

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1968, IN THE FACULTY LOUNGE AT 7.30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present:

Strand, K.T.
Baird, D.A.
Baker, R.J.
Boland, L.A.
Branca, A.E.
Burstein, K.R.
D'Aoust, B.
Foulds, J.S.
Funt, B.L.
Gibson, E.M.
Harper, R.J.C.
Hean, A.F.C.
Hutchison, J.
Koerner, Mrs. Otto
Lett, Mrs. Sherwood
Korbin, D.
MacKinnon, A.R.
Okuda, K.
Rieckhoff, K.E.
Sperling, G.B.
Shrum, G.M.
Stratton, S.
Sullivan, D.
Tuck, D.G.
Vidaver, W.
Walkley, J.
Wong, S.
Williams, W.E.

Chairman

Evans, H.M.
Roberts, D.
Smedley, J.

Secretary

Recording Secretary

Absent:

Collins, M.
Dampier, J.L.
Ellis, A.J.
Hamilton, W.M.
McLean, C.H.
Perry, G.N.
Smith, Mrs. L.

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The Chairman indicated to the members of Senate that Governor-General Mitchner would be on campus Monday, December 2nd, and that a tea in honour of the Governor-General would be held at the President's Residence with all members of Senate being invited.

Messages indicating regret and inability to attend the Senate Meeting were received from M. Collins, L. Dampier, G.N. Perry.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Secretary apologized for omitting from the bottom of the Agenda Item "F- Confidential Matters", explaining that this had not been included as it was not anticipated that there would be a Closed Session but decisions of Senate stipulated that the item should appear at the end of the Open Agenda.

The Chairman noted that the Senate Agenda Committee was expected to be giving consideration to the rules of procedure for Senate, to bring forward recommendations for consideration by Senate.

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by D. Baird,

"that the Agenda be approved"

MOTION CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF OCTOBER 7, 1968

K. Okuda made reference to page 8, item 6B with reference to a motion for which apparently there had been no action. The Secretary explained that the motion shown under 6B had carried and that the wording of the motion appeared after the statement "Motion Carried". It was agreed that the motion in its entirety appear under the heading Item 6 B.

R. Baker made reference to page 11, paragraph 3, line 3, "or equivalent thereto" and it was agreed that the three words be deleted.

B. D'Aoust referred to page 12, bottom of the page, to motion made by him, seconded by S. Stratton, indicating that reference had also been made to "recognition as an elective for students in the Faculty of Arts" and it was agreed that the necessary insertion pertaining to the Faculty of Arts would be made.

The Chair ruled that the minutes, as corrected, stand approved.

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3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (A) D. Sullivan referred to the last item on page 6 of the minutes of the Open Session of October 7 stating that there was some misunderstanding and disagreement concerning the interpretation of the statements pertaining to the calculation of averages required for the First Class Honors Degree and for the Honors Degree. Question concerned grades of 'N' and 'F' as to whether these were to be dropped in the calculation of the averages as outlined on page 6 or whether they were to be included, and asked the Secretary to comment.

The Secretary indicated that it was his interpretation that the average would be calculated on the courses "used for credit towards the degree" and that on this basis the grades of 'N' and 'F' would not be included in the particular calculation for the average to which reference was being made. He explained that there would be available to departments and faculty a semester Grade Point Average which would include such gradings, that there would be available also a Cumulative Grade Point Average which would be based on all courses undertaken thereby including grades of 'N' and 'F', and that there would be an additional calculation which would not include such gradings but which would be in keeping with the intent of the motion of page 6 under interpretations as made by the Registrar's Office.

The Secretary noted that at present the minimum requirement for graduation on the General Program is a grade point average of 2.0 computed on the courses used for the degree and enquired whether it was proposed to continue with this regulation based solely on the 120 semester hours or whether an alternative average could be utilized calculated on the 60 semester hours taken in the upper years; of which 45 must be upper division courses number 300 or above.

Debate ensued, with some disagreement and reference to earlier rulings of Senate. Extended discussion followed.

Moved by R. Harper, seconded by D. Sullivan,

"that the Secretary prepare a short paper for consideration at the next meeting of Senate and that the matter now be tabled."

MOTION CARRIED

B. D'Aoust requested that information also be provided concerning the duration a 'DEF' grade may remain on a student's record, the number of such grades allowed, and the practice now used in calculating a Grade Point Average which contained one or more 'DEF' grades.

Notice of Motion by K. Burstein,

"that Senate formulate specific procedures for recommendations having University-wide significance, with special attention to the relationship of Joint Faculty to Senate."

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(B) NOTICE OF MOTION - D. KORBIN

D. Korbin requested that attention now be given his Notice of Motion as indicated on page 13 of the Minutes of October 7, Open Session.

Moved by D. Korbin, seconded by S. Wong,

"whereas G.N. Perry, a member of the Simon Fraser Senate had accepted a position on a Government Commission concerned with the fundamental re-structuring of the British Columbia Educational system, and whereas this represents a continuation of political appointments which the Simon Fraser community finds unacceptable and whereas G.N. Perry has been consistently delinquent in his attendance and in the carrying out of his duties as a Senator, the Senate of this University (1) censure G.N. Perry for his delinquency, (2) request the Government withdraw his appointment from the Senate, (3) request the Government to withdraw his appointment from the so-called Perry Commission."

D. Korbin and S. Wong spoke in favour of the motion. A point of information was raised by G. Sperling concerning rules as to attendance of Senators and information was provided by the Secretary that there were no such rules other than those which indicated that if a Senator was undertaking more than a semester off then the necessary procedures should be followed to elect a Senator temporarily, with the understanding that this pertained to the faculty senators. R. Baker spoke against the motion. It was noted that no instructions had been given concerning an attendance register for senators.

Several other senators spoke against the motion, some with mixed feelings.

D. Korbin requested that a roll-call vote be undertaken and vote on this request was then taken.

3 in favour
13 opposed

Vote was then taken on the motion by Korbin, seconded by Wong,

MOTION DEFEATED
2 in favour
20 opposed
3 abstained

(C) REPORT OF THE DEANS OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE

B. D'Aoust referred to section 3, page 12 of the Minutes of October 7 inquiring whether the Deans of the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science could report on the matter of the Individual Study Semester.

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Dean Sullivan and Dean Funt indicated that they would report as soon as it is feasibly possible.

(D) TABLED MOTION, B. D'AOUST, S. STRATTON, PAGE 12 MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 1968, OPEN SESSION

Moved by B. D'Aoust, seconded by S. Stratton, that the tabled motion now be considered, "that the Individual Study Semester be granted Senate recognition as an elective for students in the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Arts.

Discussion followed and vote was taken.

MOTION FAILED
10 in favour
11 opposed

Further discussion followed but was ruled out of order by the Chair.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF OCTOBER 10, 1968

As no points were raised the Chair declared the minutes approved as distributed.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 1968

Brief discussion was held and the Chairman indicated he had received information that he would be allowed approximately one hour to discuss the submissions made. He expressed the view that this would be insufficient time. He also noted that individual members of Senate had been informed that each was free to provide additional submissions to the Committee if anyone so desired.

6. NEW BUSINESS

(A) ELECTION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE SENATE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DEFINE FACULTY STATUS - PAPER S-169

Ballots were distributed and it was noted that five members only were to be elected. It was further noted that under Senate rules in order for a ballot to be valid the voter must vote for exactly five candidates. Following the counting of ballots those elected were declared as follows: D. Baird, J.F. Cochran, C.L. Hamilton, A. MacKinnon, T. Mallinson.

(B) ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE ACADEMIC BOARD - PAPER S-169

It was noted that D. Tuck had withdrawn his name. Voting therefore took place with the candidates being R. Haering and K. Rieckhoff. Following the counting of the ballots R. Haering was declared elected as the representative to the Academic Board replacing C.D. Nelson.

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(C) COMMENTS OR REPORT BY THE ACTING PRESIDENT AND ITEMS ARISING THEREFROM

i. Board Committee concerned with Search for a President

The Chairman indicated that he had earlier informed Senate that a Board Committee had been established to consider the matter of a search for a president and that the Board Committee had agreed to receive statements and hold hearings with interested parties. He also noted that the Senate Agenda Committee had been informed of this matter. The matter however had not been placed for formal discussion on a Senate Agenda and Senate had made no submission to the Board Committee. He indicated that a member of the Committee had contacted him with some concern that nothing had been heard from Senate and that the member wished to ensure that any necessary steps be undertaken to prevent difficulties from arising later.

A. Hean, a member of Senate and of the Board Committee, gave information concerning a number of submissions which had been made and of hearings held. He indicated that the Committee would be reporting to the Board on November 21 and that he would be pleased to have any statements or submissions which Senate might wish to provide. Some 14 or 15 submissions had already been received but none directly from Senate.

The members considered various ways whereby this matter might now be followed, with a number of suggestions being made.

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by J. Hutchison,

"that Senate endorse the procedures recommended by Joint Faculty for the selection of a president."

Debate continued with a number of members speaking for the motion and a number of members speaking against the motion or offering alternative suggestions. J. Hutchison gave information concerning the recommendations of Joint Faculty in this regard. Considerable debate followed with much disagreement.

Moved by W. Vidaver, seconded by G. Sperling,

"that this matter be tabled."

MOTION DEFEATED
6 in favour
15 opposed

Further debate ensued with considerable disagreement and alternative suggestions being made.

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Vote was then taken on the motion by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by J. Hutchison,

"that Senate endorse the procedures recommended by Joint Faculty for the selection of a president."

MOTION FAILED
10 in favour
10 opposed

The Chairman declined to break the tie and the motion was declared "failed".

Moved by E. Gibson, seconded by J. Walkley,

"that Senate invite the Board Committee to present to Senate one week from tonight the procedures it proposes to recommend on selecting a president."

A. Hean spoke in opposition to the motion, pointing out that Senate had been given the same opportunity as other bodies to present briefs or to request a hearing with the Board Committee but that this had not been done. He emphasized that the committee had raised the matter with the Chairman of Senate as the Committee considered the topic of great importance and was concerned that Senate had made no comment as a body. He noted that some individual persons sitting on Senate had made submissions either individually or as part of other groups.

The Chairman again noted that information had been given to Senate that a Board Committee had been established to consider this matter, that the Senate Agenda Committee had not placed the matter for formal discussion on Senate papers, and that Senate as a body had not made submission. He again explained that the matter had now been brought before Senate in order that Senate could be informed of the existing situation noting that there seemed to be question as to whether or not Senate had been delinquent or whether Senate had chosen not to participate.

W. Williams gave notice of motion but E. Gibson requested permission to table motion made by himself and J. Walkley.

Moved by E. Gibson, seconded by G. Sperling,

"that the motion 'that Senate invite the Board Committee to present to Senate one week from tonight the procedure it proposes to recommend on selecting a president be tabled'."

MOTION TO TABLE DEFEATED

Further discussion was held with members speaking for and against the Gibson/Walkley motion.

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Vote was taken.

MOTION DEFEATED

Further debate ensued with considerable disagreement.

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by L. Boland,

"that Senate take no action."

MOTION CARRIED
13 in favour
6 against

The following requested that their votes in favour be recorded:
L. Boland, B. D'Aoust, E. Gibson.

ii. ACTING ACADEMIC VICE-PRESIDENT

The Chairman indicated that on a recent vote held for the position of Acting Academic Vice-President R. Haering was declared elected. He requested that when the appointment is ratified by the Board of Governors the individual also be seated in Senate.

Moved by Walkley, seconded by Hutchison,

"that the Acting Academic Vice-President be seated at Senate."

MOTION CARRIED

D. Korbin requested that his negative vote be recorded.

iii. REPORT, MEMBERS OF SENATE, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, AND SENATE REPRESENTATIVES
- PAPER S-170A, S-170B

The Secretary was requested to comment on Papers S-170A and S-170B and this was done, noting that legal opinion had been obtained, that the normal terms of office of individuals on Senate and on the Board of Governors was three years, that the majority of Senators terminated office on May 31st in a given year, that in the case of individuals appointed by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council to Senate that the dates of termination would be November 17th subject to the provision that individuals continue in office until re-appointment or replacements are made, that Senate elects three members to the Board of Governors, that terms of office on both Senate and the Board of Governors are for three years and until the successor is elected/appointed as the case may be, that individuals continue in office until successors are elected or appointed, that where a term of office is broken an individual is elected/appointed to complete the balance of the term of office, and that if re-appointment or other appointments were made to Senate membership at the present time election by Senate to Board of Governors positions could then be held but only for the balance of the terms of office. It was noted that if a Senator elected to the Board of Governors ceased to hold office as a Senator a vacant seat would then exist on the Board and election would be in order.

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Questions were raised and debate ensued.

Moved by D. Korbin, seconded by G. Sperling,

"that Senate recommend to Government that new appointments or re-appointments be made during the month of November by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to fill positions on Senate under Section 23 (g) of the Universities Act."

Debate followed and vote was taken.

MOTION DEFEATED
6 in favour
14 opposed
3 abstained

Moved by D. Tuck, seconded by D. Baird,

"that request be made that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council make no appointments or re-appointments under Section 23 of the Universities Act, to Senate at this time."

MOTION CARRIED
15 in favour
4 opposed
1 abstained

The Chairman indicated that he would convey the decision of Senate to the Deputy Minister of Education for consideration by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council

(D) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of next meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 2, 1968, and it was noted that a special meeting of Senate would be held on Monday, December 9 to consider the Undergraduate and Graduate Calendars.

A. MacKinnon inquired as to whether or not a Senate Calendar Committee would be established to review calendar material.

K. Rieckhoff indicated that it had been practice for material in the Graduate Studies Calendar to be referred to the Graduate Studies Committee before coming to Senate and that on a previous occasion Undergraduate Calendar material had indeed been considered by a Committee. Discussion indicated that such a committee had been established some considerable time ago but that this had not been done for the currently existing Calendar.

D. Sullivan indicated that it was his view that the necessary matters are dealt with firstly by the Faculty Curriculum Committee, then by the Faculty, and the Deans could be expected to point out significant changes in the Calendar.

The Chairman suggested that the Acting Academic Vice-President should

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convene a meeting of the three Deans, together with the Registrar, to look into these matters to ensure that Senate could deal as expeditiously as possible with them when presentation is made to Senate.

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by K. Okuda,

"that the next regular meeting of Senate be held Monday, December 2, 1968, at 7:30 P.M."

MOTION CARRIED

(E) OTHER ITEMS

Election to the University Tenure Committee

Dean Sullivan indicated that the Faculty of Arts was concerned that election to the University Tenure Committee under normal Senate Regulations would not be acceptable to the Faculty and that the normal Faculty rules of majority vote requiring 50% plus one vote be applied.

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by J. Walkley,

"that Senate suspend its rules for the present election pertaining to the University Tenure Committee for representatives from the Faculty of Arts, and stipulate that requirements for a majority vote rather than a plurality apply to the Faculty of Arts election."

MOTION CARRIED
20 in favour
1 opposed

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

H. M. Evans
Secretary