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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1977, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Jewett, P., Chairman

Absent: Barlow, J. S.

Arrott, A. S.

Diamond, J.

Baird, D. A.

Doherty, P. M.

Birch, D. R.

Ellis, J. F.

Bittle, D. E.

Erickson, D. A.

Blaney, J. P.

Hindle, L.

Brown, R. C.

Hindley, M. P.

Buitenhuis, P.

Knight, D. E.

Calvert, T. W.

Mackauer, J.P.M.

Carlson, R. L.

Martel, A. G.

Catalano, J. A.

Webster, J. M.

Clayman, B. P., representing J. Wheatley

Cunningham, A. B.

D'Auria, J. M.

In attendance: A. C. McMillan

Davison, A. J.

Dawson, A. J.

Debo, R. K.

Emery, B. E.

Fattah, E. A.

Finlayson, T.

Glas, T.

Hutchinson, J. F.

Ironside, R. A.

Johl, R.

Jones, C.H.W.

Kazepides, A.

Latham, L.

McGuire, G. T.

Munro, J. M.

Okuda, K.

Overholt, M. J.

Severy, L.

Sterling, T. D.

Thomas, S.

Walker, R. E.

Wemyss, I. D.

Wilson, B. G.

Evans, H. M., Secretary

Nagel, H. D.

Norsworthy, R., Recording Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Prior to approving the minutes of the Open Session of March 7, 1977, the following adjustments were made:

Page 8, paragraph 3.

"P. Buitenhuis remarked that passing the motion involved a commitment as a large number of instructors might be required to teach English as a second language, and he was concerned that adequate financial support would not be available within the budget constraints."

Page 10, paragraph 2.

"J. Munro explained that the motion was designed to eliminate referenda on minor matters which are not of general interest."

Page 12, paragraph 3.

"She stated that she felt part of the motion was out of order as the matter was under the jurisdiction of the Board of Governors and the most Senate could do was to express its concern of the effect of a tuition fee increase, not take opposition in principle."

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman stated that it was her intention for the May 9, 1977 meeting of Senate to invite newly elected Senators, who would be commencing their terms of office on June 1, to dinner and the Open Session of Senate and a reception in the President's residence thereafter. It was agreed that the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules would use its discretion to determine whether it would be advisable to reverse the order of sessions to facilitate consideration of confidential matters in Closed Session at 4:00 p.m. rather than following the Open Session.

In response to a question posed by a Senator, the Chairman stated that the Senate Committee on Academic Planning had met only once this semester but was awaiting receipt of several matters which were under consideration in other areas. It was anticipated that the Committee would be fully active in the very near future.

The Vice-President, Academic outlined developments since Senate had approved in principle involvement in the planning of post-secondary education for the Interior. As a result of discussions with the Universities Council and the Department of Education, modest extensions

to course offerings in Kelowna were proposed plus the addition of two or three more off-campus centres for PDP. Funding, in the amount of \$120,000, had been received and concentration would be in planning for a system of Arts and Science programs. He added that UBC had received \$50,000 for law, medicine and perhaps commerce programs, while U-Vic had \$30,000 which would be directed towards interests on Vancouver Island and rural communities. B. Wilson deferred his further comments to the Closed Session of Senate.

K. Okuda, Chairman of the Senate Committee on University Budget, was asked to apprise Senate of a recommendation of his Committee in connection with possible tuition fee increases. He stated that SCUB supports the President's recommendation for an undergraduate and graduate fee increase of approximately 25% effective September 1, 1977 as an emergency recommendation for 1977 and that the entire motion read as follows:

"The Committee supports the President's recommendation to the Board of Governors for an undergraduate and graduate tuition fee increase of approximately 25 per cent effective September 1, 1977. We recognize this as an emergency measure for 1977/78 but do not accept that increases in student tuition should be viewed in the future as a means of meeting shortfalls in funding requirements. Further, we request that this recommendation be conveyed to the Universities Council and appropriate Provincial Government representatives."

He added that another motion of the Committee would be of interest to Senate:

"That the President be encouraged to facilitate and co-ordinate a very active program of conveying to the communities which the University serves the effects of the serious deficits facing the University in this and subsequent years."

The Chairman of SCUB noted that for the immediately foreseeable future it appeared that the university would face financial constraints and further increases in tuition fees could not be ruled out.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

i) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

a) Paper S.77-33 - Provision for Questions at Senate

The Chairman noted that the second page of Paper S.77-33 outlined the procedures to accommodate an informal question period, and it was determined that responses to questions would be given in either the Open or Closed Session at the discretion of the Chair. The procedures will be followed.

Moved by R. Walker, seconded by J. Catalano,

"That Paper S.77-35 be referred to the Senate Committee on Academic Planning."

R. Brown was of the opinion that the matter should not go to SCAP but would be an administrative decision on funds. The vector appropriately had been at SCUS. B. Wilson believed Senate must not look at budget each time it looks at a course and that the Senate concern should be on the academic questions.

R. Walker stated that Senate could not consider the proposal on its educational merits as it was part of a larger plan which includes English composition as a whole involving budgetary and space requirements. He was supported by a number of speakers.

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

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED
20 in favor

- b) Paper S.77-36 - New Course Proposal and Program Changes:
Department of Modern Languages - Linguistics

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by A. Kazepides,

"That the changes to LING 221-3, the new course LING 222-3, changes to Major and Minor, change in prerequisites for LING 404-3 and 405-3, as set forth in Paper S.77-36, be approved and recommended to the Board of Governors for approval."

Note: Should the new course, LING 222-3, be approved, SCUS has approved a waiver of the two semester time lag requirements in order that it be offered in the Fall semester 1977.

G. McGuire asked that it be recorded in the minutes that LING 222 is a necessity to facilitate the requirements of students in the Linguistics Division. S. Thomas confirmed that library resources were adequate for Linguistics offerings.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- c) Paper S.77-37 - Change in Program Regulations - Political Science

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by J. Catalano,

"That the changes in Upper Division course requirements, change for Minor in Political Science, change in Major in Political Science, and changes in prerequisites for Upper Division courses, as set forth

in S.77-37, be approved and recommended to the Board of Governors for approval."

Note: The proposed changes are designed to bring the regulations of the Political Science program in line with the general Faculty of Arts regulations.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board

a) Paper S.77-38 - British Columbia College-University Credit Transfer Guidelines

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by J. Catalano,

"That Senate approve in principle the report on transfer credit guidelines, as set forth in S.77-38, together with the attached recommendations and comments (in italics) that are necessary for clarification of current policies at Simon Fraser University and are considered to be appropriate to the document."

A. McMillan, Director of Admissions and Secretary of the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board, was seated to respond to questions.

A. Kazepides asked for an explanation of "in principle" approval. He was informed that because of the nature in which the proposal came to the university and ultimately to SUAB, the post-secondary coordinating committee had requested that each of the fourteen colleges and three universities respond to the guidelines on the understanding that once the responses had been received they would be consolidated for a final statement on transfer guidelines. J. Munro referred to Guideline 1, which had undergone a strengthening evolution from the original submission, and A. McMillan said that the strengthening was a result of sixteen responses from chairmen of undergraduate curriculum committees, faculties and departments which had been considered by SUAB.

Amendment was moved by A. Kazepides, seconded by I. Wemyss,

"That the words 'in principle' be deleted from the motion."

A. Kazepides felt the term was redundant and inappropriate. The Secretary of Senate wished to ensure that deletion would not affect understanding that the exact wording of the final statement on guidelines would be formulated on the basis of the overall considerations, and there was not opposition.

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

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It was confirmed that if the document underwent significant change in detail it would be brought back to Senate for comment.

R. Carlson objected to the recommendation in Guideline 1 for the exclusion of screening of names and qualifications of instructors.

An amendment was moved by J. Munro, seconded by R. Carlson,

"That the third recommendation in Guideline 1, page 3, be deleted."

J. Munro expressed the opinion that an opportunity should be available to examine qualifications of instructors of courses accepted for transfer credit. A number of members spoke in opposition.

Following considerable debate, question was called, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT FAILED

An amendment on the same section was moved by R. Carlson, seconded by A. Cunningham,

"That the words 'with the exception of review at the time a new program is established,' be added to Recommendation 3 of Guideline 1, page 3."

R. Carlson stated that the amendment reflected the agreement of the articulation committee of his group.

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

20 in favor

15 opposed

In response to a question from R. Carlson, A. McMillan confirmed that no changes to existing responsibilities and current procedures are intended for SFU and the Secretary drew attention to the footnote on the blue motion sheet.

Attention was drawn to Guideline 3, and an amendment was moved by J. D'Auria, seconded by B. Wilson, which after considerable discussion was altered to

"That the recommendation in Guideline 3, page 3, read 'No comment,' and that the first comment on page 2 following Preamble 3 be deleted."

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

28 in favor

1 opposed

An amendment was moved by J. Hutchinson, seconded by J. Catalano,

"That the second comment on the recommendation related to Guideline 8, page 5, be deleted."

J. Hutchinson stated that the deletion was necessary if Senate's recommendations were to be taken seriously.

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

An amendment was moved by R. Carlson, seconded by J. Catalano, "That 'No comment' replace the recommendation following Preamble 2." Following discussion it was agreed that the amendment would be,

"That the recommendation following Preamble 2 be deleted."

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Question was called on the motion as amended, and a vote taken.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

There were no reports from faculties.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

i) Paper S.77-39 - Student Tuition Fees (T. Glas)

Moved by T. Glas, seconded by J. Catalano,

"That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that there be no change in student tuition fees for 1977-78. Further, be it moved that this motion be placed before the Board of Governors at its meeting of April 5, 1977."

T. Glas reiterated his opposition to fee increases on the basis of the effect on the academic future of many students who are faced with reductions in financial aid and little possibility of employment, and he urged that the matter be discussed in depth by the academic government of the institution. T. Arrott added that there appeared to be a political decision which required consideration by the people of the province. J. D'Auria felt insufficient information had been provided to permit Senate to vote rationally. R. Walker commented

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that, although faculty was the heart of the university in guiding its programs, students make the university by just being there, and he suggested the question should be debated in an open forum instead of using students to offset a deficit budget.

An amendment proposed by T. Arrott, seconded by J. Catalano, "That the words, 'that there be no change in' be struck, and the words, 'be increased by the AIB guideline of 8%' added, following the word 'fees,'" was accepted by the Chair, T. Arrott claiming the amendment was intended to maintain the status quo of student fees in terms of real dollars. R. Brown challenged the ruling of the Chair, on the basis that the amendment was contrary to the intent of the original motion, and a vote was taken. The ruling of the Chair was not sustained, and the amendment was declared out of order.

The debate which continued at length revealed information that the budgetary deficit of \$1,700,000 for the current year could be reduced by \$800,000 to \$900,000 by cutting faculty and staff appointments and library allocations without seriously affecting the present services, but without the proposed tuition fee increase \$700,000 in proposed expenditures would require elimination. The Chairman noted that projected salary adjustments for faculty and support staff are well below the AIB guidelines.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION FAILED
9 in favor
21 opposed

L. Severy, J. D'Auria, S. Dawson, T. Sterling, R. Walker, A. Davison and A. Kazepides asked that their abstaining votes be recorded.

Moved by R. Walker, seconded by L. Severy,

"That Senate approve the motion that SCUB recommended to the President regarding tuition fees for this year."

In compliance with a request from J. Munro, the Chairman read the SCUB motion:

"The Senate Committee on University Budget supports the President's recommendation to the Board of Governors for an undergraduate and graduate tuition fee increase of approximately 25 per cent effective September 1, 1977. We recognize this as an emergency measure for 1977/78 but do not accept that increases in student tuition should be viewed in the future as a means of meeting shortfalls in funding requirements. Further, we request that this recommendation be conveyed to the Universities Council and appropriate Provincial Government representatives."

R. Walker noted that the motion indicates disapproval of continuing fee increases in the future and this opposition is supported by the students.

An amendment proposed by B. Emery to delete all reference to SCUB's support was not accepted by the Chair.

T. Arrott contended that an increase in tuition fees was not forced by economic considerations but encouraged by an example set by Eastern universities. R. Debo suggested that it would be in order to take up an earlier suggestion by G. McGuire that a committee be struck to formulate a strong recommendation representing the opinion of the assembly on the question.

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

MOTION CARRIED
21 in favor
11 opposed

B. Emery and J. Catalano asked that their votes in opposition be recorded.

T. Glas urged that a committee be struck to prepare a suitable motion for consideration by Senate which would express the consensus of the assembly. As there was no objection, a recess was called at 9:32 p.m. and the Vice-President, Academic and a number of student Senators retired to draft a motion for presentation.

The meeting was re-convened at 9:40 p.m.

Moved by I. Wemyss, seconded by J. Catalano,

"That Senate deplore the actions of the Government of British Columbia in not meeting the real financial needs of the universities as outlined and presented by the Universities Council last October, with resulting serious implications for accessibility to university and for the maintenance of academic standards."

An amendment was moved by T. Arrott, seconded by J. Catalano,

"That Senate disapprove of the ad hoc manipulation of student fees without full consideration by the provincial government of the criteria for the establishment of a rational basis for fixing the relative sharing of the burden between the student and the society, both of which benefit from his education."

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

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

MAIN MOTION CARRIED
1 abstention

9. INFORMATION

It was noted that the next meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 1977, at 7:00 p.m., with a decision yet to be determined, on the basis of agenda items, for reordering of Sessions and convening at 4:00 p.m.

The Open Session was declared adjourned at 9:49 p.m. and the assembly moved immediately into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary