

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1970, EAST CONCOURSE CAFETERIA, 7:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

PRESENT:

Strand, K. T.

Chairman

Baird, D. A.
Barlow, J. S. - substituting for B. L. Funt
Basham, G. D.
Bradley, R. D.
Brown, R. C.
Burstein, K. R.
Campbell, M. J.
Caple, K. P.
Cole, R. E.
Drache, Mrs. S.
Freiman, Mrs. L.
Hutchinson, J. F.
Kenward, J. K.
Kirchner, G.
Lachlan, A. H.
Rogow, R.
Stratton, S. T.
Sullivan, D. H.
Turnbull, A. L.
Vidaver, W. E.
Walkley, J.
Wassermann, Mrs. S.
Webster, J. M.

Evans, H. M.

Secretary

Kelsey, I. B.

Norsworthy, Mrs. R.

Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Carlson, R. L.
Claridge, R. W.
Collins, M.
Hamilton, W. M.
Hean, A.F.C.
Lebowitz, M. A.
McDougall, A. H.
McLean, C. H.
Perry, G. N.
Sayre, J.
Srivastava, L. M.

The Secretary announced the result of a recent by-election for a student Senator wherein G. D. Basham had polled the highest number of votes and was declared elected to the Senate to replace D. G. Korbin for the balance of his term of office to May 31, 1971. The Chairman introduced the new student Senator. It was then moved, seconded, and carried that G. Basham be seated on Senate.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by M. Campbell, seconded by J. Kenward,

"that the agenda be approved as distributed."

MOTION CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Session meetings of March 2, 1970 and March 16, 1970 were declared approved as circulated.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

K. Burstein spoke about the passage by Senate of items in which there was doubt about the propriety of Senate's action. He referred specifically to approval of Physics 399-2, the method of offering it, and approval of the Review Committees for the Faculty of Arts. As there was little response to the statements and questions posed, discussion on this point was not continued.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman announced the resignation, effective March 31, 1970, of L. M. Srivastava as Acting Academic Vice-President. He stated that a number of the duties previously being carried out by the Acting Academic Vice-President had already been assigned to others, and that he proposed to consult the Senate Nominating Committee with a view to naming Senators to undertake functions of the Academic Vice-President which had not yet been assigned, unless Senate had alternative suggestions. No objections were raised.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senate Committee on Graduate Studies

a) Paper S.349 - Preparation of Graduate Calendar

Moved by J. Kenward, seconded by S. Wassermann,

"that the preparation of the Graduate Calendar for 1970-71 and subsequent years be undertaken by the Office of the Registrar along the same lines as those approved for preparation of the Undergraduate Calendar."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Paper S.350 - Second Graduate Degrees

Moved by S. Stratton, seconded by G. Kirchner,

"that the Calendar Entry for Second Master's and Second Doctoral Degrees as outlined in Paper S.350 be approved."

An amendment was then moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by J. Walkley, "that Item 4 of the Calendar Entry be deleted and replaced with the wording, 'There will be no waiving of course credit requirements for the Second Master's or Doctoral degree.'" After considerable discussion of the particular item, D. Sullivan withdrew his motion in deference to the following amendment.

Amendment moved by A. Lachlan, seconded by D. Sullivan,

"that Item 4 of the Calendar Entry be deleted and replaced with the statement 'There will be no waiving of course credit requirements and no transfer of credit for the second Master's or Doctoral degree.'"

Considerable debate followed on this amendment with concern being expressed that the wording did not clearly allow for cases where some transfer of course credit would be possible. Several examples were cited where transfer of credit would be advisable. These arguments for transfer were clearly not acceptable to a number of Senators. After further discussion it was

Moved by R. Bradley, seconded by J. Walkley,

"that Paper S.350 be referred back to the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies for reappraisal."

After debate on the wisdom of referral back to the Committee for reappraisal of this item, question was called on the motion to refer and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER
FAILED

It was then moved by K. Burstein that the items under discussion related to second Master's and second Doctoral degrees should be postponed until Senate made a decision as to whether or not second degrees should be awarded by this University, but the motion failed for lack of a second.

M. Campbell, on a point of privilege, stated that according to Robert's Rules of Order no member could speak more than twice, called for orders of the day and requested the Chair to enforce the rules. The Chairman ruled that there was no variation in the order of business and that therefore the request for orders of the day was not pertinent.

Question was called on the Lachlan/Sullivan amendment, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT FAILED
4 in favour

An amendment was moved by R. Bradley, seconded by L. Freiman, "that in the second sentence of Item 4 of Paper S. 350 the following words be deleted, 'in excess of the first graduate degree requirements,' and 'and not previously counted towards a degree.'" Item 4 was then to read: "There will be no waiving of course credit requirements for the second Master's or Doctoral degree. However, if a student has taken courses which are pertinent to the second degree program, a Department may recommend to the Senate Committee on Graduate Admissions at the time of application for admission that those courses be counted towards the second degree. Not more than 50% of the total course credits required for the degree can be so transferred."

Debate continued for some time on this amendment with it being pointed out by the Registrar that there were problems relating to course overlap and from the suggestion that courses already credited to one degree might be credited to a second degree. The Registrar pointed out that the general practice in Canadian Universities is not to permit double credit. He pointed out that it would be unwise for Senate to permit this, and added that provision could readily be made for Departments to recommend that students be given credit for work taken in excess of the first graduate degree and that students be exempt from certain courses with the provision that they substitute other courses to meet total course requirements for the second degree.

At this point the Bradley/Freiman amendment was withdrawn by the mover and seconder, and the Registrar asked to prepare an amendment incorporating the essential points made in the discussion on the amendment.

Amendment moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by S. Drache,

"That Item 4 be amended to read as follows:

'That there will be no reduction of total course credit requirements for the second Master's or Doctoral degree.
a) However, if a student has taken graduate courses in excess of the first graduate degree requirements, which are pertinent to the second degree program and not previously counted towards a degree, a Department may recommend to the Senate Committee on Graduate Admissions at the time of application for admission that these

courses be counted towards the second degree. Not more than 50% of the total course credits required for the degree can be so transferred.

b) If any specific content requirements have been covered in work used for credit toward another degree, the Department may recommend that the student be exempted from the pertinent course or courses at this institution but the student must substitute other courses, as approved by his Committee, to meet total course credit requirements for the degree."

Question was called on the amendment to Item 4, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Amendment moved by J. Kenward, seconded by M. Campbell,

"that the following statement be added as Item No. 6:
'That first priority will be given by Departments when considering applications to those students applying for their first Master's or Doctoral programs.'"

In the discussion which followed on this motion it was felt that it was actually a Department's responsibility and privilege to recommend its candidates in harmony with its own priorities, based on the assumption that it wishes the best qualified individuals.

Question was called on the amendment to add another item to Paper S.350, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT. FAILED

Question was then called on Paper S.350 as amended, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

Faculty of Arts

a) Paper S.351 - Department of Modern Languages Submission for Graduate Calendar

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by J. Kenward,

"that Paper S.351 dealing with the Department of Modern Languages Submission for the Graduate Calendar be approved."

Question arose with regard to listing in the Calendar only faculty members eligible to supervise graduate theses, and it was agreed that all faculty members in this Department would be listed in keeping with the practice carried out throughout the other Departments.

Concern was expressed also that individuals taking work in modern languages at this level were not required to take extensive work in the literature of the language being studied. It was pointed out by D. Sullivan that emphasis in this Department was on linguistics, not on literature.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- b) Paper S.352, Paper S.352a - Graduate Course in History, 896-5
Paper S.353 - Department of History Submission for Graduate Calendar

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by J. Hutchinson,

"that Papers S.352a and S.353 dealing with the Department of History submission for the Graduate Calendar, including the description of History 896-5, be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- c) Paper S.354 - Graduate Course in Psychology, 725-3

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by M. Campbell,

"that the new graduate course in Psychology, Psychology 725-3, Cognition, be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by M. Campbell,

"that the rules of Senate be suspended, and that the Department be permitted to offer the course for the summer semester 70-2."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

b) Date of next meeting

The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of Senate would be held on Monday, May 11, 1970 in the East Concourse Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

c) Confidential Matters

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m. to move into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary