

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

MINUTES OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD IN THE BOARD AND SENATE ROOM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1967 AT 7 P.M.

Present:	P.D. McTaggart-Cowan	Chairman
	R.J. Baker	
	M. Bawtree	
	D.H. Berg	
	A.E. Branca	
	J.L. Dampier	
	J.F. Ellis	
	J.S. Foulds	
	C.J. Frederickson	
	E.M. Gibson	
	G. Kirchner	
	I. Koerner	
	M.A. Lebowitz	
	S.K. Lower	
	J.W. Matthews	
	R.N. Maud	
	G.M. Shrum	
	D.H. Sullivan	
	D.G. Tuck	
	W. Vidaver	
	J. Walkley	
	S. Wasserman	
	S. Wong	
	S. Yandle	
	D.P. Robertson	Secretary
	M. Dawson	Recording Secretary

In attendance: D. Roberts, Information Officer
L. Kendall (for Item 3C)
R.A. Holmes (for Item 3J)

Absent: D. Baird
A.J. Ellis
W.M. Hamilton
R.J.C. Harper
A.F.C. Hean
E.S. Lett
C.H. McLean
G.N. Perry
G. Sperling

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*Faculty Council
Student Discipline*

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1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Page 6, first paragraph, insert: "...program. It was noted by some members that the new major program went contrary to the previous expression of opinion by the Senate. Reference....".

Page 9, Item 3P, add after "Motion Carried": "The Committee was instructed to make a slate of its own nominations and volunteers from the Faculty".

Page 10, Item 3A, last paragraph, add: "K.E. Rieckhoff wished to be recorded as being opposed to sending any letter to the five graduate students."

With these amendments the Minutes were approved.

2. BUSINESS ARISING

A. Draft letter to five graduate students.

Moved by D.H. Berg, seconded by M.A. Lebowitz

"that we defer this to consider Item 2A under Business Arising, Motion by J.W. Matthews, which was not resolved due to adjournment"

MOTION LOST

Moved by S.K. Lower, seconded by J. Walkley

"that Senate approve this letter"

During discussion it was proposed that the second paragraph of the draft letter be amended to read "...that Senate with the advice of the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies is the final judge...." to which the mover and seconder of the Motion agreed.

An Amendment to the Motion was moved by D.H. Berg, seconded by J.W. Matthews

"that the letter be accepted with the insertion of a statement to the effect that this letter results from an appeal to Senate" *which was discussed in Senate*

AMENDMENT TO MOTION CARRIED
MOTION CARRIED

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Faculty Council
Student Disappears
Procedure

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S. Yandle and M.A. Lebowitz asked that their objection to the draft letter be recorded in the Minutes, on the grounds that the students' objection was not that the confidential document was released but that it was written in the first place and then accepted by Faculty Council.

B. Motion by J.W. Matthews which was not resolved due to adjournment.

Motion seconded by D.H. Berg.

After discussion the Motion was amended:

"that Senate deplores the action of Faculty Council in receiving academic evaluations of students submitted to Faculty Council by its Chairman, and recommends to Faculty Council a careful study and definition of its powers and duties, for the better ordering of its procedures in the future"

Motion lost on a recount:	In favour	11
	Opposed	11
	Abstained	1

A proposal for a roll call vote was lost. The following wished to be recorded as being in favour of the Motion: D.H. Berg, M. Bawtree, J.S. Foulds, E.M. Gibson, M.A. Lebowitz, J.W. Matthews, R.N. Maud, D.H. Sullivan, S. Wasserman, S. Wong, S. Yandle.

Moved by R.J. Baker, seconded by J. Walkley

"that Senate ask Faculty Council to make a careful study and definition of its powers and duties for the better ordering of its procedures in the future"

MOTION CARRIED

Paper S-18 was then discussed.

Moved by D.H. Berg, seconded by J.S. Foulds

"that Senate notes and tables the lawyer's report"

Moved by D.H. Berg, seconded by S. Yandle

"that Senate invite Faculty Council to inform Senate of its procedure with the understanding that "inform" means "to keep informed"

MOTION CARRIED

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*Exam & Grading
Committee*

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3. NEW BUSINESS

C. REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION AND GRADING PRACTICES
- S-21.

L. Kendall, Department of Psychology, joined the meeting and presented Paper S-21. The report was based on a questionnaire sent to all faculty, to which there had been limited response. After discussion it was suggested that the bar and scatter diagrams with a rewritten preamble be sent to Departments for comment, as a confidential document, or with Departmental names coded. It was agreed to commend the Committee and invite it to continue and extend this method of examination.

Moved by D.H. Sullivan, seconded by J. Waikley

"that the Ad Hoc Committee report presented to Senate be sent to Departments"

MOTION CARRIED

J. NEW COURSES IN ECONOMICS - S-41

Economics 830-5

"Analytical Economics. This course is concerned with the use of basic mathematical concepts which have found widespread application in economic theory and research in recent years. It will include calculus with applications in demand and production theory, matrix algebra with applications in input-output analysis of general equilibrium problems, and difference equations with applications in growth models. Students who have had a university-level course in calculus will not be required to take Economics 830-5"

R.A. Holmes, Department of Economics and Commerce, joined the meeting. The proposal that students who had taken a university-level course in calculus would not be required to take Economics 830-5 was questioned. It was stated that the intention was to exclude students who had had previous training in calculus from obtaining credit for 830-5. It was agreed to refer the paper back to the Economics and Commerce Department through the Dean of Arts for re-wording.

Moved by W. Vidaver, seconded by D.G. Tuck

"that Senate approve Economics 899-5 as follows:

"Economics 899-5 Readings in Economics. By permission of the Instructor and Head of the Department"

MOTION CARRIED

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3 A. NOTICE OF MOTION, S. YANDLE: "THAT THE QUESTION OF THE CLOSED NATURE OF SENATE MEETINGS BE RE-OPENED" - S-19

Senate was reminded of its resolution passed in February 1967 "that Senate not be opened for one year at which time Senate consider the matter of openness of Senate". The Chairman ruled that a resolution to re-open discussion of a matter which had been tabled for a year was a procedural matter requiring a two-thirds majority.

Page 5, Item 3A, amend to read: "...a procedural matter requiring a two-thirds majority, and cited Robert's Rules of Order Article 31 "...When a question has been postponed to a certain time, it becomes an order of the day for that time and cannot be taken up before that time except by a reconsideration, or by suspending the rules for that purpose, which requires a two-thirds vote.", and Articles 48 and 68".

with students because of the number involved; they had been requested to report to Student Council and this reporting had been subjected to distortion. At the discussions in Senate in February 1967 it had been made clear that students in general were more interested in having open meetings than in having representatives in closed sessions.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the question was a procedural matter of re-opening discussion on a matter which Senate had established would be re-opened in February 1968. M.A. Lebowitz challenged the ruling of the chair. The challenge was put to the vote and the chairman upheld.

arguing that since the motion had been made in advance only a majority vote was required.

Senate then voted on whether the discussion of the closed nature of Senate meetings should be re-opened at this time.

In favour 12
Opposed 11

MOTION LOST

J.S. Foulds indicated he would write for The Peak on Senate matters, as an experiment in communication with students.

3 B. KEEPING OF MINUTES - S-20

largely met the case and

It was agreed that the present system of keeping the shorthand transcript of Minutes should continue. The transcript would be available to Senators.

Members of Senate

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*Grading
Calendar*

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3 D. UNDERGRADUATE GRADING SYSTEM - S-33

Moved by D.H. Sullivan, seconded by D.H. Berg

"that each Faculty be allowed to use its own grading system"

It was suggested that this proposal be referred to the Faculties for discussion and to Joint Faculty before coming to Senate as the idea of having a diversity of systems had not been discussed before. The Registrar was asked what problems this would create if approved, and pointed out that the main concern was that students should be treated in an equitable fashion. This proposal might lead to inequities, e.g. in assessing eligibility for scholarships. After some further discussion the Motion was withdrawn.

It was then moved by J.W. Matthews, seconded by D.H. Sullivan

"that Senate approve the addition of A- and C+ to the existing scale"

The Chairman proposed that the Motion be tabled until the next meeting of Senate, in the meantime the Dean of Arts being invited to prepare a paper on the reasons underlying his presentation in Paper S-33 and the Registrar being requested to prepare a paper on the present system and the conversion to grade point average. W. Vidaver asked that the Science Faculty be instructed to provide a discussion and argument of a 4 point system which was preferred by the majority of members of the Science Faculty, and D.H. Berg asked that the Dean of Science be requested to present arguments against including A- and C+ in the scale. J.F. Ellis asked that the Registrar's paper include advantages of staying on the present system.

The Chairman pointed out that the papers on this subject which had been discussed and brought to Senate between March and September, 1966, were available in all Departments.

The Motion was tabled until further information is available from the Deans and the Registrar.

E. ADMISSION TO HONORS PROGRAM - FACULTY OF ARTS - S-36

It was agreed that the Registrar would include this paper in the draft of the new Calendar, for consideration by Senate at that time.

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Graduate Degrees
Ph.D.
Calendar
Grad. Studies

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3 F. PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING DEGREES - S-37

This ~~Faculty of Arts~~ proposal was agreed as follows:

- "1. Candidates apply for graduation at least seven weeks before the end of the semester in which they expect to complete the requirements for the degree.
2. Registrar sends to the departments transcripts of all students who have applied and who appear to have completed the requirements for the degree by the end of the semester.
3. Departments send documents of approved graduands to the Dean of Arts.
4. The Dean submits these documents to the Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee (undergraduates) or the Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee (graduates).
5. A list of students eligible to receive degrees will be circulated to the Faculty. (Documents will be available in the Dean's Office for consultation).
6. The list will be presented at the Faculty meeting for formal approval.
7. A list of approved graduands will be forwarded to the Registrar for submission to Senate."

G. STANDARDS ON THE PREPARATION OF THESIS FOR THE PH.D. DEGREE -S-38

The Memorandum was agreed with the following amendment to paragraph 5, first sentence: ^{*R. N. Mould dissenting*} "...degree of Ph.D. In special cases the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies will hear requests for the waiving of the oral examination. This examination...."

H. CHANGES IN STUDENTS REQUIREMENTS - S-39

This was agreed as follows:

"The Calendar governing a student's program will be that in effect at the time the student declares his major to the department concerned. A change of major will be deemed a new declaration. A declaration of a major will be valid for five calendar years."

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3 I. NEW COURSES IN GEOGRAPHY - S-40

315-3 Biogeography I. An introduction to vegetation and soils: description, sampling and survey methods; basic ecological concepts, dynamics and classification. Man's place in the soil-vegetation system. (2-1-0)

Prerequisite: Geography 211-3 or permission of the department.

415-5 Biogeography II. A review of some major world vegetation types and their associated soils. Emphasis will be placed on ecological problems and research methodology, human interference and human perception. (2-3-0)

Pre-requisite: Geography 315-3 or permission of the department.

These courses had been approved by the Faculty of Arts Committee but not by the Department of Bioscience. It was agreed that they should be approved by Senate subject to assurances of co-ordination between the Geography and Biological Sciences Departments.

Moved by S. Wong, seconded by G. Kirchner

"that Senate instruct the Registrar not to schedule courses nor register students in courses which have not been approved by the Senate at least one month before the beginning of the semester in which the course is going to be offered"

MOTION CARRIED

K. AWARDING OF DEGREE - J.D.R. PICHE

Moved by J.W. Matthews, seconded by M.A. Lebowitz

"that the degree of Bachelor of Arts be awarded to J.D.R. Piché"

MOTION CARRIED

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*Election,
Ad & Standings
Convocation*

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3 L. NOMINATIONS FOR SENATE COMMITTEES - S-43

The following were elected:

Senate Library Committee	R. J. Baker J. L. Dampier J. S. Foulds
Senate Committee on Graduate Studies	D. G. Tuck W. D. Ross W. M. Scammell
Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings	J. F. Ellis R. R. Haering K. R. Burstein
Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees	S. Wong D. G. Tuck (temporary for K. E. Rieckhoff) S. Wasserman
Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries	C. L. Kemp T. J. Mallinson F. Cunningham

The Senate Committee on Graduate Admissions and Standings is appointed by the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies.

M. FAILURE TO COMPLETE COURSE THROUGH ILLNESS - S-44

It was agreed that the current practice of the Registrar in permitting students to withdraw from courses after the deadline without penalty on the basis of a medical doctor's certificate should continue.

N. DATE OF CONVOCATION 1968

Moved by M. Bawtree, seconded by W. Vidaver

"that Senate set the date of May 11 1968 for Convocation"

MOTION CARRIED

4. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of Senate will be held on Monday 2 October at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11.10 p.m.

D. P. Robertson
Secretary