

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1995 IN ROOM 3210 WMX, 7:00 P.M.
OPEN SESSION

Present: Stubbs, J.O., Chair

Alderson, E.
Arnason, K.
Bacani, J.
Barrow, R.
Beattie, S.
Blaney, J.
Boland, L.
Bullock, D.
Chan, K.
Ciria, A.
Clayman, B.
Crawford, C.
D'Auria, J.
Dhir, R.
Driver, J.
Dunsterville, V.
Eaton, C.
Etherington, L.
Hafer, L.
Heinrich, K.
Hoeflich, K.
Jones, C.
LeMare, L.
Lord, T.
Luk, W.S.
Marteniuk, R.
McAskill, I.
McInnes, D.
Morrison, T.
Munro, J.
Percival, P.
Perry, T.
Peterson, L.
Rawicz, A.
Sanghera, B.
Shapiro, S.
Stewart, M.L.
Swartz, N.
Vining, A.
Winne, P.

Absent: Cohen, M.
Dean, C.
Dobb, T.
Einstein, D.
Giffen, K.
Mathewes, R.
Mauser, G.
Naef, B.
Osborne, J.
Segal, J.
Warsh, M.
Wickstrom, N.
Wideen, M.
Wu, S.

In attendance:
Gee, E.
Gutman, G.
Wister, A.

Heath, W.R., 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 January 9, 1995
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
The Chair reported that budget concerns continue to focus in two areas. Firstly, funding for research councils might be substantially reduced, and secondly, it is difficult to assess the effect the Federal budget will have on transfer payments to the provinces in 1996/97.

Reference was made to the recent announcements regarding Government funding for the establishment of a technical, degree-granting institution in the Fraser Valley at Cloverdale, and the degree-granting status given to Kwantlen College. The Chair wished to correct a story which appeared in a local newspaper that the former Dean of Arts, R. Brown, was a member of the Advisory Committee for the new university. R. Brown was on a number of committees that looked into this matter before the Government made its decision but he is not on the Advisory Board of the new institution.

5. Report of Committees

a) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.95-9 - Elections

The following are results of elections conducted by Senate to the following Senate committees:

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

One Lay Senator to replace M. Warsh for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1996.

Candidates: V. Dunsterville, B. Naef

Individual receiving the higher number of votes and declared elected:

V. Dunsterville

Two Student Senators to replace K. Chan and J. Bacani for balance terms of office, from date of election to September 30, 1996 and September 30, 1995 respectively:

Candidates: K. Arnason, R. Dhir (Nomination of T. Morrison withdrawn)

Individual receiving the higher number of votes and declared elected for term of office from date of election to September 30, 1996:

K. Arnason

Runner-Up declared elected for term of office from date of election to September 30, 1995:

R. Dhir

Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA)

One Student Senator to replace K. Chan for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1995.

Elected by acclamation:

R. Dhir

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

One Student Senator to replace K. Hoeflich for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1996.

Vacant

No nominations received

b) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Graduate Studies Committee

i) Paper S.95-10 - M.A. in Gerontology

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors as set forth in S.95-10, approval of the Master of Arts in Gerontology.

Dr. G. Gutman, Director of the Gerontology Program, and Drs. A. Wister and E. Gee were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Opinion was expressed that the proposal contained vague language, euphemisms, and specialized jargon and concern was expressed about the use of words such as 'older persons', 'older adults', and 'built environment'. It was suggested that precise language should be used with terminology such as 'the elderly', 'seniors' or 'accommodating the elderly', being recommended.

It was pointed out that, as a field, Gerontology does not deal exclusively with persons age 65 and over. It is concerned with adult development and aging. The use of words like 'older persons' is used to distinguish individuals and is the choice of experts in the field. Many older persons object to being called seniors or the elderly because they feel that homogenizes them as a group and doesn't recognize individual distinction. It was also noted that some publishers even refuse to publish articles using terms such as the elderly. Comment was made that perhaps other Calendar material should be edited to reflect this. The term built environment is quite clearly understood in the field to designate housing and the design of care facilities and other places in which older

persons tend to gather, and using the word built clearly distinguishes it from those programs that are concerned with the green environment.

It was noted that the concept of the program appeared to be well presented and suggestion was made that too much attention was being given to specific words.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Senate Committee on University Budget

i) Paper S.95-11 - Annual Report - For Information

J. Munro extended congratulations to K. Heinrich, Chair of SCUB, and her colleagues for the improved format of this year's annual report. However, he wished to clarify that before any enrolment funding or any budget allocations were done last year the Library received an off-the-top allocation of \$500,000 for acquisitions. This is not reflected in the Annual Report.

At the request of the Chair, K. Heinrich explained procedures that SCUB wished to follow for this current budget cycle. In December, SCUB met with the Vice-Presidents to talk about their portfolios and to ask a variety of questions, some of which were based on last year's report and input received from the university community. Further meetings will be held and it is expected that they will be concluded by the end of February. Next month, SCUB hopes to send a letter to the community describing one or two scenarios based on the University's best guess as to what is likely to happen with respect to the budget allocation. The Vice-President, Finance and Administration, has prepared, for distribution, a guide to the budget to clarify the various components of the budget and those items where funds can be moved from one component to another. The guidelines from the Government for the way in which funds can be used within the University will also be distributed. The university community should then have a much broader picture and better understanding of the budget process. Hopefully in March or early April SCUB will meet with each Faculty and the Library, and will also hold a general meeting in order to gather input from the community. SCUB's goal is for the university community to work together to find a long term strategy to deal with the changing budget situations.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, March 6, 1995.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 7:25 p.m.

W. R. Heath
Secretary of Senate