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MINUTES OF MEETING OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1972, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

PRESENT:

Strand, K.

Chairman

Aronoff, S.
Baird, D. A.
Beirne, B. P.
Birch, D. R.
Bradley, R. D.
Brown, R. C.
Copes, P.
Cote, P. T.
Dawson, A. J.
Doherty, P. M.
Eliot Hurst, M. E.
Emmott, A. H.
Gilbert, K. L.
Jamieson, D. H.
Kissner, R. F.
Lardner, R. W.
Lincoln, N. J.
MacPherson, A.
Munro, J. M.
Nair, K. K.
O'Connell, M. S.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Seager, J. W.
Swangard, E. M.
Weinberg, H.
Wheatley, J.
Williams, W. E.
Wilson, B. G.

Evans, H. M.
Meyers, D. A.
Norsworthy, R.

Secretary

Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Caple, K. P.
Hollibaugh, A. L.
Reid, W. D.
Robinson, N.
Salter, J. H.
Sutherland, G. A.
Wagner, P. L.

IN ATTENDANCE:

R.J.C. Harper
M. P. Hindley
T. J. Mallinson

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1. a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

K. Gilbert asked permission to place an item on the agenda relating to student opposition to a split in the PSA Department, and the Chairman advised that he would recognize the question under Item 7 of the agenda.

The agenda was then approved as circulated.

b) PAPER S. 72-127 - MOTION RE SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

The Chairman stated that the covering memorandum on Paper S.72-128 was self-explanatory in that there was a request for suspension of the rules, without comment on the merits of the proposal. It was noted that a two-thirds majority vote was required.

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by R. Kissner,

"That Senate suspend the rule that suspension of the rules is non-debatable."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION FAILED

12 in favor
9 opposed

Moved by H. Weinberg, seconded by R. Kissner,

"That Senate suspend its rule that interferes with photography/taping for the Open Session of November 6, 1972 to permit of photography/taping as requested during debate on the Communication Studies proposal."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION FAILED

16 in favor
10 opposed
(2/3 majority vote required)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Session of October 2, 1972 were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

1. Paper S.72-125 - Report - Division of Continuing Education

The Chairman noted that this paper had been included on the agenda as requested at the last meeting of Senate, and B. Wilson added that the Academic Planning Committee would be discussing Continuing Education at its meeting later this week, and that a report will be forthcoming from the Committee to Senate for its debate at either the December or January meeting. K. Rieckhoff and S. Aronoff pointed out omissions in Paper S.72-125, and were informed that a complete document would be presented in due course. In particular the meaning of the single asterisk in the table on page 5 is required, and the section VIII which has been omitted is required.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Academic Planning Committee

1. Paper S.72-126, A, B - Communication Studies Proposal

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

Motion 1. "That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, as set forth in Paper S.72-126, 72-126A and 72-126B, the establishment of a Department of Communication Studies, with effect from September 1, 1973."

R. Brown requested permission to invite resource people who represented proponents of the proposal to contribute to the discussion. As there was no objection, Professors R.J.C. Harper, M. P. Hindley, and T. J. Mallinson joined the assembly. (A document earlier distributed by Dr. Mallinson is attached as S.72-126, Appendix A.)

B. Wilson drew attention of Senate to two specific paragraphs in the paper which he stated set the scene for the administrative structure of the program, viz:

"The program has two major emphases. The study of communication media and its impact on social change; and the study of interpersonal communication. It will be particularly useful for students interested in media studies (application, effects, social usage, etc.) or in the application of communication processes in various other fields.

This dual emphasis is responsible for the development of a rather unique program structure. There is the normal core of courses offered within the Department, but there is much greater than ordinary reliance upon the offerings of related disciplines. This reflects the interdisciplinary nature of communication and our recognition that a strong background in these disciplines is an integral part of our program. For example, the Department will offer courses dealing with the media

of human communication, but the study of particular messages and their quality will be left to others (Arts, English, Mathematics, etc.)."

D. Jamieson felt that the proposal duplicated courses offered in English, Sociology, Anthropology and Linguistics and combined them with technology which might better be the responsibility of a School of Technology rather than a university. T. Mallinson replied that there was technological orientation, but the departments which had been interviewed were satisfied with the proposal as presented.

At the request of K. Rieckhoff, R. Brown outlined the two year history of discussions with the Faculty of Education, ad hoc committee of the Academic Planning Committee, individual departments, the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, and the Academic Planning Committee, and noted that the document was now forwarded to Senate with a recommendation for approval by the Academic Planning Committee.

At this point H. Weinberg commented that Motions 2 and 3 of Paper S.72-126, A and B appeared to incorporate the structure and should be encompassed in the discussion. As there was no objection, the following motions were added to Motion 1 which was already on the floor:

Motion 2. "That Senate approve, as set forth in Paper S.72-126 A, the Communication Studies Undergraduate program proposal including:

- i) The Undergraduate program requirements;
- ii) The following courses:

- CS 100-3 Explorations in Communications
- CS 200-3 Theory and Process of Communications
- CS 210-3 Introduction to Communication Behaviour
- CS 230-3 Introduction to Communications Media
- CS 235-3 Introduction to Visual Language
- CS 239-3 Acoustic Dimensions of Communications I
- CS 303-3 Communications as a Bio-Social Process
- CS 311-3 Communication and Creativity
- CS 320-5 Communication Processes and Interpersonal Behaviour I
- CS 331-5 Communications Media: Theory and Research I
- CS 332-3 Problems and Techniques in Social Documentation
- CS 333-3 Communications Policy in Canada - Past, Present and Future
- CS 335-3 Film as a Social Tool
- CS 336-3 Social Change and Community Radio
- CS 337-3 Video Techniques, Capabilities and Applications
- CS 339-3 Acoustic Dimensions of Communications II
- CS 400-5 Communications Theory: Systematic Formulations
- CS 401-5 Communications and Community Advocacy
- CS 403-5 Communication and Communities

- CS 410-5 Cognitive Development in Communication and Learning
- CS 420-5 Communication Processes and Interpersonal Behaviour II
- CS 431-5 Communications Media: Theory and Research II
- CS 433-5 Communications Media and the Balance of Power
- CS 450-5 Directed Readings
- CS 451-5 Directed Study
- CS 493-15 Research in Media and Social Change
- CS 495-15 The Social Documentation Process - Film
- CS 496-15 The Social Documentation Process - Radio
- CS 497-15 The Social Documentation Process - Video
- CS 498-18 Individual Study Semester
- CS 499-15 Individual Study Semester."

Motion 3. "That Senate approve, as set forth in Paper S.72-126 B, the Communication Studies Graduate program proposal including:

- 1) The Graduate Studies program requirements;
- ii) The following courses:

- CS 800-5 Contemporary Approaches in Communication Studies
- CS 801-5 Design and Methodology in Communication Research
- CS 810-5 Human Factors in Communication
- CS 820-5 Interpersonal and Group Processes I
- CS 821-5 Interpersonal and Group Processes II
- CS 825-5 The Social Matrix of Communication
- CS 830-5 Communications Media: Research and Development I
- CS 831-5 Communications Media: Research and Development II
- CS 840-5 Advanced Communication Theory
- CS 850-5 Directed Readings and Research
- CS 860-5 Selected Topics
- CS 870-5 Field Studies
- CS 880-5 Graduate Seminar
- CS 895 Project Seminar
- CS 898 Thesis."

D. Jamieson enquired why English literature was not a required prerequisite to some of the courses being offered. T. Mallinson responded that original submissions included more prerequisites but that after full discussion with the Academic Planning Committee, a number had been removed as they were considered too restrictive. He added that the current phrasing requires the student's adviser to make clear the desirable approaches, without specific items mandatory.

K. Rieckhoff pointed out that the calendar entry specifies broader requirements than any other program in the University in humanities, social and natural sciences.

Amendment was then moved by R. Bradley, seconded by A. MacPherson,

"That Section I. 1. b), page 2, of the calendar statement contained in Paper S.72-126 A be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

'Students in consultation with a departmental adviser are normally required to take at least 9 semester hours from each of the following groups:

1. Psychology, PSA
2. Philosophy, English, History
3. Geography, DML, Economics & Commerce
4. Biology, Kinesiology, Physics, Mathematics
Computing Science.'"

R. Bradley stated that the descriptions of humanities, social science and natural science have no legal status in the calendar and therefore it cannot be determined if the semester hour requirements have been satisfied. D. Birch expressed concern that the areas of Chemistry, Education and Fine Arts had not been referred to, and would welcome minors in Communication Studies in preparation of teachers.

R. Brown confirmed that he had been unable to ascertain a departmental definition of humanities, social science and natural science, but it was proper for Communication Studies to identify the departments to which they direct their students. S. Aronoff urged a clearer delineation of choices for the benefit of the Registrar and protection of students.

Question was called on the motion to amend the calendar statement, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT FAILED

Amendment was moved by S. Aronoff, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That the following words be added to the calendar statement contained in Paper S.72-126 A, following Section I. 1. b), ', as determined by the departmental adviser.'"

Question was called on the motion to amend the calendar statement, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Section I. 1. b), following passage of the amendment, now reads as follows:

"Students, in consultation with the departmental adviser, are normally required to take at least 12 semester hours in each

of the general areas of the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, as determined by the departmental adviser."

E. Swangard drew attention to course offerings in Film, Radio and Video, and enquired why the Press had been excluded, and it was explained by members of the resource staff that the presentation contained in the Communication Studies proposal was a distinguished group of courses commensurate with resources, but as the Department developed and was adequately staffed with personnel capable of instituting other segments of media, program proposals would be presented. The proposal represents the group's best thinking for the original offerings.

Question was called on Motions 1, 2, and 3, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

W. Williams requested that his abstention be recorded.

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by K. Gilbert,

Motion 4. "That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, as set forth in Paper S.72-126, that the Department of Communication Studies shall be part of the Division of General Studies. If and when the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies is approved by the Board of Governors the Department of Communication Studies shall be part of that Faculty."

Question was called on Motion 4, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by R. Brown,

Motion 5. "That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, as set forth in Paper S.72-126, that Behavioural Science Foundations and Communication Studies courses continue to be offered until August 31, 1973, at which time they will be removed from the Calendar."

Question was called on Motion 5, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

In reply to a question from R. Kissner, N. Lincoln stated that arrangements were being made by the Faculty of Arts for a number of courses offered by the Department of Communication Studies to meet part of the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree.

T. Mallinson expressed appreciation on behalf of his Group for Senate approval of the proposal, and the Chairman thanked the resource people for their contributions to the discussion.

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES AND DIVISIONS

There were no reports from Faculties or Divisions.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

2. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 1972, at 7:30 p.m.

3. Other Items

Moved by K. Gilbert, seconded by P. Doherty,

"That Senate record student opposition to the vote by the PSA faculty to split that Department into departments of Political Science and Sociology/ Anthropology; and further, that Senate direct the Academic Planning Committee to bring a report to Senate at the December meeting regarding this proposal."

K. Gilbert stated that the intent of the motion was to seek information on a faculty decision to determine the future of the PSA Department which would have impact on students currently registered in courses offered by the Department.

B. Wilson offered information to the effect that he had forwarded a statement of the situation to The Peak, outlining the facts for the benefit of all interested students, faculty and staff. He added that it would be possible to present Senate with an interim report at the next meeting of Senate, but anything more than that would be premature.

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

"That the question be divided."

As K. Gilbert objected to division of the question, vote was called on the motion to divide the question.

MOTION TO DIVIDE THE
QUESTION CARRIED

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Some Senators expressed opinions on the propriety of Senate "recording" student opposition which was not clearly proven, although K. Gilbert had stated that the Student Society had passed a motion in opposition to the faculty decision and this was a duly constituted student opinion.

Question was called on the first part of the motion,

"That Senate record student opposition to the vote by the PSA faculty to split that Department into departments of Political Science and Sociology/Anthropology"

and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Question was called on the second part of the motion,

"That Senate direct the Academic Planning Committee to bring a report to Senate at the December meeting regarding this proposal"

and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Confidential Items

The Open Session of Senate recessed briefly at 9:08 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary