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MINUTES OF MEETING OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1970, EAST CONCOURSE CAFETERIA, 7:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

PRESENT: Strand, K. T.   Chairman

                          Baird, D. A.
                          Basham, G. D.
                          Birch, D. R.
                          Bradley, R. D.
                          Burstein, K. R.
                          Funt, B. L.
                          Hamilton, C. L.
                          Hamilton, W. M.
                          Harper, R.J.C.
                          Lachlan, A. H.
                          McAninch, J. R.
                          Mugridge, I.
                          O'Connell, M. S.
                          Pate, B. D.
                          Rieckhoff, K. E.
                          Rogow, R.
                          Sadleir, R.M.F.S.
                          Stratton, S. T.
                          Sullivan, D. H.
                          Turnbull, A. L.
                          Weinberg, H.
                          Wilson, B. G.

                          Evans, H. M.   Secretary
                          Kelsey, I. B.
                          Norsworthy, Mrs. R.   Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Campbell, M. J.
                          Caple, K. P.
                          Claridge, R. W.
                          Drache, Mrs. S.
                          Ellis, J. F.
                          Freiman, Mrs. L.
                          Hean, A.F.C.
                          Kenward, J. K.
                          McDougall, A. H.
                          McLean, C. H.
                          Vidaver, W. E.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alexander, H. L.
                          Bumsted, J. M.
                          Chase, J.
                          Hobler, P. M.
                          Meakin, D.

The Chairman called upon the Secretary of Senate to read the results of recent elections to Senate. H. Evans announced that the Faculty of Education had elected D. R. Birch from September 21, 1970 to May 31, 1971, replacing B. R. D'Aoust for the remainder of his term of office; and that Joint Faculty had elected B. D. Pate from September 15, 1970 to July 31, 1971, to temporarily replace R. L. Carlson; and R.M.F.S. Sadleir from September 30, 1970 to December 31, 1970, to temporarily replace R. C. Brown.

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

"That the newly elected Senators be seated on Senate."

MOTION CARRIED

Senators Birch, Pate and Sadleir were welcomed by the Chairman and were seated on Senate.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Session of September 14, 1970 were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

There was no report by the Chairman.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a) Academic Planning Committee

i) Paper S.406 - Proposed Archaeological Studies Program

B. Wilson asked Senate to be prepared to recognize resource people in connection with the submission from the Academic Planning Committee, and advised that Professors Alexander and Hobler from Archaeological Studies, and Dr. J. M. Bumsted of the History Department, were standing by to speak to the papers on the Proposed Archaeological Studies Program and the Proposed Arts Program.

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

> "That the proposal contained in Paper S.406,
> which is that Archaeological Studies become
> a Department and be permitted to offer the
> minimum program described within the document,
> be adopted."

D. Sullivan explained that the proposal had gone through the necessary academic processes of the Faculty and the Academic Planning Committee, and that it could require more time and space but would entail structural changes to an existing program. He stated that the program necessary to mount the minimum core courses would not necessarily require more monetary resources than are at present available. It was also pointed out that students would be able to receive major and honors work for a B.A. degree in Archaeological Studies. He requested that Professors Hobler and Alexander, the proposers of the program, be permitted to speak and to answer questions Senators had on the proposal.

The representatives from Archaeological Studies stated that archaeology is a discipline of its own and as such should be recognized as a department on its own, similar to other departments within the Faculty of Arts.

They distributed copies of a proposed schedule of course offerings for the program (a paper subsequently numbered S.406a).

Senators then asked questions of Professors Alexander and Hobler and Dean Sullivan with regard to archaeology being a distinct discipline and how transfer students would fit into the proposed schedule.

Moved by L. Funt, seconded by A. Turnbull,

> "That the question be divided."

As there was no objection, the question was divided and the motion on the floor then read,

> "That Archaeological Studies be permitted
> to offer the minimum program described in
> Paper S.406."

S. Stratton enquired whether the proposal had been considered by the Academic Planning Committee, and whether it was considered a new program. The Chairman indicated that it had been considered, that the program was not considered new, but the portion relating to establishment of a Department was new.

D. Sullivan emphasized that the core program could be mounted with available resources. He was supported by K. Rieckhoff who stated that as there is no comparative program existing in the province, as considerable interest has been shown in it by students, as it is academically sound, and as it requires no additional funds immediately, the program should be established.

Question was called on the motion, "That Archaeological Studies be permitted to offer the minimum program described in Paper S.406," and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Debate then commenced on the other part of the divided question, reading,

> "That the proposal contained in Paper S.406,
> that Archaeological Studies become a Depart-
> ment, be adopted."

D. Sullivan specified that departments and schools that have achieved academic status are recognized as distinct groups within a university, and added that, as a Department, Archaeological Studies would have sole jurisdiction over its own students and could recommend its own degree candidates.

K. Harper spoke strongly in favor of interdisciplinary studies and opposed the concept of separate departments for specific disciplines. B. Wilson felt that there were insufficient faculty members within the program initially to establish the area as a department at this time. A. Turnbull did not approve of granting departmental status which would place Archaeological Studies in a priority bargaining position for access to resources and implementation of its programs.

H. Weinberg supported the motion in that the proposal was for an interdisciplinary department. W. Hamilton agreed that Senate should approve the proposal and forward its decision to the Board of Governors for action when the necessary resources are available.

It was pointed out by Dr. Strand that approval of this motion did not mean immediate implementation. Implementation would be worked out by the Academic Planning Committee.

Question was called on the question to establish Archaeological Studies as a Department, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

10 in favor
7 opposed

(Note: Five new courses were included in Paper S.406 - Archaeology
371-5, Archaeology Theory; Archaeology 375-5, Fossil Man;
Archaeology 474-5, Regional Studies in Archaeology - North
America - Southwest; Archaeology 475-5, Regional Studies in
Archaeology - North America - Arctic; Archaeology 476-5,
Regional Studies in Archaeology - North America - Northwest
Pacific.

Paper S.406 was approved, with the section pertaining to
establishment of a Department to await implementation through
the Academic Planning Committee and Board. Dates for intro-
duction of the above courses were included in the paper, but
under Senate Rules, as no waiver motion was passed, the
courses could not be introduced for at least two semesters,
i.e. prior to Fall 71-3.)

ii) Paper S.407 - Proposed Arts Program

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by I. Mugridge,

> "That the Arts program, as outlined in Paper
> S.407, be approved in principle with the
> understanding that the specific extent of its
> implementation and requested fundings will be
> explored by the Academic Planning Committee."

D. Sullivan introduced the paper covering the Proposed Arts
Program and stated that it had been through the procedure outlined
for new programs. He added that the proposal was a way of offering
courses throughout the University on an interdisciplinary basis,
that it was a way to test a number of ideas on course offerings
with the same control on course quality as at present, and that it
was a way to make optimal use of elective courses and available
resources. He said that the Faculty would like to experiment with
quality control on material not now available in the regular cur-
riculum.

He emphasized that it was a pilot program, and that courses
indicated suggested examples only. He noted the need for constraints.
He stressed that any course proposed would be fully reviewed by the
Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee and only then would come forward
to Senate with expectation of careful review by this body.

R. Rogow indicated that some of his reservations were reduced
by the assurances given by the Dean on rationing, criteria, and
method of review before introduction, but expressed some concern
because of lack of clarity, with particular reference to claims of
experimental, imaginative and cooperative.

Dean Sullivan suggested there would be time-lag from original suggestion to possible introduction of a course, to ensure adequate study of criteria, competence and resources.

C. Hamilton expressed concern on the vagueness of recommendations, and asked for clarification on the position of the Department of English. Dean Sullivan indicated that the majority of members in English would.prefer to proceed even further than suggested, but do not have the resources.

Professor J. Bumsted, of the History Department, answered a number of questions on the innovative and imaginative nature of the program, with several Senators claiming that the samples of programs shown exhibited little in the way of imagination or innovation.

Amendment was moved by G. Basham, seconded by R. McAninch,

> "That the second sentence of the second
> main paragraph of Paper S.407 be amended
> to read, 'The Steering Committee, which
> will include three students - one from
> each of the Faculties - selected by the
> Student Society, acting as a curriculum
> committee for the program, will operate
> under the following general ground rules,'"

K. Rieckhoff enquired how students would be in a better position than faculty to assess genuine student demand for the proposed courses, to which G. Basham replied that students should not be denied the opportunity to select the faculty member who would teach an innovative and imaginary course.

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

9 in favor
1 opposed

Many questions were presented by Senators. Query was raised on the suggestion of a Pass/Fail approach. D. Sullivan indicated that if this were proposed for any suggested course, it would come to Senate for consideration.

W. Hamilton and K. Burstein indicated serious reservations.

Discussion then centered on a comparison of the proposed programs with the General Education courses. It was suggested that credit be given for General Education courses rather than mount this new proposal. There was disagreement in the body.

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by I. Mugridge,

> "That the Arts Program as outlined in
> Paper S.407 be referred back to the
> Academic Planning Committee for further
> study."

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

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

iii) Paper S.408 - Proposed Computing Science Program

Moved by L. Funt, seconded by A. Lachlan,

> "That Senate approve establishment in
> principle of a program in Computing
> Science as outlined in Paper S.408."

L. Funt outlined the background material and stated that the program represents one in wide use in major universities in North America. He said the Faculty of Science had recommended that the program be a viable part of the Department of Mathematics, with a long term possibility of it becoming a separate department. He stressed the opinion that the program would fill a real need within the University, and that under earlier procedures it was given priority one in the Science Faculty.

A. Lachlan said that the general trend of the Department of Mathematics view was for some scaling down of the program and of altering the emphasis from a specialized to a service aspect, partly because of the inception of a similar program at UBC.

Moved by K. Burstein, seconded by R. Bradley,

> "That Paper S.408 be referred back to the
> Academic Planning Committee to seek rele-
> vant information and submit a recommendation
> to Senate."

It was pointed out by B. Wilson, Academic Vice-President, that in future the Academic Planning Committee would indeed make a recommendation on acceptance, rejection, or modification of programs brought before it.

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

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

10 in favor
6 opposed

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

     There were no reports of Faculties.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

   a) Notices of Motion

     There were no notices of motion.

   b) Date of Next Meeting

     It was noted that the next meeting of Senate will be on Monday, November 9, 1970, due to the timing of the A.U.C.C. meeting.

   c) Other Items

     There were no other items.

   d) Confidential Matters

     The meeting recessed briefly at 10:35 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

                                         H. M. Evans
                                         Secretary