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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1975, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Jewett, P., Chairman

Evans, H. M., Secretary

Norsworthy, R., Recording Secretary

Allen, D. I.

Aronoff, S.

Barlow, J. S.

Birch, D. R.

Blaney, J. P.

Brown, R. C.

Calvert, T. W.

Carlson, R. L.

Catalano, J. A.

Cunningham, F.

Curzon, A. E.

Davison, A. J.

Debo, R. K.

Dorsel, M. M.

Ellis, J. F.

Emery, B. E.

Erickson, D. A.

Fattah, E. A.

Finlayson, T.

Harrison, S.

Hindle, L.

Holmes, R. A.

Hutchinson, J. F.

Ironside, R. A.

Jones, C.H.W.

Kazepides, A.

Knight, D. E.

Mackauer, J.P.M.

Martel, A. G.

McCoy, C. G.

McCoy, S. G.

McWhinney, E.

Morin, S.

Overholt, M. J.

Pate, B. D.

Rieckhoff, K. E.

Shillow, M.

Smith, W.A.S.

Sterling, T. D.

Thomas, S.

Versfelt, J. A.

Walkley, J.

Wallbaum, D. C.

Wilson, B. G.

Absent:

Baird, D. A.

Diamond, J.

Doherty, P. M.

Latham, L.

Schiffer, R.

Wheatley, J.

Williams, W. E.

In attendance:

Thomson, W., First Vice-President,
Student Society

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R. Ironside acknowledged that he had not requested that his comments be recorded in the minutes of the previous meeting but requested that the following be inserted in the general area of the fourth paragraph on page 10 in connection with Paper S.75-134 - New Course Proposals (Fine Arts):

"R. Ironside asked E. Alderson whether students interested in a course on a non-artistic basis would be on an equal competitive basis with those artistically inclined and the answer was there would be no preferential inclination on the basis of faculty origin and stated courses would be acceptable to non-arts people. R. Ironside also asked that statistics be kept for the experimental period, and E. Alderson said he would be happy to do so."

S. Harrison asked if it was the intention to provide exact vote counts in connection with elections conducted at Senate, and the Secretary replied that, although these had been erroneously included by him in one instance, under the Rules of Senate in the elections to Senate the Secretary will announce the winners, but for elections at Senate the specific votes will not be announced.

The minutes of the Open Session of October 6, 1975 were approved as distributed, and as there was no objection, it was accepted that the comments R. Ironside requested be included would be inserted.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

M. Overholt raised a question in connection with circulation of the minutes of the Universities Council, and the Chairman stated she would make further enquiries and distribute any minutes that were available.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

1) Paper S.75-147 - For Information - Two-Semester Time Lag Requirement

The Chairman noted that this paper had been distributed for information in response to a request for rationale for the two semester time lag requirement.

M. Mackauer gave notice of motion, "That Senate delegate to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies the responsibility for considering and applying existing regulations and practices related to the two semester time lag requirement before new undergraduate courses may normally be offered; Senate to be advised of the action(s) taken with respect to a particular course(s) by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at the time the course proposal is presented to Senate for consideration."

The Chairman commented that the item would be on the agenda for discussion at the December meeting of Senate.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

i) Senate Nominating Committee

a) Paper S.75-148 - Senate Elections

The Secretary announced that there had been no additional nominations to those submitted by the Senate Nominating Committee, and he drew special attention to the voting pattern in the election of nine Senators to the newly constituted Senate Committee on Academic Planning, which would seat those elected by Senate also on the Senate Committee on University Budget. He especially noted the conditions wherein at least two members must be Lay member Senators and at least two members must be Student Senator members. A. Kazepides withdrew his name from the slate.

Following balloting the following results were announced:

Elected for two year terms of office to September 30, 1977:

T. W. Calvert	
F. Cunningham	
J. F. Hutchinson	
R. Schiffer	(Student member)
S. Thomas	(Lay member)

Elected for two year terms of office (staggered) to September 30, 1976:

J.P.M. Mackauer	
M. J. Overholt	(Lay member)
M. Shillow	(Student member)
T. D. Sterling	

ii) Senate Committee on Continuing Studies

a) Paper S.75-149 - For Information - Report - Extension Credit Courses, 1974-75

In response to a query posed by T. Calvert, the Dean of Continuing Studies stated that on the basis of head counts it was estimated that of the 2522 part time students on campus 25% were evening students. The Dean also corrected an error on the second page of the paper which altered the first line of the last paragraph to read, "Approximately 1300 of the 2800 undergraduate enrolments in Extension Credit courses during the current semester are evening only"

iii) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

a) Paper S.75-150 - Course Changes, Africa/Middle East Studies Program

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by S. Smith,

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"That Senate approve, as set forth in S.75-150, the proposed changes to the Africa/Middle East Studies Program."

R. Brown confirmed that the content of courses in the program is not controlled, but reviewed by the steering committee, a procedure which had caused problems only coped with by hand screening. He agreed to consult with the Secretary of Senate to ensure that the proposed calendar entry would be appropriate.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Paper S.75-151 - For Information - Use of Special Topics Courses

The Chairman stated that the Dean of Science would respond to any questions raised in connection with the information paper on the Use of Special Topics Courses.

T. Finlayson noted that two courses, both numbered MATH 495-4, had been offered in the same semester, and the Registrar reiterated a previous statement he had made in that control is by the departmental code and course numbering system, although the subtitle could be changed from semester to semester by the current computer program. Within a given semester period separation would not pertain and all would show on a single class list. S. Aronoff regretted the limitation. The Chairman commented that the transcript in this instance would require that the course be recorded in duplicate.

iv) Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board

a) Paper S.75-152 - Course Audit - Special Audit Student

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by M. Dorsel,

"That Senate approve, as set forth in S.75-152, the category, 'Special Audit Student.'"

Considerable discussion ensued on the justification for a new classification and the overall intent and impact of the two motions proposed. It was identified that the purpose was to permit individuals to audit courses - under conditions controlled as described in the support papers - without having to go through the formal mechanism for admission to the University as is currently required for those seeking credit or taking courses for audit under present regulations. There was no intent to change the basic regulations for admission in the usual fashion for those students who would be registered in the Registrar's records and who would receive statements of standing either for credit or for audit. In the procedures suggested for the special category "Special Audit Student" the

individuals would not be recorded in the formal records of the University.

It was further identified that since persons would not appear in formal records and under current challenge regulations would be prevented from later taking special audit courses for recognition that change to these regulations was desirable. K. Rieckhoff felt the procedures were unnecessary as a number of individuals now do audit courses without any entry in records.

J. Blaney confirmed that there had been some consideration of library fees as charged by other institutions for this type of student, but no formal decision had yet been reached by SFU as to issuing identification or library cards.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

"That Senate rescind the policy which denies audit students the opportunity of applying for Course Challenge in a course which has previously been audited."

Lengthy debate followed on the current regulations for Course Challenge which limits credit to 60 hours (90 for PDP students) through a combination of Course Challenge and course transfer, and restricts further attempts to challenge after two unsuccessful attempts.

Amendment was moved by M. Shillow, seconded by R. Debo,

"That the words 'accepted for course challenge' be added to the main motion (following 'in a course')."

I. Allen suggested rather than an amendment an indication of the clear intent should be published in the calendar.

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

In response to a question raised by M. Overholt, it was clarified that the nature of the challenge must be satisfactory to the departmental chairman.

Question was called on the motion as amended, which read, "That Senate rescind the policy which denies audit students the opportunity of applying for Course Challenge in a course accepted for course challenge which has previously been audited," and a vote taken.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

There were no reports from Faculties.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

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

"That the Senate Library Committee provide Senate at its next meeting with all relevant information concerning the allocation of space on new floors of the library and its implications for the operation of the library."

The Chairman noted that the matter was currently being actively discussed by all relevant parties, and J. Hutchinson said he did not expect the decision would be by the Senate Library Committee but he would like an expression of the Committee's views inasmuch as it had been allocated a watch dog role on the effectiveness of the library operations.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

The Chairman undertook to ensure the contents of the motion were communicated to the Senate Library Committee.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

- i) Paper S.75-153 - Recommendation - Dean of Graduate Studies Search Committee (R. Schiffer) - for discussion

D. Wallbaum was recognized to speak, in the absence of the proponent, to the recommendation contained in Paper S.75-153.

Moved by D. Wallbaum, seconded by B. Emery,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors that the graduate student membership on the Dean of Graduate Studies Search Committee be increased from two to five."

D. Wallbaum spoke at length and with rigor asking for careful consideration of the intent for effective input from graduate students particularly in view of the imbalance in the structure of the committee since its original composition when only three Faculties held representation. It was pointed out that the charges to the Dean of Graduate Studies Search Committee were well in progress despite the resignation of the two student members who had been selected by the Student Society.

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by M. Mackauer,

"That the matter be referred to the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules with instructions to prepare for consideration a recommendation to the Board and Senate regarding the composition of Deans' Search Committees."

D. Birch said he believed it was an important question which had been raised and it affected not only the student representation but also other representation on the committees. He added that it was implicit in his motion for referral that established committees continue under existing procedures until Senate and the Board direct otherwise.

K. Rieckhoff was of the opinion that lack of student representation was not the fault of the committee structure but the ineffective selection of nominees by the Student Society. B. Wilson confirmed that the two designated student representatives had neither appeared nor protested in the deliberations of the committee which was operating under the authority of the terms of reference as approved by the Board of Governors and Senate. They had attended no meetings and their announcement of resignation had been read by the Chairman to the first meeting of the committee which was in progress. They had not kept an appointment arranged for meeting with the Chairman. Noting that elections were being called by the Student Society, B. Wilson suggested the two top ranking candidates could attend until there was some other directive from the Board of Governors.

D. Wallbaum felt delay was not helpful and that students require representation by Faculty on the Dean of Graduate Studies case.

Question was raised as to whether the proposed five students could attend meetings. The Chairman suggested they might advise but could not properly attend meetings under current procedures. B. Wilson indicated the Committee was expecting to make selection across some dozen internal names during November and that if they were not successful there would be external advertising and that time was of obvious importance if an internal candidate were selected, particularly if holding an administrative appointment as further search for replacement would arise. Delays would have significant impact.

Various suggestions were made to resolve difficulties.

An amendment was moved by M. Shillow, seconded by C. McCoy,

"That the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules report back to the December meeting of Senate as to the recommendation on the constitution of the Dean of Graduate Studies Search Committee."

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M. Shillow, after consideration, withdrew a second clause to his amendment which would have read, "and no decision on the Dean of Graduate Studies be made on any individual until January 1976."

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED
31 in favor

J. Hutchinson spoke against the motion to refer, stating that it did not address the issue that had been raised. He suggested a series of meetings of the Search Committee with a representative group of graduate students to ascertain if the question of sensitivity was of sufficiently high priority.

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

REFERRAL MOTION AS AMENDED
CARRIED
22 in favor
17 opposed

A motion was moved by M. Shillow, "That the Board of Governors be requested not to act on any recommendation prior to the December meeting of Senate," which was withdrawn when the Vice-President, Academic stated that the Search Committee anticipated making its recommendation to the President by the end of November and that recommendation could not be presented to the Board of Governors until after the December meeting of Senate.

An amendment was proposed by T. Sterling, "That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that the Dean of Graduate Studies Search Committee increase the graduate student representation from two to five," which was protested by K. Rieckhoff as being out of order when the referral motion had already been approved.

Moved by D. Knight, seconded by M. Dorsel,

"That the referral motion be reconsidered."

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

MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE
MOTION TO REFER CARRIED
28 in favor
9 opposed

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

MOTION TO REFER FAILED
8 in favor
27 opposed

At the request of B. Emery, W. Thomson, Vice-President of the Student Society, was invited to speak on the matter of student participation in the Search Committee. W. Thomson reported that he had received five applications from the Graduate Student Union for representation on the Deans Search Committee for a Dean of Graduate Studies from individuals who had been elected at a meeting of 50 graduate students. K. Rieckhoff pointed out that the enrolment of graduate students was currently in the 1000 range. W. Thompson stated that students generally are apathetic but a group of concerned individuals had emerged who were interested in providing conscientious input.

An amendment to the main motion, "That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors that the graduate student membership on the Dean of Graduate Studies Search Committee be increased from two to five," was moved by M. Shillow, seconded by G. Martel,

"That following 'two to five' there be added
'with at least one student member from each
of the Faculties.'"

J. Hutchinson questioned whether it was a case that numbers were the real issue or the priorities which the Search Committee use, to which W. Thomson responded that the number of students would be the issue because they can reach the graduate students more readily.

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

J. Ellis ascertained that the timing of the election of the Graduate Student Union representatives had disenfranchised approximately 120 students in the Faculty of Education.

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

MOTION AS AMENDED FAILED
18 in favor
20 opposed

D. Wallbaum asked that it be recorded in the minutes that he was extremely disappointed in the actions of Senate on the issue.

B. Wilson indicated that if the present members of the Search Committee are in agreement he would try to ensure interaction with the graduate students and would invite the two members nominated through the Student Society to the membership of the Search Committee.

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- ii) Paper S.75-154 - Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules - Terms of Office (R. Schiffer) - for discussion

Moved by D. Wallbaum, seconded by J. Versfelt,

"That the terms of office for the elected positions on the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR) be for two years."

D. Wallbaum stated that the rationale for the proposal was based on the critical matters assigned to the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules under its revised terms of reference and that Senate could only benefit by reconsideration of those it elects to the Committee.

An amendment was moved by D. Birch, seconded by M. Mackauer,

"And the terms be staggered for D. Birch and M. Mackauer to terminate in 1976."

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

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

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

9. INFORMATION

It was noted that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 1, 1975, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting recessed briefly at 10:07 p.m., prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary