 2-year project on *Cellular Resolution Clinical Retinal Imaging*.
- Mechatronics professor Farid Golnaraghi has been awarded a \$132,500 from the *Michael Smith Foundation* for a project on *Assessment of breast cancer and response to systematic therapy before surgery using diffuse optical imaging technology*.

The Chair reported that five SFU faculty members were admitted to the *Royal Society of Canada (RSC) Fellowship and College* in September. *RSC Fellows* include Fiona Brinkman (professor of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry), Richard Lockhard (professor of Statistics and Actuarial Sciences), and Jin-me Yoon (professor in the School of Contemporary Arts). *RSC College* members include Hugo Cardoso (professor of Archaeology) and Deanna Reder (professor of Indigenous Literature).

The Chair reported that the SFU Alumni Association awarded four outstanding alumni awards to:

- Peter Akman, BA '99, Toronto Bureau Reporter for CTV National News.
- Betsy Gibbons, EMBA '87, BA '68, charter alumni, former Chair of the *Health Employers Association*, member of the *Public Sector Employers' Council of B.C.*, and director of the *Kay Meek Centre*.
- Ryan Beedie, BBA '91, President of the *Beedie Development Group*.
- Steven Holdcroft, PhD '87, SFU professor, and *Canada Research Chair in Electrochemical Materials*.

The Chair reported that SFU celebrated the official opening of the *SFU Image Tech Lab* on September 18th. Located at *Surrey Memorial Hospital*, this is a first of its kind research facility in Western Canada, combining MI and MEG brain imaging capacities. Also, *KEY*, SFU's Big Data Initiative, hosted a week workshops from September 24-27, providing instruction and hands-on experience to participating SFU community members.

The Chair reported on recent and upcoming events:

- Fall Convocation takes place on October 4th and 5th, with honorary degrees being awarded to primatologist Jane Goodall and psychology professor Alison Gopnik.
- During Convocation week, the *Chancellor's Distinguished Service Award* will be conferred on Barry McDonald in recognition of his service to the University as a member of the Board of Governors, the chair of the SFU Foundation, the chair of the SFU Community Trust Board and member of SFU's 50th Anniversary Campaign Cabinet.

- On October 19th, SFU and UBC will bestow joint honorary Doctor of Laws degrees on His Highness the Aga Khan. The degrees recognize His Highness' lifelong philanthropic and humanitarian contributions.
- The *President's Dream Colloquium* got underway on September 13th with a public lecture on fake news by UW professor Jevin West. Mario Pinto, former SFU Vice-President, Research and NSERC President is lecturing this evening on *Knowledge sharing and social reasonability*, while on October 10th John Borrows, *UVic Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law* will be speaking on *Collaborating with indigenous communities in research*.
- SFU Childcare celebrated its 50th Anniversary on September 21st.
- *Terry Fox Day* was celebrated on September 28th at all three campuses and raised over \$20,000.

A question was asked about the University's opinion on the funding of research by *Huawei*. Senate was informed that many Universities across Canada have accepted *Huawei* research funding and that when this matter came before the Board of Governors, a serious look was given to the nature of the research. The controversy tends to be focused on areas around IP rights and around research that may have security implications. The determination was that in this case, neither of those concerns arose and that this was going to significantly advance the cause of research in the areas of visual computing and machine learning and that the concerns that might have applied to other Huawei research initiatives did not apply here. It was added that the funding is software oriented research, and is highly collaborative with generous IP provisions.

6. Question Period

No questions were submitted.

7. Reports of Committees

A) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)

i) Program Changes (S.18-94)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a program changes in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School for the Contemporary Arts), and the Faculty of Education.

ii) New Course Proposals (S.18-95)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a new course proposal in the Faculty of Education.

iii) Course Changes (For Information) (S.18-96)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved course changes in the Faculty of Education.

B) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

i) Senate Committee Elections (S.18-97 Revised)

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

8. Other Business – Part II**i) Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Report – 2017 Undergraduate Student Survey (UGSS) Report (S.18-98)**

Zareen Naqvi, Director - Institutional Research and Planning, was in attendance to respond to Questions.

A comment was made on the reported statistic that *81% of respondents said that evaluations would be more important to them if instructors used the results to shape their teaching practices*. It was noted that many courses are taught by sessional instructors who may not teach the same course from one term to the next, thereby making it difficult to effectively utilize teaching and course evaluations.

A question was asked about the trend showing either stagnation or a decline in the statistics from previous years. Senate was informed that on the bigger questions of satisfaction with the quality of instruction and course accessibility the numbers are very stable. Though there are some points of decline in the numbers from last year, but that overall long-term statistics are improving.

A question was asked about the satisfaction numbers for the Student Learning Commons Services and if those numbers represented students who used those services. Senate was informed that the numbers do represent students who used those particular services.

A question was asked if there is any plan to review WQB requirements. Senate was informed that a review of WQB requirements will be undertaken.

A comment was made that it would be useful to compare survey statistics across institutions. Senate was informed that SFU does exchange information with other BC institutions, but that such comparisons can be difficult given that individual institutions may focus on differing issues.

A question was asked about the University Culture and Environment statistic which asked if *respondents feel that they are thriving as a university student this term* and if this was a new question. Senate was informed that this likely is a new question, but that a definitive answer will be brought back to Senate.

9. Information**i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, November 5, 2018.**

Open session adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Rummana Khan Hemani
Registrar