

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1991 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W., Chair

Blackman, R.
Blaney, J.
Brown, R.
Carlson, R.
Cercone, N.
Chan, B.
Clayman, B.
D'Auria, J.
Dahl, H.
Delgrande, J.
Dickinson, J.
Dill, L.
Dobb, T.
Etherington, L.
Giffen, K.
Haje, P.
Heinrich, K.
Hoegg, J.L.
Jespersen, J.
Jones, C.
Lindberg, T.
Luk, W.S.
Mauser, G.
McKeown, B.
Morrison, T.
Myers, T.
Nicol, I.
Nielsen, V.
Percival, P.
Pinfield, L.
Rae, B.
Reilly, N.
Rieckhoff, K.
Saunders, R.
Shannon, D.
Shapiro, S.
Soheili, A.
Swartz, N.
Wade, S.
Walker, R.
Warsh, M.
Wotherspoon, A.

Absent: Barrow, R.
Boland, L.
Bowman, M.
Bukovac, S.
Choquer, K.
Covell, M.
Duguid, S.
Evenden, L.
Leiss, W.
Menzies, R.
Munro, J.
Palmer, E.
Palmer, L.
Stewart, M.L.
Thomson, K.
Tuinman, J.
Verdun-Jones, S.
Winne, P.

In attendance:
Harris, M.
Loewen, V.
Liu, W.

Nagel, H., Acting Secretary
Grant, B., Recording Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF MAY 13, 1991

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

i) Senators were reminded about the upcoming Convocation ceremonies on Thursday, June 6th and Friday, June 7th and acknowledgement was extended to the medal winners who will be officially recognized at the Ceremonies.

ii) The Chair reported his pleasure in meeting many of the scholarship recipients who will be coming to Simon Fraser University in September.

iii) The Chair indicated his pleasure in attending the first-ever Alumni Appreciation Night which was organized by the Alumni Association in honor of their volunteers. The Chair congratulated the Alumni Association for bringing recognition to the University and for providing assistance for student scholarships from the money which they have raised.

iv) Congratulations were also extended to the Chancellor, B. Rae, a recent recipient of the Order of British Columbia; Dr. K. Egan, Faculty of Education, winner of the prestigious \$150,000 Grawemeyer award in education; Dr. Hilda Ching who received the Woman of Distinction Award for her role and her work in encouraging young women to enter into the field of Science; and Dr. R. Ward who has been appointed as Vice-President Financial Services.

v) The Chair was pleased to report that 6 women were among the 13 new tenure-track faculty appointments approved at the last meeting of the Board of Governors.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

i) Senate Nominating Committee
Paper S.91-28 - Elections

The following are the results of elections to fill vacancies on the undernoted committees:

Senate Committee on Academic Discipline (SCAD)

One Faculty Member (at-large) to replace S. Djwa for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1992.

Candidates: K. Heinrich, P. Percival

Elected:

K. Heinrich

Senate Committee on Academic Planning(SCAP)/Senate Committee on University Budget (SCUB)

One Student Senator to replace M. Radil for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1991.

Nomination of T. Lindberg withdrawn -

Elected by acclamation:

A. Soheili

Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR)

One Student Senator to replace P. Gray for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1991.

Candidates: T. Morrison, S. Wade

Elected:

S. Wade

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

One Senator (at-large) to replace D. Tjosvold for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1991.

Elected by acclamation:

G. Mauser

One Student Senator Alternate to replace P. Gray for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1992.

Elected by acclamation:

J. Jespersen

Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees (SCHD)

One Senator (at-large) to replace S. Djwa from date of election for no specified term of office.

Candidates: J. Blaney, L. Etherington, J. Jespersen,
T. Morrison, A. Wotherspoon

Elected:

J. Blaney

Senate Library Committee (SLC)/Library Penalties Appeal Committee (LPAC)

One Student Senator to replace P. Gray for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1992.

Candidates: H. Dahl, I. Nicol

Elected:

I. Nicol

One Student Senator Alternate to replace A. DiFonzo for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1992.

Elected by acclamation:

J. Jespersen

ii) Senate Committee on Academic Planning
Paper S.91-29 - Annual Report

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

iii) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Committee on Continuing Studies
Paper S.91-30 - Proposal for a Non-Credit Certificate "The Advanced Interpreter Education Program"

Moved by J.L. Hoegg, seconded by R. Saunders

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.91-30, the proposal for a Non-Credit Certificate "The Advanced Interpreter Education Program"

W. Liu, Program Director was in attendance as a resource person.

Concern was expressed about the University giving official recognition and providing a formal certificate to a program which is not accessible to its own students and which is subject to outside control. In response to a further concern about the quality and standards of the credit courses offered in the program, Senate was informed that the responsibility for the academic quality and level of all the courses, credit and non-credit, rests with the Centre for Canadian Studies.

It was pointed out that there were a large number of students on campus, particularly graduate students from China in the Faculty of Science, who would be interested and who would particularly benefit from the course described under the English rubric. Senate was informed that because the program is currently tailored to individual students it was not open to the general student population but it is hoped that the program will eventually be extended to all students and perhaps become part of regular programming at SFU.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- iv) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Graduate Studies Committee
- a) Paper S.91-31 - Change to General Regulations 1.2 and 1.6.4 re Master's Supervisory Committees

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by R. Saunders

"that Senate approve, as set forth in S.91-31, the changes to General Regulations 1.2 and 1.6.4"

Senate was informed that the proposal had originally initiated with the Faculty of Education as a specific recommendation for their own program but that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee had broadened it to cover all professional programs.

Concern was expressed that the proposed changes would result in a lack of control and a lack of continuity. A supervisor from outside is not subject to the same controls and standards of the University and has not satisfied the same qualifications and criteria faculty members must satisfy. Students lose the protection afforded by having two faculty members on the committee in terms of appropriate back-up assistance and supervision.

It was pointed out that professional programs are diverse and have different ways of supervising and examining their students and because they are largely course based, do not require the same type of supervision as research programs. It was also emphasized that the proposed change does not remove the requirement that the Senior Supervisor must be a faculty member.

A suggestion by J. Delgrande to change the second sentence of Regulation 1.6.4 as follows was accepted as a friendly amendment.

In consultation with the student, the Senior Supervisor shall recommend the composition of the Supervisory Committee. The

committee consists of the Senior Supervisor and, *except as noted below*, at least one other faculty member. For degrees designated by Senate as professional degrees, the other member(s) of the committee may be other suitably qualified person(s).

Opinion was expressed that Senate lacked adequate documentation to make an informed decision on this matter.

Moved by A. Soheili, seconded by S. Wade

"that the motion be referred back to the Senate Committee on Academic Planning for further clarification.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER FAILED

In response to a concern expressed that approval of the motion would make it possible for examining committees to be constituted with a majority of non-faculty members, it was pointed out that this is now possible under current regulations. It is not common, however, and it is not expected to be common under the changed regulation. It was also noted that the regulation was flexible in that individual programs could determine whether or not two of the members on the committee must be faculty members.

It was pointed out that the Master of Aquaculture should be included on the list of professional degrees on page 2 of the rationale.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- b) Paper S.91-32 - Business Administration - Change in Course Description - MBA 621-5

Moved by R. Saunders, seconded by A. Soheili

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.91-32, the change in course description for MBA 621-5"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- c) Paper S.91-33 - Biological Sciences -Ph.D. Candidacy Examination

Moved by R. Saunders, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.91-33, the proposed Ph.D. Candidacy Exam in Biological Sciences"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- v) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies
Paper S.91-34 - English - Change of Course Number and Credit Hours for ENGL 099-2

Moved by R. Saunders, seconded by R. Brown

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.91-34, the change in course number and credit hours from ENGL 099-2 to ENGL 199-3"

M. Harris, Department of English, was in attendance as a resource person.

Brief discussion took place with respect to the rationale for the proposed change, and Senate was informed that the change would not be retroactively applied.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Subject to the approval by Senate and the Board of Governors, the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies approved the first offering of ENGL 199-3 in Fall 1991-3 Semester.

- vi) Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries
Paper S.91-35 - Annual Report

V. Loewen, Director of Financial Aid and Awards was in attendance as a resource person.

The Annual Report of the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries was received by Senate for information.

6. Other Business
There was no other business.
7. Notices of Motion
There were no notices of motion.
8. Information
The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, July 8, 1991.

Following a brief recess, the Assembly moved into Closed Session at 8:15 p.m.

H. Nagel
Acting Secretary of Senate