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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, May 16, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the West Mall Complex (Room 3210)
and via Zoom Video Conferencing

Open Session

Present: Joy Johnson, Chair

Andreoiu, Corina
Bains, Serena
Bhalloo, Shafik
Bird, Gwen
Brennand, Tracy
Bubela, Tania
Chapman, Glenn
Coleman, Gordon
Collard, Mark
Daniel, Bryan
Dauvergne, Catherine
Denholm, Julia
Derksen, Jeff
Elle, Elizabeth
Everton, Mike
Gardinetti, R. Georges
Hall, Peter
Hendrigan, Holly
Kandikova, Alisa
Kayande, Ujwal
Krauth, Brian
Krogman, Naomi
Kumpulainen, Kristiina
Leznoff, Daniel
Liosis, Gabe
Liu, Connie
Lord Ferguson, Sarah
Magnusson, Kris
Malott, Brianna
Martell, Matt
Masri, Kamal
McTavish, Rob
Murphy, David
Nagy, Judit
Nepomnaschy, Pablo
Neustaedter, Carman
O'Neil, Dugan

Pantophlet, Ralph
Parent, Michael
Parkhouse, Wade
Parmar, Abhishek
Percival, Colin
Schiphorst, Thecla
Shinkar, Igor
Silverman, Michael
Spector, Stephen

Absent:

Chenier, Ele
Chessel, Patrick
Chowdury, Saima
Dhesa, Priyanka
Fiume, Eugene
Gray, Bonnie
Hoffer, Andy
Hogg, Robert
Laitsch, Dan
Lu, Joseph
Mirhady, David
Myers, Gord
O'Neill, Susan
Pahou, Helen
Phangura, Almas
Shapiro, Lisa
Stockie, John
Vrooman, Tamara

In Attendance:

Allen, Doug
Di Francesco, Concetta
Stewart, Arlette

Tom Nault, Senate Secretary
Steven Noel, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of March 7, 2022

The minutes of the open session on March 7, 2022 were approved as distributed.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Senate on March 17, 2022

The minutes of the Special Meeting of Senate on March 17, 2022 were approved as distributed.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of April 4, 2022

The minutes of the open session on April 4, 2022 were approved as distributed.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that Vice-President, Academic and Provost Catherine Dauvergne has decided to return to her teaching and research and will be taking a short leave before moving into the next stage of her academic and professional career. Catherine came to SFU at the beginning of the pandemic, providing extraordinary leadership during a difficult time. Appreciation was expressed on behalf of the entire University for her hard work, and especially for her commitment to advancing reconciliation at SFU and for her work bringing the SFU medical school to life. Professor Wade Parkhouse will assume responsibilities as Vice-President, Academic and Provost for the period of July 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023.

The Chair reported that moving forward, the executive team is committed to strengthening the role of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and the Board of Governors has provided direction to strengthen the Provost model. This will mean a reprioritization of the academic mission across the University, reviewing resource allocation, the VPA-Provost structure, and leadership roles in order to strengthen the Provost role and model at SFU.

The Chair reported that Dr. Yabome Gilpin-Jackson has been named as SFU's first Vice-President, People, Equity and Inclusion. In her first month as VPPEI, Yabome has been working to fill vacant senior positions and meeting with key stakeholders across the University and is also mapping out her approach to developing People and EDI strategies.

The Chair reported that SFU continues to work on the medical school and is encouraged by Minister Dix's commitment made during Question Period on March 29th: *With respect to the SFU medical school, it's a commitment in the government's four-year plan, and we intend to meet that commitment during this mandate.* Last week the University sent the first SFU Medical School submission to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training. The document includes the vision and pillars, curriculum development approach, partnerships, next steps and a preliminary estimate of operating costs. Initial letters of support have been received from ten organizations, including the First Nations Health Authority, Indigenous Physicians of Canada, DiverseCity, KPU, the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association, and the City of Surrey.

The Chair reported that after six weeks of community conversations through ThoughtExchange and a survey, Phase 1 of SFU: What'sNext? has officially concluded. During Phase 1, the University heard from more than 2,000 community members on topics like SFU's next bold move, the values and principles SFU should uphold, what SFU could stop doing to make room for renewed priorities, and more. SFU is in the process of hiring several graduate students with diverse lived experiences to process data from ThoughtExchange and help group that information into themes. The full report of Phase 1 will be available in the summer. Phase 2 will consist of round table conversations led by leaders from across the University. These conversations will begin to translate the big ideas heard in Phase 1 into what SFU's next steps mean for us as individuals and teams.

The Chair reported news about the recently established Indigenous Naming Committee, sponsored by VP External Relations Joanne Curry and led by committee member Ron Johnston, with Special Advisor Chris (Syeta'xtn) Lewis. The committee is picking up work related to ARC Call to Action #5: *Install Aboriginal signage, place names, translations of building names and path indicators at all three campuses*. Indigenous names honour and recognize the First Nations on whose unceded and traditional territories SFU campuses reside. Informed by existing Indigenous naming protocols and processes, the first phase of this work will focus on a campus-by-campus approach. Current projects include three campus names, three Indigenous student space names, the First Peoples' Gathering House and the Indigenous Curriculum Resource Centre.

The Chair reported that earlier this month, SFU welcomed back 3,000 alumni who had their convocation ceremonies virtually during COVID-19. As the University gears up for its regular June convocation, appreciation was expressed to all those who plan and execute these ceremonies.

i) Presentation on Hybrid Learning

Elizabeth Elle, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Learning and Teaching, presented on hybrid learning, following which she invited comments and took questions.

Following a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of hybrid learning, it was noted that it would be helpful to have a report back to Senate in the future to provide updates on the progress being made.

7. Question Period

No questions were submitted.

8. Reports of Committees

A) Student Discipline Matters

i) Annual Report 2020-2021 (S.22-57)

Senate received the Student Discipline Matters Annual Report 2020-2021 for information.

Arlette Stewart - Academic Integrity Coordinator, David Murphy - UBSD Coordinator, Doug Allen - SCODA Chair, and Concetta Di Francesco - SCODA Secretary, were in attendance to respond to questions.

B) Senate Appeals Board (SAB)

i) Annual Report 2021 (S.22-58)

Senate received the Senate Appeals Board (SAB) Annual Report 2021 for information.

C) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR)

i) Revisions to Policy A 32.01 - Excellence in Teaching Awards (S.22-59)

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by A. Parmar

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors Revisions to Policy A 32.01 - Excellence in Teaching Awards.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION PASSED

D) Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

i) Annual Report 2020-2021 (S.22-60)

Senate received the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS) Annual Report 2020-2021 for information.

E) Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA)

i) Annual Report 2021 (S.22-61)

Senate received the Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) Annual Report 2021 for information.

F) Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)

i) Dissolution of the Centre for Tourism Policy and Research (S.22-62)

Moved by W. Parkhouse, seconded by S. Spector

“That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Centre for Tourism Policy and Research within the Faculty of Environment, effective Summer 2022.”

A question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION PASSED

G) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

i) Program Changes (S.22-63)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved program changes in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School of Interactive Arts and Technology), the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Environment (Geography), and the Faculty of Science (Earth Sciences, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry).

ii) New Course Proposals (S.22-64)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved a new course proposal in the Faculty of Science (Molecular Biology and Biochemistry).

iii) Course Changes (S.22-65)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved course changes in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (School of Sustainable Energy Engineering, School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering, School of Engineering Science), the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Political Science, Psychology), the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (Publishing Program, School of Interactive Arts and Technology), the Faculty of Environment (Geography), and the Faculty of Science (Earth Sciences, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry).

H) Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL)**i) Annual Report 2021-2022 (S.22-66)**

Senate received the Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL) Annual Report 2021-2022 for information.

I) Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)**i) Program Changes (S.22-67)**

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

It was noted that the program name change for the Global Humanities Master of Arts is being withdrawn and referred to SCUP.

ii) New Course Proposals (S.22-68)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved new course proposals in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School of Communication).

J) Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)**i) Senate Committee Elections (S.22-69)**

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

9. Other Business**i) Election Report to Senate (S.22-70)**

Senate received the Election Report to Senate for information.

10. Information

i) Date of the next regular meeting – Monday, June 6, 2022

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, expressed appreciation to the following Senators, whose terms of office expire on May 31, 2022: Serena Bains; Ele Chenier; Saima Chowdhury; R. Georges Gardinetti; Andy Hoffer; Alisa Kandikova; Brian Krauth; Gabe Liosis; Sarah Lord Ferguson; Joseph Lu; Brianna Malott; David Mirhady; Helen Pahou; Almas Phangura.

Open session adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Tom Nault
Senate Secretary