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MINUTES OF MEETING OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1971, EAST CONCOURSE CAFETERIA, 7:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

PRESENT:

Strand, K. T.

Chairman

Baird, D. A.
Basham, G. D.
Birch, D. R.
Bradley, R. D.
Brown, R. C.
Burstcin, K. R.
Campbell, M. J.
Donetz, G.
Freiman, Mrs. L.
Funt, B. L.
Hamilton, C. L.
Harper, R.J.C.
Hodge, F.
Lachlan, A. H.
McAninch, J. R.
Mugridge, I.
O'Connell, M. S.
Pate, B. D.
Reid, W. D.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Rogow, R.
Salter, J.
Stratton, S. T.
Sullivan, D. H.
Turnbull, A. L.
Webster, J. M.
Weinberg, H.
Wilson, B. G.

Evans, H. M.

Secretary

Kelsey, I. B.

Norsworthy, Mrs. R.

Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Caple, K. P.
Claridge, R. W.
Drache, Mrs. S.
Ellis, J. F.
Hamilton, W. M.
McDougall, A. H.
Sutherland, G. A.
Vidaver, W. E.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chase, J.
Meakin, D.

The Chairman introduced Senator J. Salter, recently appointed by Order-in-Council, who was attending his first meeting of Senate.

Attention was drawn to an innovation suggested by the Senate Agenda Committee of listing motions on a covering blue sheet attached to the pertinent paper.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chairman requested that the order of the agenda be altered by placing Items 4, 5.2 and 5.3 as the first order of business. As there was no objection, the agenda was approved in the order suggested.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Paper S.71-30 - Educational Foundations Centre

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by J. Webster,

"That Senate extend for one month, to April 16, 1971, the continued de facto departmental recognition of B.S.F., S.P.F. and C.S. and continue to recognize for this period the organization of the three divisions into an Educational Foundations Centre under the following constraints:

- i) single undergraduate education committee
- ii) single graduate education committee
- iii) a single spokesman for relations external to the Centre."

B. Wilson said he had reason to believe that the Faculty of Education would be in a position to resolve any difficulties with regard to reorganization and structure provided an extension of one month was granted beyond the original motion of Senate which had been passed a year ago.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

2. Academic Planning Committee

1. Paper S.71-32 - Division of General Studies - Revision of Section 3(a) of Paper S.424

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by I. Mugridge,

"That Section 3(a) of Senate Paper S.424 be revised as outlined in Paper S.71-32."

B. Wilson clarified the process to be followed in mounting a program in the Division of General Studies, and stated that the basic intention is that no faculty appointments leading to tenure would be made within the Division.

Amendment moved by G. Basham, seconded by R. McAninch,

"That Clause (vi) of Section 3(a) of Paper S. 71-32 be amended by deleting the words 'with the approval of the Dean of the Division.'"

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

8 in favor
14 opposed

H. Weinberg suggested that there should be a mechanism for promotion, salary and tenure recommendations in connection with instructors within the Division who were on contract and without tenure in a University Department. B. Wilson requested that it be noted in the minutes that a person on contract could negotiate through the Dean of General Studies to the University Tenure Committee. He stated that there were no continuing appointments envisaged in the Division of General Studies and also that the retention of "Division" and "General Studies" could be changed during the course of time.

Amendment moved by G. Basham, seconded by R. McAninch,

"That Section 3(a) (iii) be amended to read 'Such faculty shall annually elect from among themselves a steering committee subject to the approval of the President of the Simon Fraser Student Society.'"

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

Question was called on the main motion, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

23 in favor
0 opposed

2. Paper S.71-33 - Canadian Studies Program - Organization and Implementation

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by R. Brown,

1. "That responsibility for the Canadian Studies Program rest in the Division of General Studies with its organization and administration to be as set out in Senate Paper 424 revised.
2. That the implementation date of the program be no earlier than September 1, 1971."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

20 in favor
0 opposed

3. Paper S.71-34 - African/Middle East Studies Program

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by I. Muiridge,

1. "That Senate approve the establishment of a program in African/Middle East Studies.
2. That the program initially consist of a minor in African/Middle East Studies requiring 15 credit hours in courses at the 300 and 400 level, and 18 credit hours at the 100 and 200 level 9 of which shall be in either French or German or Russian; furthermore, that if this minor is taken in conjunction with a major the upper division courses for the minor shall be taken outside the student's major department.
3. That responsibility for the program rest in the Division of General Studies with the organization and administration to be as set out in Section 3(a) of Senate Paper S.424 revised.
4. That the implementation date of the program be no earlier than September, 1971."

B. Wilson requested that it be noted in the minutes that the phrase "9 of which" refers to the 18 credit hours at the 100 and 200 level.

The Chairman advised that Page 4 of Paper S.71-34 had been attached in error and therefore it should be removed from the document.

R. Rogow questioned the allocation of funds to promote a program that appeared to have negligible support, but was advised that there would be no large scale movement of funds unless there was a very clear indication of student interest in this and other programs currently undergoing refining processes by the Academic Planning Committee.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

24 in favor
0 opposed

4. Paper S.71-35 - Proposed Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by R. Harper,

"That Senate establish a Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (standing) with membership, terms of office and terms of reference, including organization, as outlined in Paper S.71-35."

B. Wilson stated that the main purpose of the proposal was to design University-wide consistencies where necessary in procedures in offering courses, evaluating results, and examination and grading practices, utilizing a Committee membership composed of individuals familiar with the associated problems.

Amendment moved by A. Lachlan, seconded by G. Donetz,

"That Sections B. and C. of 'Purpose' be deleted."

A. Lachlan was of the opinion that the assignment to such a Committee was too great a responsibility, and that evaluation processes and grading practices were sufficient charges for a separate committee.

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

4 in favor
17 opposed

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Amendment moved by R. McAninch, seconded by G. Basham,

"That Section C. of 'Purpose' be replaced with the following wording: 'To recommend to Senate academic evaluative practices which are appropriate to the University's educational process.'"

Several Senators spoke against the amendment, arguing that the constraints in the existing wording were necessary in that grading practices throughout the University could not be totally consistent due to the educational processes of the University.

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

13 in favor
13 opposed

Amendment moved by R. McAninch, seconded by M. Campbell,

"That the membership be extended to include two students from each Faculty Undergraduate Curriculum Committee which has students, to be elected by the members of their Faculty Committee."

Opinion was expressed that the addition of six members on the Committee would produce an unwieldy operation with ineffective competence. R. McAninch requested that his amendment be altered to "one student from each Faculty Undergraduate Curriculum Committee." K. Rieckhoff objected to the change. The Chairman ruled the alteration unacceptable. R. McAninch then withdrew the amendment. K. Rieckhoff objected to the mover withdrawing the amendment, and the Chairman ruled that the amendment as originally worded would stand.

Amendment to the amendment moved by L. Freiman, seconded by M. Campbell,

"That the words 'two students' be deleted and the words 'one student' be substituted."

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

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT CARRIED

17 in favor
6 opposed

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Question was called on the amendment to add to the list of membership three students, one from each Faculty Undergraduate Curriculum Committee which has students, elected by the members of their Faculty Committee, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

16 in favor
10 opposed

Amendment moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by B. Pate,

"That the membership of student Senators be limited to such number as will make the total student representation no more than three."

K. Rieckhoff stated that the effect of the amendment would be to ensure that as long as there are sufficient student representatives from the Faculty Committees there will be no student Senator representation, thus relieving the student Senators of another time-consuming duty. G. Basham objected strenuously to student Senators being excluded from this important Senate Committee and consequently from participating in program building.

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

11 in favor
14 opposed

B. Wilson explained the rationale behind the selection of membership of the Committee, and added that he was pleased that Senate had approved additional student representation.

Question was called on the amended motion, and a vote taken.

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

22 in favor
2 opposed

(Note: It is interpreted that the quorum consists of the Chairman and one faculty member from each of the Faculty Curriculum Committees and that the term of office of the student members from the Curriculum Committees is two years.)

5. Paper S.71-36 - Discontinuance of Senate Committee on Examination and Grading Practices

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That the Senate Committee on Examination and Grading Practices be abolished."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board

1. Paper S.71-37 - Course Challenge

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That Senate approve the proposal contained in Paper S.71-37 for Course Challenge for a one-year trial period, and for the courses indicated."

Moved by R. Bradley, seconded by D. Sullivan,

"That Paper S.71-37 be referred back to the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board for a clear definition of the procedures."

R. Bradley stated that the paper had been presented in a deplorable manner, and went on to question the clarity and meaning of numerous statements. Several Senators argued that the intent of the paper was clear although editorial changes were necessary.

Question was called on referral of Paper S.71-37, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

15 in favor

9 opposed

2. Paper S.71-38 - Release of Grades

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That Senate approve that Paragraph 10 of Senate Paper 3i (7th March, 1966) be replaced by the following: 'Provisional course grades may be released by instructors at the end of the semester. Students must be told orally or by personal communication -- Lists should not be posted.'"

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B. Wilson stated that the intent of the motion was to maintain a consistent practice in connection with the release of grades, and that a student has the right to privacy in connection with the results of his efforts. G. Basham favored the motion, noting that although grades are only official after they have been communicated by the statement of marks from the Registrar's Office, notification of provisional course grades would provide opportunity for initiation of appeal.

An amendment was moved by L. Freiman, seconded by M. Campbell to delete the words "Lists should not be posted," and replace them with "Lists should at no time be posted without due consideration for privacy." It was pointed out that the amendment was a direct negative of the motion, and the Chairman ruled it out of order.

Amendment moved by R. McAninch, seconded by G. Basham,

"That the words 'Students must be told orally or by personal communication -- Lists should not be posted' be deleted."

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

14 in favor
3 opposed

It was agreed by Senate at this time that the entire motion should be re-worded. In this connection it was moved by B. Wilson, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That Paragraph 10 of Senate Paper 3i (7th March 1966) be replaced with the following wording: 'Course grades may be released by instructors at the end of the semester. Such course grades must be designated as provisional and the right of any student to privacy with regard to publication of course grades must be respected.'"

Question was called on the substitute motion, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

21 in favor
0 opposed

3. Paper S.71-39 - Amendment to Course Change and Withdrawal Regulations

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

1. "That the date of entry into a new course be extended until the end of the 3rd week of classes, with the proviso that in the 2nd and 3rd weeks, permission of the professor teaching the course as well as that of the Departmental Chairman be required.
2. That a student request for a waiver of the course drop date on the basis of extenuating circumstances be granted, if both the professor teaching the course and the Departmental Chairman approve it. The last day such requests could be approved would be seven days before the commencement of the examination period."

B. Wilson stated that he had made two minor editorial changes from the original motion as published in Paper S.71-39. R. Harper requested that the motion be divided, and as there was no objection the Chairman ruled the motion divided. Debate ensued on the first part.

R. Bradley suggested the words "is secured" be substituted for the words "be required." This was accepted by the mover of the motion. In anticipation of courses on a Summer School basis, R. Harper suggested the wording be altered to read "That the date of entry into a course during a regular teaching semester, etc." B. Wilson agreed that, although the date for Summer Session course drops would take place earlier, the stipulation should be incorporated, and proposed that the motion should read:

"The date of entry into a course in which a student was not initially registered in a standard semester be extended in the 3rd week of classes with the proviso that in the 2nd and 3rd week of classes permission of the professor teaching the course, as well as that of the Departmental Chairman, be secured."

Moved by I. Mugridge, seconded by R. Bradley,

"That Motion 1. be referred back to the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board."

Question was called on the motion to refer, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

Moved by G. Basham, seconded by D. Sullivan,

"That Motion 2. be referred back to the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board."

Question was called on the motion to refer, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Session of January 18, 1971 were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Senate Nominating Committee

Paper S.71-31 - Election of Senators to Academic Planning Committee and Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees

The Chairman stated that in addition to the names submitted by the Senate Nominating Committee, as shown in Paper S.71-31, R. Bradley had nominated I. Mugridge to the Academic Planning Committee, and it would therefore be necessary to conduct an election. Ballot papers containing the names of G. Donetz and I. Mugridge were then distributed.

Moved by L. Funt, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That G. A. Sutherland be elected to the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees by acclamation."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Following the ballot count, the Chairman announced that I. MUGRIDGE had been elected to the Academic Planning Committee.

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

There were no reports of Faculties.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Notices of Motion

1. Paper S.71-40 - Open Meetings of Senate

Moved by G. Basham, seconded by H. Weinberg,

"That the public session of Senate be open to faculty, students and staff and entry be subject to presentation of a valid library card and limited by the physical constraints of seating."

G. Basham noted that his paper included a statement that any meeting may be closed at the discretion of the Chairman and that he would like to include this statement in his motion. The motion then read:

"That the public session of Senate be open to faculty, students and staff and entry be subject to presentation of a valid library card and limited by the physical constraints of seating. Any meeting, or portion thereof, may be closed at the discretion of the Chairman and audio-visual coverage may be substituted if so desired."

An amendment was moved by D. Sullivan to read, "At the discretion of the Chairman the public session of Senate may be open to faculty, students and staff, with entry subject to presentation of a library card, and to the physical constraints of seating," but the amendment failed for lack of a second.

Some Senators argued that there was now no reason for not opening the meetings of Senate to the public, and others felt that there would be distraction which would result in meetings being prolonged in order to accomplish the same amount of business as is presently conducted.

The Chairman indicated that if the motion passed, he would determine the number of seats to be made available, where they would be placed, and would require that the observers remain seated.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION FAILED

8 in favor
12 opposed

2. Paper S.71-41 - Proposed Senate Grade Appeals Committee

Moved by R. McAninch, seconded by G. Basham,

"That Senate establish a Senate Grade Appeals Committee with terms of reference, method of operation and composition to be as outlined in Paper S.71-41."

R. McAninch asked that Senate consider the question of student grade appeal inasmuch as there is presently no defined policy. He thought a Senate Committee could establish a University-wide system of grade appeal, thus removing current inequities.

A number of Senators spoke against the motion, reasoning that competence in evaluation was vested in the instructor involved. There was agreement that the problem should be handled on a University-wide basis in the sense that there should be provision in each department for an appeal mechanism.

Moved by R. Bradley, seconded by W. Reid,

"That the question of establishing how best grade appeals may be conducted be referred to the newly established Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee, and that members of Senate and other interested parties, including Deans, be invited to make written submissions to that body."

Question was called on the motion to refer, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

2. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Senate will be held on Monday, April 5, 1971 at 7:30 p.m.

3. Other Items - Senate Library Committee

H. Weinberg stated that he had been examining the history of recommendations of the Senate Library Committee and had come to the conclusion that the Committee had been implementing recommendations and principles which had never been adopted by Senate. He added that there was a clear distinction between receipt and adoption of a report, and such reports constitute working procedures until the recommendations and principles are debated in Senate.

Moved by H. Weinberg, seconded by D. Sullivan,

"That the Senate Library Committee bring to Senate as soon as practicable a report on previous policies approved by University bodies with regard to loans and fines, together with new recommendations, if any, for Senate, and until such report be received and acted upon by Senate the present policy

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of temporary suspension or revocation of library borrowing privileges be held in abeyance."

S. Stratton requested that the Secretary read the terms of reference for the Senate Library Committee, and pointed out that the Senate Library Committee is an advisory body to the Librarian and the policies adopted by the Committee do not require Senate sanction. H. Weinberg was opposed to that opinion and believed that the Senate Committee policies must be adopted by Senate.

G. Basham stated that the matter of the Senate Library Committee had been raised at the Senate Agenda Committee meeting but had not been included in the agenda. He formally "objected to consideration of the motion." A vote was undertaken on the formal objection, with 11 in favor of consideration and 7 opposed.

Discussion revolved on the terms of reference of the Senate Library Committee and the responsibilities of Senate as outlined in the Universities Act, 1963, with questioning as to whether or not Senate had delegated certain responsibilities to the Librarian or the Committee.

Question was called on the motion, and a vote taken.

MOTION FAILED

7 in favor
9 opposed

B. Wilson then gave notice of motion, "That the Senate Library Committee be directed to report on the history of Library loan policies and practices at the earliest possible meeting of Senate," which he said he would move at the next meeting of Senate.

4. Confidential Matters

The meeting recessed briefly at 12:15 a.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary