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Minutes of a meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, February 5, 2001 at 5:30 pm in Room 3210 WMC

Open Session

Present:	Stevenson, Michael, Chair and President	Absent:	England, William
	Andrews, Ian (representing R. Barrow)		Gerson, Carole
	Atkins, Stella		Hill, Ross
	Bawa, Parveen		Jones, John
	Budra, Paul		Livadiotakis, Georgia
	Chan, Albert		McArthur, James
	Clayman, Bruce		McInnes, Dina
	Cooper, Kait		Naef, Barbara
	D'Auria, John <i>Copeland, Wynne</i>		Ogloff, James
	Davidson, Willie		Paterson, David
	Delgrande, James		Peters, Joseph
	Dill, Larry		Sanghera, Balwant
	Driver, Jon		Smith, Michael
	Dunsterville, Valerie		Warsh, Michael
	Finley, David		Wessel, Sylvia
	Giffen, Ken		Wong, Milton
	Gill, Alison		
	Grimmett, Peter		
	Gupte, Jaideep		
	Hold, Angela		
	Jackson, Margaret		
	Klymson, Sarah		
	LaRocque, Linda		
	Love, Ernie		
	Marteniuk, Ron		
	Mauser, Gary		
	McFetridge, Paul		
	Miralles-Sanchez, Veronika		
	Osborne, Judith		
	Percival, Paul		
	Pierce, John		
	Runyowa, Mac		
	Russell, Robert		
	Steinbach, Christopher		
	Stewart, Ryan		
	Waterhouse, John		
	Weldon, Larry		
	Wortis, Michael		
	Yau, David		
	Yerbury, Colin		
	Zaichkowsky, Judith		
	Zazkis, Rina		

Heath, Ron, Dean of Student Services and Registrar
Watt, Alison, Director, University Secretariat
Grant, Bobbie, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of the Agenda
The Agenda was approved as distributed.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of January 8, 2001
The Minutes were approved as distributed.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
Senate was advised that the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules had appointed Geoffrey Rosen as the undergraduate student on the Ad hoc Senate Committee to Review and Develop the Undergraduate Curricula.

4. Report of the Chair

i) Paper S.01-12 – Response to Senator Finley’s Questions

a) Question 1

As a follow-up to the preliminary response summarized in the minutes of the last meeting, and following consultation with SCAR, the Chair reiterated his position that questions having to do with employment histories or other privacy protected matters were not appropriate issues for Senate. Nevertheless, in order to avoid possible concerns that these issues were being avoided on procedural technicalities, the Chair indicated that he wished to elaborate on his previous remarks. With respect to question 1(a) concerning mechanisms available to faculty and staff who wish to bring grievances against administrators, the Chair reiterated that the matter was covered by grievance and dispute procedures in negotiated agreements with employee groups. With respect to question 1(b) concerning the accountability of administrators, the Chair noted that there was no requirement to respond to allegations by themselves except through normal mechanisms which have been approved to investigate such complaints. He further noted that administrators were not accountable to the public or to possible victims of allegations. They were accountable to their immediate supervisors and ultimately to the Board of Governors. If on investigation an administrator was found to have acted inappropriately, the Board or their immediate supervisor would take appropriate action if required.

b) Question 2

With respect to question 2 which concerned issues about the Donnelly case, the Chair advised that he was unable to answer the questions in full because they involved privacy protected matters. However, as a general comment, the Chair expressed his view that this was a tragic episode in the history of the university and had resulted in a very detailed investigation and complicated legal resolution. The case had exposed defects in the harassment procedure and as a result the harassment policy had been revised. A mandated review of the new policy following three years of operation would be initiated this Spring. The Chair stressed that there had been a great deal of public information but that details of private, personal matters and the legal agreements that settled the case must remain private. He concluded by stating that he considered the matter closed as he hoped Senate and the wider university community would consider

it closed, and that the University should move on from this unfortunate incident of the past.

5. Question Period

A question relating to costs associated with an arbitrated dispute between the Student Society and the University over maintenance costs on the rental agreement for the Maggie Benston Centre had been received. The Chair reported that the University's cost with respect to the arbitration process was approximately \$20,000 and the total cost in previous years as the dispute developed would not have exceeded \$5,000. In response to an inquiry as to whether the issue was finalized, the Chair noted that the University believed that the determination by the arbitrator was final and binding on both parties but it was his understanding that the Student Society had served notice of its intent to appeal the arbitrator's decision to the British Columbia Supreme Court so the University would be required to answer to that process.

A question relating to the five year capital plan and the robotic book storage system for the library was received from A. Chan. The University Librarian provided background information with respect to plans for library expansion and indicated that this issue had received detailed investigation over the past several years. While the preference would be to expand by building conventional library space which would allow users to browse shelves, the most feasible option at this time was still the robotic storage facility.

The Chair suggested A. Chan consider whether all the matters had been covered in response to the questions he had submitted, and indicated that additional response would be provided if necessary.

6. Reports of Committees

- A) Senate Nominating Committee
i) Paper S.01-13 – Elections to Senate Committees

The following are the results of elections to Senate committees. There were insufficient nominations to fill all positions; vacancies will be carried over and brought forward to the next meeting of Senate.

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

One Student Senator for term of office to May 31, 2002.

No nominations received

Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA)

One Student Alternate (at-large) for term of office to May 31, 2001.

No nominations received

Senate Committee on University Honours (SCUH)

One Senator (at-large) for term of office to May 31, 2001.

Elected by acclamation:

Albert Chan

7. Other Business
There was no other business.

8. Information
The next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, March 5, 2001.

Open Session adjourned at 5:55 pm. Following a brief recess, Senate moved into Closed Session.

Alison Watt
Director, University Secretariat