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Minutes of a meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on Monday, November 2,
1998 at 5:30 pm in Room 3210 West Mall Centre

Open Session

Present: Blaney, Jack, President and Chair

Akins, Kathleen
Barrow, Robin
Boland, Larry
Bowman, Marilyn
Burton, Lynn Elen
Chan, Albert
Clayman, Bruce
Copeland, Lynn
D'Auria, John
Dunsterville, Valerie
Emerson, Joseph
Emmott, Alan
Finley, David
Fletcher, James
Gagan, David
Giffen, Ken
Gillies, Mary Ann
Harris, Richard
Heaney, W. John
Jones, Colin
Kanevsky, Lannie
Kirczenow, George
Lewis, Brian
Marteniuk, Ron
Mathewes, Rolf
Mauser, Gary
Morris, Joy
Naef, Barbara
Ogloff, James
Osborne, Judith
Overington, Jennifer
Percival, Paul
Peterson, Louis
Peters, Joseph
Pierce, John
Reader, Jason
Russell, Robert
Waterhouse, John
Weeks, Daniel
Wortis, Michael

Heath, Nick, Acting Registrar
Watt, Alison, Director, Secretariat Services
Grant, Bobbie, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Beattie, Suzan
Berggren, Len
Cheng, Winnie
Coleman, Peter
Dhillon, Khushwant
Jones, John
McInnes, Dina
Russell, Maya
Sanghera, Balwant
Segal, Joseph
Veerkamp, Mark
Warsh, Michael
Wickstrom, Norman
Zazkis, Rina

In attendance:

Brockman, Joan
Brown, Robert

The Chair welcomed Senate member Lynn Copeland, Librarian pro tem, and Kathryn Aberle, newly appointed Director of Media and Public Relations, to their first meeting of Senate, and recognized the presence of Jack Kowarsky, Chair of the Board of Governors.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Chair requested that item listed under Report of the Chair – Burnaby Mountain Community Corporation Board – be moved to Item 6 under Other Business. Following this change, the Agenda was approved as amended.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF OCTOBER 5, 1998

Typographical errors were noted with respect to the second paragraph on page 3 and the third paragraph on page 4 regarding the word 'policies' which was printed as 'polices'. Following this correction, the Minutes were approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Reference was made to the recent headline in SF News which announced Senate's support of the President's two-year agenda. It was noted that Senate had not approved an official statement of support and suggestion was made that SF News should be more objective in the way Senate activities are reported.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

There was no report from the Chair.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a) SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

i) Paper S.98-83 – Elections

The following are the results of elections to the following Senate Committees:

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

One Student Senator to replace Lawrence Tam from date of election to May 31, 2000.

Elected by acclamation:

Khushwant Dhillon

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

One Student Senator to replace Lawrence Tam from date of election to May 31, 2000.

Elected by acclamation:

Albert Chan

b) UNIVERSITY BOARD ON STUDENT DISCIPLINE (UBSD)/SENATE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINARY APPEALS (SCODA)

i) Paper S.98-84 – Annual Report (For Information)

Joan Brockman, Coordinator of the UBSD was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

It was pointed out that the statistics provided in the third sentence of the first paragraph on page 2 did not add up. The Chair indicated that the figures would be checked.

Secretary's Note: The sentence should be corrected as follows – Of the nine cases heard by the University Board on Student Discipline, eight (*delete seven*) were cases involving allegations of academic dishonesty, two (*delete three*) cases of plagiarism, three cases of altering examinations or marks, two cases of cheating on examinations, and one case of submitting an assignment used in another course, and one was a case of non-academic misconduct.

Reference was made to the first paragraph on page 3 wherein a misplaced quotation mark was noted in the third line. The phrase – with no specific membership composition required – was an editorial addition rather than part of the quoted change. The Chair noted the correction.

Following the above amendments, the Annual Report of UBSD/SCODA was received by Senate.

c) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING

i) Paper S.98-85 – Dissolution of Institutes and Centres (For Information)

Senate received information concerning the dissolution of the following Institutes and Centres: Institute for Business and Innovation Studies (Schedule B), Institute of Human Factors and Interface Technology (Schedule A), and Centre for Human Independence Engineering (Schedule A).

d) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING/SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

i) Paper S.98-86 – Graduate Calendar Revisions – Engineering Science (For Information)

Senate received information that SGSC, acting under delegated authority, approved a change of description for ENSC 890 and a new course – ENSC 800.

ii) Paper S.98-87 – Graduate Calendar Revisions – Resource and Environmental Management (For Information)

Senate received information that SGSC, acting under delegated authority, approved editorial changes to requirements and to the description of elective courses in the Master's Program.

iii) Paper S.98-88 – Graduate Calendar Revisions – Faculty of Business Administration (For Information)

Senate received information that SGSC, acting under delegated authority, approved changes to the Executive MBA Program, including changes to degree completion requirements, Weeknight and Weekend Residential Program Schedule, course sequence, electives, list of core courses, new courses – MBA 601, 602; and minor editorial changes to a number of existing courses.

iv) Paper S.98-89 – Graduate Calendar Revisions – Faculty of Education (For Information)

Senate received information that SGSC, acting under delegated authority, approved a Ph.D. emphasis in Mathematics Education, including a new course – EDUC 946.

e) SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES

i) Paper S.98-90 – Annual Report (For Information)

J. D'Auria, Senator and Chair of the SPCSAB was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

It was pointed out that under current regulations, the marks received by undergraduate students on formal exchange programs do not get calculated for scholarships during the period of exchange. It was suggested that this was unfair to students and an inquiry was made as to whether SPCSAB was the appropriate committee to review this regulation. Senate was informed that role of SPCSAB was to look at regulations of this kind and a request was made to the Senator raising the issue to provide a written submission to the Committee for consideration.

The increased value of graduate scholarships was noted and it was commented that this was a very positive move by the Committee.

f) SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULES

i) Paper S.98-91 – Change in Terms of Reference – Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by L. Boland

"that the annual reporting date for SPCSAB be changed in the committee's terms of reference to October from June"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.98-92 – Motion on Committee concerning Information Policies

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by J. Reader

"that a working group be established, composed of two faculty members and one student, all selected by SCAR, and the University Archivist/FOI/POP Coordinator, to explore and recommend implementation processes to be incorporated into I 10.10 to comply with the FOI/POP legislation regarding the return of assignments and exams"

Amendment moved by M. Wortis, seconded by L. Boland

"that the last phrase 'regarding the return of assignments and exams' be struck and replaced with 'and which are reasonably convenient for faculty'"

The intention of the amendment was to broaden the motion slightly so that it applied to the whole of policy I 10.10 rather than the specific section dealing with the return of assignments and exams.

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

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

MAIN MOTION (AS AMENDED) CARRIED

iii) Paper S.98-93 – Progress Report – Calendar Committee, and Approval of Schedule of Dates 1999/2000

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by J. Morris

"that the Schedule of Dates for the academic year 1999/2000 (99-3, 2000-1 and 2000-2) as recommended by the Registrar and as set out in the attached documentation be approved by Senate"

It was noted that the Fall semester included two Monday statutory holidays with an added Monday at the end, but the Summer semester in which there were also two statutory holidays did not have an extra Monday added at the end. It was pointed out that the Summer schedule followed the normal pattern and had not been changed.

Amendment moved by L. Boland, seconded by M. Wortis

“that an extra Monday be added to the end of the Summer semester similar to that done for the Fall semester”

It was pointed out that the amendment affected many other dates, not just the one day.

Discussion about the technicalities of adding one additional day ensued. Items included a suggestion for a compressed exam period, a brief discussion about requirements allowing either a one day or a two day break prior to the start of exams, and a discussion about the maximum number of exams a student may be asked to sit in one day.

Opinion was expressed that more time was needed to consider the proposal and inquiry was made as to the urgency of the issue. Senate was advised that it could wait until the December meeting but not any longer than that.

Moved by P. Percival, seconded by L. Boland

“that the issue be tabled to the next meeting of Senate”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED

It was understood that the Registrar would come back with another Calendar proposal which reflected the amendment to add an extra Monday to the Summer semester so that Senate would be in a position at the December meeting to select between the two alternatives.

Although there would be an opportunity for full debate on the entire proposal at Senate, Senators were invited to submit any specific concerns to the Registrar while this is being looked at again.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

i) Paper 98-94 – Burnaby Mountain Community Corporation

Robert Brown, President Designate of the Burnaby Mountain Community Corporation was in attendance in order to respond to questions. The following draft documents were distributed at the meeting for discussion and advice of Senate:

- Mandate: Burnaby Mountain Community Corporation
- Composition of the Board and Meetings
- Terms of Reference – Advisory Committee

Senators were reminded that motions to amend the draft documents would not be entertained but Senate could propose and pass motions which would take the form of advice to the Board of Governors, and the full nature of the discussion would also be reported to the Board.

R. Brown briefly described the consultation process followed thus far. Meetings with twenty-five campus groups had taken place and the majority of those consulted strongly supported the project and in most cases there had been no criticism of the proposed mandate or steering committee drafts. The proposed composition of the Corporate Board was not included in the consultation process because it had only recently been drafted following receipt of legal advice. The Student Society had expressed opposition to the proposed composition of the Corporate Board and suggested that the Board be based on a 'stakeholder model'. A 'stakeholder model' endorsed the concept of equal representation but the Steering Committee felt that the Board should be a working committee capable of running a very large business. The input from Senate would be taken to the Steering Committee for further discussion, and the proposals would then be taken to the November meeting of the Board of Governors for approval. Expectations are that once the Corporation is formed, the planning process for the master plan which would involve a campus wide consultation phase would commence. Once designed, the master plan would come to Senate for discussion before going to the Corporate Board and Board of Governors for approval. An envisioning document would also be presented to Senate for input. The purpose of the envisioning document was to project into the future how the University wanted the community to look like in ten or fifteen years and the intent was to work back in the development of the master plan from that projected image. However, the Consultants hired to prepare the envisioning document were overdue with their submission.

Discussion took place with respect to the draft documents, and the following comments and suggestions were made by one or more members of Senate:

Mandate

- It was suggested that the opening statement of the Mandate be clarified with respect to the term 'University property' so that it is defined as being the property associated with the development and not the entire campus
- It was suggested that the nature and purpose of the University Club might be revisited in the context of the development project

Composition of the Board and Meetings

- Preference was expressed for Option 2 over Option 1
- The omission of a staff member on the Board was noted
- A discrepancy in wording between Option 1 and Option 2 was pointed out with respect to the expertise of the external experts
- Terms of office for members of the Board of Directors should be specified, and terms should be staggered to provide continuity in membership
- It was suggested that one additional faculty member and one additional student be added to the Board as it would be preferable to have more than one person speaking for each group
- The issue of publicizing minutes from meetings was raised and Senate was given assurance that minutes of Board meetings would be published on the Web

- Membership of the Vice-President, Research was felt to be peripheral to the Board and a potential conflict of interest was noted with respect to issues affecting Discovery Park
- It was recommended that the Chair of the Advisory Committee be made a member of the Board in order to provide a built-in liaison between the two bodies

Terms of Reference – Advisory Committee

- Senate was advised that the Faculty Association Executive had expressed preference to elect the faculty representatives and the wording would be changed to reflect this recommendation
- It was suggested that the staff might prefer to elect their representative

Inquiry was made as to why the Advisory Committee included community representatives from the Burnaby Mountain Preservation Society and the Stoney Creek Residents' Association. It was felt that the University would want to be very sensitive to environmental issues and since these two environmental groups focus primarily on Burnaby Mountain their advice would be helpful and very much appreciated.

Brief discussion ensued with respect to the area of expertise expected from external experts, and Senate was advised that real estate, marketing, development, and law would be included.

It was noted that UBC had experienced many pitfalls in their community development project and it was hoped that SFU would not make the same mistakes. In terms of the development of residential housing, Senate was advised that UBC had passed on what they have learned to SFU. It was pointed out that UBC had developed a unilateral corporate housing venture without following the same consultative planning process which SFU has undertaken. SFU has also deliberately chosen a mandate with two objectives: one primary purpose of the development is to develop more of a community on campus; the second is to establish a revenue source for the University.

The Chair thanked Senate for its advice and comments which he indicated would be forwarded to the Board of Governors for consideration.

7. INFORMATION

The date of the next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 1998.

The Open Session adjourned at 6:40 pm. Following a brief recess, the Assembly moved into Closed Session.

Alison Watt
Director, Secretariat Services