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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD  
ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 1989 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 4:00 P.M.  
OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W.G., Chair

Alderson, E. (for R. Brown)  
Barrow, R.  
Bedford, B.  
Berggren, J.L.  
Calvert, T.  
Carlson, R.  
Clayman, B.  
Covell, M.  
D'Auria, J.  
DiFonzo, R.  
Freedman, A.  
Giffen, K.  
Gill, P.  
Hoechsmann, M.  
Hobson, R. (for D. George)  
Hoegg, J.L.  
Jones, C.  
Khosla, S.  
Mauser, G.  
Mathewes, R.  
McGivern, R.  
Palmer, L.  
Rac, B.  
Reilly, N.  
Rieckhoff, K.  
Rudrum, A.  
Saunders, R.  
Shapiro, S.  
Strate, G.  
Swartz, N.  
Tjosvold, D.  
Tuinman, J.  
Verdun-Jones, S.  
Winne, P.  
Wotherspoon, A.

Absent: Beedie, R.  
Blaney, J.  
Cercone, N.  
Cleveland, W.  
Dickinson, J.  
Djwa, S.  
Dobb, T.  
Fitzsimmons, C.  
Goodman, D.  
Ivany, G.  
Kazepides, A.C.  
Kennedy, P.  
Maaske, R.  
Nicol, I.  
Nielsen, V.  
Nyvik, S.  
Pinfield, L.  
Rashed, S.  
Salter, L.  
Shannon, D.  
Shickele, J.  
Warsh, M.  
Weinberg, H.  
Weldon, L.

W.R. Heath, Secretary  
Grant, B., Recording Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

In response to his request that the 1974 external review of the Department of English be added to the Agenda, B. Bedford was advised to raise this motion under "Notices of Motion". The agenda was approved.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF APRIL 3, 1989

Objection was raised to the use of 'collaborately' on Page 3, Line 6 and request made for amendment to 'in collaboration with', following which the Minutes were approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Reference was made to the External Review Report of the English Department, and opinion was expressed that some of the remarks pertaining to the expected performance of faculty members might appropriately be considered by the University Tenure Committee. Inquiry was made as to whether the report could be forwarded to the UTC for general consideration of these comments. The Chair indicated that he would take under advisement the more general question of whether or not reports of this nature, if deemed relevant by the Academic Vice-President, should be forwarded to the UTC.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

There was no report from the Chair.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEESa) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNINGi) Paper S.89-21 - Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning was received by Senate for information.

ii) Paper S.89-22 - Undergraduate Admission Targets 1989-3

Moved by R. Saunders, seconded by A. Wotherspoon

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set out in S.89-22, that a target of 3,400 new undergraduate admissions be established for the Fall Semester 1989-3"

R. Saunders introduced the paper by explaining that subsequent to Senate passing legislation to reduce admissions in the Fall Semester 1989-3 because of lack of resources, the University had received increased funding allowing the target figure to be changed. He advised Senate that the increased funding was directly tied to the Provincial Government's policy on access and that in

order for the University to acquire this additional funding, the University had to commit itself to an additional enrolment of 600 FTEs per year for the next six years. In return, full funding of \$6,500 per student would be made available to the University. The proposed figure of 3,400 would meet the FTE target of 600 for the coming academic year.

Discussion turned to the definition of FTE as it pertained to Simon Fraser University. R. Saunders indicated that Simon Fraser University considers an FTE as a full time student registered over two semesters and indicated an approximate ratio of two to one for campus registrations and four to one for Harbour Centre.

Concerns were expressed about the rapidity with which plans for expansion were proceeding and how increased numbers of students could be accommodated in view of the current resource and space limitations. Opinion was expressed that it would be more feasible to improve facilities and increase staff before such expansion took place. R. Saunders responded that investigation is underway with regard to the offering of third and fourth year courses, on stipend, in Fall 1989-3 in existing institutions such as Fraser Valley College and Kwantlen College. This would account for approximately 100 FTEs; Harbour Centre would account for about 100 FTEs, DISC approximately 50 FTEs; and together with the fifteen percent increase in Summer registrations, this would bring the total very close to the target figure.

Inquiry was made as to the planning and decision-making process involved in the offering of courses at other sites this Fall. Senate was informed that this was a temporary measure and that details had not yet been worked out but policy decisions would follow the normal process.

The Chair advised Senate that a more permanent presence was envisioned in the long term for the Fraser Valley area which would hopefully accommodate about 2,500 FTEs, leaving approximately 1200 FTEs for campus growth over the next six years. However, it was noted that the possibility of a Simon Fraser campus in the Fraser Valley area was currently under investigation.

Referring to the concerns expressed about the shortage of space in relation to increased enrolments, R. Saunders advised that the nine new classrooms available this fall will allow accommodation of the expected increase of 200-300 FTEs and that the construction of the IMMB building in approximately two years will add additional classroom space sufficient to accommodate approximately 750 new FTEs.

The Chair felt there were several advantages to growing at the level and speed resulting from the access funding. Government has fast-tracked

approval of capital funding allowing the University to proceed with major building and renovation projects, and the alleviation of structural physical deficiencies at a much more rapid pace. The acquisition of additional access funding has also enabled the University to initiate the hiring process for new teaching appointments.

Senate was reminded that Simon Fraser University had admitted as many students as it could over past years in the belief that it would eventually benefit under the old formula funding, but past data indicates funding per student has in fact decreased over that period. Once again Simon Fraser University is being asked to increase its student numbers without any recognition from Government for its past efforts in this regard. The Chair informed Senate the Government had indeed recognized that Simon Fraser University had taken in more growth over the past years by increasing the amount of funding per FTE student from a lesser amount originally proposed.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

A request by B. Bedford for copies of the 1974 external review report of the English Department was ruled to be a request for information rather than a notice of motion. Since earlier review reports were not automatically forwarded to Senate, the Chair indicated that he would determine the status of the report and would report back to Senate. It was suggested that copies of past review reports could probably be found in the University Archives.

8. INFORMATION

The date of next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, June 5, 1989.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.

W.R. Heath  
Registrar and Secretary of Senate