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MINUTES OF MEETING OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1971, EAST CONCOURSE CAFETERIA, 7:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

PRESENT:

Wilson, B. G.

Chairman

Aronoff, S.
Baird, D. A.
Basham, G. D.
Birch, D. R.
Bradley, R. D.
Brown, R. C.
Campbell, M. J.
Carlson, R. L.
Claridge, R. W.
Donetz, G.
Gilbert, K. L.
Hodge, F. D.
Jennings, R. E.
Lachlan, A. H.
Lincoln, N. J.
Mallinson, T. J.
Mugridge, I.
Nair, K. K.
O'Connell, M. S.
Reid, W. D.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Stratton, S. T.
Turnbull, A. L.
Wheatley, J.
Williams, W. E.

Representing D. H. Sullivan

Evans, H. M.
Norsworthy, R.

Secretary
Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Caple, K. P.
Drache, Mrs. S.
Freiman, Mrs. L.
Hamilton, W. M.
Harper, R.J.C.
McDougall, A. H.
Salter, J. H.
Srivastava, L. M.
Strand, K. T.
Sutherland, G. A.
Wagner, P. L.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chase, J.
Meakin, D.

The Chairman announced that N. J. Lincoln was substituting for the Dean of Arts, D. H. Sullivan, at the meeting. He then introduced S. Aronoff, recently appointed Dean of Science, and R. E. Jennings, who had been elected to Senate to temporarily replace H. Weinberg from September 1, 1971 to August 31, 1972.

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by R. Bradley,

"That S. Aronoff and R. E. Jennings be seated on Senate."

MOTION CARRIED

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. O'Connell referred to the minutes in connection with Paper S.71-81 - Report on Charge Concerning Referral of Paper S.71-51, Reorganization of Educational Foundations Centre and Approval of Courses - and suggested that if the comments on page 4, paragraph 2 were worded differently the intent would be clarified. The Chairman agreed that the words "and on an interim basis" should be placed before the phrase "Department of Human Relations." S. O'Connell also requested that on page 5, in the 3rd paragraph the words "amount of" be altered to read "emphasis on."

The minutes of the Open Session of August 2, 1971 were then approved with the variations in wording.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Paper S.71-92 - Library Loan Policy

The Chairman stated that Paper S.71-92 had been circulated by the President for information of Senate.

Senate was also advised that the Board of Governors had approved the revised Selection of Departmental Chairmen procedures (Paper S.71-80) as approved by Senate at its meeting of August 2, 1971.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Senate Nominating Committee

Paper S.71-93 - Election to Various Committees

As a member of the Senate Nominating Committee, G. Basham advised that the Committee had been unable to submit a complete list of nominations for replacements required to fill vacancies upon expiration of terms of office on two Senate Committees. He noted that one nomination was required for the Senate Library Committee and two nominations required for the Senate Nominating Committee.

Moved by G. Basham, seconded by I. Mugridge,

"That the individuals nominated for the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees, Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board (SUAB) and Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies be declared elected by acclamation."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by G. Basham, seconded by I. Mugridge,

"That Senate suspend its rules and receive nominations for the Senate Library Committee and the Senate Nominating Committee."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

The Secretary of Senate advised that Senator Baird had submitted two names for the Senate Library Committee, but the notification had not reached the Office of the Registrar until after the deadline for such nominations.

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

"That A. H. Lachlan and G. Donetz be nominated for membership on the Senate Library Committee."

Moved by G. Basham, seconded by K. Nair,

"That nominations be closed."

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

MOTION CARRIED

D. Birch requested that his nomination to the Senate Library Committee be withdrawn, and the Chairman declared G. Donetz, A. H. Lachlan and P. L. Wagner elected by acclamation to the Senate Library Committee.

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

"That D. Birch be nominated for membership on the Senate Nominating Committee."

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by D. Birch,

"That K. Nair be nominated for membership on the Senate Nominating Committee."

Moved by G. Basham, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That nominations be closed and that D. Birch, K. Nair, and the three nominees of the Senate Nominating Committee be declared elected to the Senate Nominating Committee by acclamation."

Question was called on the election by acclamation to the Senate Nominating Committee, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

The complete list of Senate elections is as undernoted:

1. SENATE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES

Temporary replacement for H. Weinberg from September 1, 1971 to August 31, 1972.

Elected by acclamation:

R. E. CARLSON

2. SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Replacements for C. L. Hamilton, M. S. O'Connell and A. H. Lachlan, whose terms expire September 30, 1971. Term of office is one year from October 1, 1971 to September 30, 1972.

Elected by acclamation:

G. DONETZ
A. H. LACHLAN
P. L. WAGNER

3. SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Replacements for G. D. Basham, B. L. Funt, C. L. Hamilton, M. S. O'Connell and D. H. Sullivan, whose terms expire September 30, 1971. Term of office is one year from October 1, 1971 to September 30, 1972.

Elected by acclamation:

S. ARONOFF
D. R. BIRCH
K. L. GILBERT
K. K. NAIR
M. S. O'CONNELL

4. SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES

Temporary replacement for H. Weinberg from September 1, 1971 to August 31, 1972.

Elected by acclamation:

W. E. WILLIAMS

5. SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD (SUAB)

Replacements for G. D. Basham, whose term expires September 30, 1971, and for J. R. McAninch, who resigned from Senate on June 1, 1971. Term of office is for one year from October 1, 1971 to September 30, 1972.

Elected by acclamation:

G. D. BASHAM
K. L. GILBERT

6. SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

a) Replacement for J. R. McAninch for the balance of term of office to September 30, 1972.

Elected by acclamation:

K. L. GILBERT

b) Replacement for G. Donetz whose term expires September 30, 1971. Term of office is for two years from October 1, 1971 to September 30, 1973.

Elected by acclamation:

G. DONETZ

2. Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

Paper S.71-94 - Curriculum Changes: New Undergraduate Courses, Mathematics 195-3 and Chemistry 482-3

Moved by S. Aronoff, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That the new course proposal for Mathematics 195-3 as set forth in Paper S.71-94 be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by S. Aronoff, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That the new course proposal for Chemistry 482-3 as set forth in Paper S.71-94 be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by S. Aronoff, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That Senate suspend its rules with regard to the two semester time lag requirement for the offering of new courses in order that Chemistry 482-3 may be first offered in the Spring semester, 1972."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Senate Graduate Studies Committee

Paper S.71-95 - Curriculum Changes: New Graduate Course, Mathematics 800-4

Moved by J. Wheatley, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That the new course proposal for Mathematics 800-4 as set forth in Paper S.71-95 be approved."

The Dean of Graduate Studies requested that Senate indicate its approval or disapproval of offering of special topics courses as proposed. K. Rieckhoff questioned whether the provision of one number for such courses was adequate, but it was suggested by R. Carlson that special topics courses could be listed under separate headings on transcripts from semester to semester. The Registrar noted this had been possible on the clerical system for graduate courses, but not on the computer system for undergraduate courses and it was intended to convert to a computerized system at the graduate level but with somewhat greater flexibility than previously.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by J. Wheatley, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That Senate suspend its rules with regard to the two semester time lag requirement for the offering of new courses in order that Mathematics 800-4 may be first offered in the Spring semester, 1972."

D. Birch enquired as to the applicability of the time lag rule to graduate courses, and the Secretary of Senate replied that the ruling had been definite for undergraduate courses but it was not fully clear whether it applied to graduate courses.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

1. General Studies

1. Paper S.71-96 - Revision of Canadian Studies Program Requirements

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

"That the minor degree in Canadian Studies consist of 23 hours taken from an approved list of Canadian content courses.

That the 23 hours consist of 9 lower division credit hours, including Canadian Studies 200-3 and 14 upper division credit hours, including at least one of Canadian Studies 400-5 or 401-5. Students taking the minor in conjunction with a major must fulfill requirements in at least two departments other than that of the major.

That the attached list of Canadian content courses be approved for use in the program."

Following discussion it was agreed by the mover and the seconder that an amendment to the motion would be included to specify that a student taking a minor in conjunction with a major must fulfill requirements for that minor in at least two Departments other than that of the major, and the amendment was accepted by the assembly.

The Chairman voiced concern on the wording of the last Canadian content course and several Senators felt that teaching faculty should not be named in the specification of Canadian content courses, their

concern being in connection with Psychology 106-3 - Social Issues. R. Brown explained that courses for the program and the teaching staff required the approval of the coordinating committee as the content emphasis could vary from time to time. He indicated he would take the proposal on this course back to the committee and request an acceptable revision of wording in order that identification of teaching faculty would be eliminated from the program proposal. K. Rieckhoff suggested that if the content were indeed to change in this way that it might be preferable to utilize two separate numbers for clarity with possibly Psychology 106 for the broad course and Psychology 107 for Social Issues - Canada.

Question was called on the motion, including the list of Canadian content courses with the exception of Psychology 106-3, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

The motion approved by Senate reads as follows:

"That the minor degree in Canadian Studies consist of 23 hours taken from an approved list of Canadian content courses.

That the 23 hours consist of 9 lower division credit hours, including Canadian Studies 200-3 and 14 upper division credit hours, including at least one of Canadian Studies 400-5 or 401-5. Students taking a minor in conjunction with a major must fulfill requirements for that minor in at least two Departments other than that of the major.

That the attached list of Canadian content courses, with the exception of Psychology 106-3, be approved for use in the program."

2. Paper S.71-97 - Revision of General Studies Degree Requirements

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

"That Senate approve the Revision of Requirements for the General Studies Degree as set forth in Paper S.71-97."

R. Brown commented that it had been difficult for Departments, particularly in the Faculty of Arts, to delineate courses as being in the areas of Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences as this varied in any given semester because of the teaching methods of the involved faculty, and that an alternate to the original proposal had been devised to promote introduction to the three areas of learning by the requirement of at least 15 hours within the Faculty of Science, and 30 hours in Arts and/or Education.

Several Senators expressed the view that some students would select courses requiring the least effort in Science or other areas in order to acquire a degree in General Studies which would discredit the determination of others seeking to qualify themselves for the degree in a specialized area of the General Studies Program.

Substitute motion was moved by J. Wheatley, seconded by D. Birch,

"That requirement (c) of the regulations for the Bachelor of General Studies degree approved in Paper S.436 Revised be struck."

Considerable debate followed with Senators expressing views on the further liberalization of student selection of credit courses for degree purposes and the possible resultant reflection on the individual students and the University through degrees held by graduates of highly diversified or narrowly concentrated courses taken under the Division of General Studies. There was division of opinion as to whether the requirements for the Bachelor of General Studies degree should be altered when the original concept had undergone concentrated study and serious discussion, expecting some aspects of breadth of exposure to the areas of Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences.

Moved by J. Wheatley, seconded by F. Hodge,

"That Paper S.71-97 be referred to the Academic Planning Committee for further consideration and a report to the Senate meeting of December, 1971."

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

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

12 in favor
11 opposed

7. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

2. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Senate would be held on Monday, October 4, 1971 at 7:30 p.m.

3. Other Items

K. Rieckhoff enquired if the Senate Agenda Committee has the power to refer items submitted for Senate to a Committee which is not a Senate Committee. The Chairman replied that the Senate Agenda Committee is advisory to the Chairman of Senate, and that the Chairman of Senate, as the Chief Executive Officer of the University, may seek advice from any source.

4. Confidential Matters

The meeting adjourned briefly at 8:45 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary