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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1978, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Birch, D. R., Acting Chairman

Blaney, J. P.  
Brown, R. C.  
Carlson, R. L.  
Dawson, A. J.  
Dobb, T. C.  
Frydenlund, D.  
Garland, I., representing T. W. Calvert  
Geen, G. H.  
Gingerich, J. C.  
Harrison, J.  
Hauka, D. P.  
Hobson, R. F.  
Holweg, B. A.  
Hoyt, G. C.  
Jones, C.H.W.  
Keltner, A. A.  
Kemp, C. L.  
Luetzen, S.  
Mackauer, J.P.M.  
McMillan, D. B.  
Moffatt, D.  
Okuda, K.  
Overholt, M. J.  
Palmer, P. L.  
Pinfield, L. T.  
Reilly, N. R.  
Resnick, L.  
Rieckhoff, K. E.  
Thomas, L. E.  
Timberlake, A. J.  
Tuinman, J. J.  
Webster, J. M.  
Weinberg, H.  
Weinkam, J. J.  
Wells, E. J.  
Wheatley, J.  
Wideen, M. F., representing J.W.G. Ivany  
Young, J. O.

Absent:

Arrott, A. S.  
Coté, P. T.  
Douglas-Crampton, D.  
Doherty, P. M.  
Hindle, L.  
Wagner, P. L.  
Walkley, J.  
Wyatt, J. D.

In attendance:

McMillan, A. C.  
Sampson, G. P.  
Wilson, L. N.

Evans, H. M., Secretary  
Nagel, H. D.  
Norsworthy, R., Recording Secretary

The Chairman welcomed student Senators B. A. Holweg and P. Palmer, the successful candidates in a recent by-election who replaced D. Gort and D. G. Horne for balance terms of office from date of election to May 31, 1979. Detailed results of the by-election are as follows:

Ballots Cast	679	
Ballots Spoiled	34	
Individual totals	Copes	299
	Holweg	311
	McCoy	233
	Palmer	371

Two individuals receiving the highest numbers of votes and thereby declared elected: B. A. HOLWEG  
P. L. PALMER

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Session of October 2, 1978 were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman referred to a question raised by D. McMillan, "What has happened with the suggestion, made at a recent SCSAB meeting, that student representatives to Board of Governors and Senate not be eligible for university awards?" He explained that a proposal before that Committee that no student holding elected office be eligible had been further discussed particularly with regard to financial reimbursement, and the general agreement of the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries was that a student should not be awarded automatically, but should not be excluded.

Senate was advised that the first meeting of the Search Committee for Vice-President, Academic has been held and it is expected that wide circulation of a call for nominations and applications will commence immediately.

Senate was reminded of the proposed special meeting of Senate on November 20, 1978 to consider the program for the Kelowna School of Resource Management.

Paper S.78-112 - Annual Report - For Information

Senate received the University's Financial Statements as of March 31, 1978, which had been submitted in accordance with Section 32 (2) of the Universities Act.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

i) Senate Nominating Committee

a) Paper S.78-113 - Elections to Senate Committees

S. Luetzen was elected by acclamation to the Lay Senator position on the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees, which had been vacated when L. Latham had resigned her Senate seat.

It was noted that the Senate Nominating Committee had done an extensive job of trying to obtain from the few Lay members currently on Senate nominees willing to stand for election to the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies, Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, and the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies. The Nominating Committee intends to continue its efforts to fill the vacancies as existing vacancies on Senate are filled.

ii) Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board (Senate Committee on Academic Planning)

a) Paper S.78-114 - Proposal for New Admission Requirements for B.C. Secondary School Graduates

Moved by N. Reilly, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

- I. "That in addition to presenting Algebra 11 (which is currently a requirement for admission), B.C. Secondary School applicants be required to present a Science 11 (i.e. physical or life science) or a Language 11."
- II. "That B.C. Secondary School students be required to present four academic 12-level subjects (including English 12) for admission."
- III. "That, normally, applicants must present an overall average of C+, or 2.5, on the four academic 12-level subjects (including English 12). Applicants whose overall average on the four academic 12-level subjects is between C and C+ will be considered for admission by the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board."
- IV. "That students be allowed to select their academic 12-level subjects from the Arts and Science list as approved by the Ministry of Education."
- V. "That the preceding admission requirements be effective commencing with June 1981 B.C. Secondary School Graduates. Admission of applicants graduating previously will be based on the admission requirements in effect the year of graduation."

Note: Applicants who, because of administrative difficulties in their schools, cannot present the courses as required, may be excused the specific

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deficiency on petition by the Principal of the school concerned.

- VI. "For applicants graduating in 1980, that, normally, they must present an overall average of C+, or 2.5 on the three (3) academic 12-level subjects (including English 12)."

Moved by J. Young, seconded by D. Hauka,

"That the question be divided into its six parts."

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

MOTION TO DIVIDE FAILED

D. Birch provided background information in connection with the process which was followed to bring the recommendations of SUAB before Senate for formal consideration. He noted that when the proposal was first presented to SCAR for inclusion on the agenda for the September 11 meeting of Senate it was decided that, because the recommendations could have significant implications for the university on overall enrolments and access to potential applicants, the proposal be transmitted to Senate for informal discussion before holding a joint meeting of SCAP and SUAB on September 13. Following consideration at a joint meeting of SUAB and SCAP, the recommendations had been refined by SUAB, reviewed by SCAP and were now placed before Senate with the support of both Senate Committees.

L. Wilson, designated Chairman of SUAB, and A. McMillan, Director of Admissions, were invited to join the assembly to respond to questions. E. Wells, who had been temporary Chairman of SUAB, was on Senate.

Information was provided by D. Birch in connection with the nature of consultation and reaction to the proposal from the other universities and the school districts. Lengthy discussion followed in connection with the possible effects of the changes to potential students seeking admission. The proposed dates were questioned by J. Gingerich because of possible impact. J. Young pressed for a more open admission policy with intent to require non-successful students to withdraw. D. McMillan indicated disagreement with some of the statements of rationale; it was clarified these do not form part of the main motion. It was noted some change to the terms of reference of SUAB might be required.

An amendment was moved by J. Young, seconded by J. Gingerich,

"That the fourth word in Motion III (must) become 'should' and that the next sentence read 'Students with a grade point average of between 2.0 and 2.5 will be admitted to the university on the understanding that they must in the first 30 hours maintain an average of 2.0.'"

J. Young was of the opinion that a student who has successfully completed Grade 12 should have an opportunity for a university program. It

was clarified that the intent would be on the average of the first thirty hours.

Both the Chairman and the Secretary pointed out the difficulties involved in attempting to formulate a revision on the floor of Senate as it would be impossible to consider all possible implications of the change. The Chairman ruled that if the amendment were to be approved it would be accepted as a statement of principle and Motion III would be withdrawn from further consideration at this meeting. The effect of the approval of the amendment would be referral for proper wording and would constitute instruction to the Committee.

K. Rieckhoff commented that in his experience it appeared that students worked only to achieve their goals and not to their full potential, and the proposed changes would encourage the students in secondary schools to elevate their standards to ease the transition to the post-secondary level of education. D. McMillan felt that the proposal would affect other students whose level of performance was the consequence of more than just motivation.

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

AMENDMENT FAILED  
7 in favor

M. Mackauer noted that approval of the package would include approval of Western Civilization 12 (rejected by Senate as an acceptable subject for admission in March 1977) and A. McMillan explained that following a review by three departments in the Faculty of Arts and the FACC there had been a positive recommendation that the particular course be included in the list of 12-level academic subjects from the Arts and Science list. A. McMillan confirmed approval of the motion before Senate would constitute approval of Western Civilization 12 as a course acceptable for admission purposes.

Question was called on Motions I through VI, and a vote taken.

MOTIONS I THROUGH VI  
CARRIED  
29 in favor  
5 opposed

iii) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

a) Paper S.78-115 - Change in Arts Requirements for Mathematics  
Minor

Moved by N. Reilly, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.78-115, the

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change to permit a student who wishes to obtain a Bachelor of Arts Degree through the Faculty of Arts with a Minor in Mathematics to count Mathematics courses as Arts courses."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- b) Paper S.78-116 - Requirements for a Minor - Minimum Upper Division SFU Work Required

Moved by N. Reilly, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors the following requirements for a specific Minor on a Degree program:

to qualify for a specific Minor on a degree program at least 7 semester hours of upper division credit used toward the Minor must have been completed through Simon Fraser University courses."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- c) Paper S.78-117 - New Course Proposal - Faculty of Education - EDUC 326-3 - Classroom Management and Discipline

Moved by N. Reilly, seconded by S. Dawson,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.78-117, the new course EDUC 326-3 - Classroom Management and Discipline."

Note: Subject to the approval by Senate and the Board of this course, the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies has approved the waiver of the time lag requirement in order that this course be offered in the Summer semester 1979-2.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- d) Paper S.78-118 - Proposed Curriculum Revisions in Biological Sciences

Moved by N. Reilly, seconded by L. Kemp;

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.78-118, the proposed revisions in Biological Sciences including

- a) BISC 405-3 - Cell Biology, prerequisite change
- b) Change to 'Note' concerning students majoring in the Biological Sciences
- c) BISC 306-3 - Invertebrate Biology, change in description and prerequisite
- d) BISC 418-3 - Advanced Invertebrate Biology, change in description and prerequisite
- e) BISC 310-3 - The Plants and Animals of British Columbia, and BISC 404-3 - Plant Ecology - requirements for a field trip."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- e) Paper S.78-119 - Prerequisite Change for CHEM 458-3

Moved by N. Reilly, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.78-119, the change in prerequisite for CHEM 458-3."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Senate Graduate Studies Committee

- a) Paper S.78-120 - New Course Proposals - EDUC 824-5, 825-5

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

"That Senate approve, as set forth in S.78-120, the new course proposals for:

EDUC 824-5 - Seminar in English as a Second Language  
EDUC 825-5 - Curriculum and Instruction in English as a Second Language,

and recommend approval to the Board of Governors."

Professor G. P. Sampson, resource person from the Faculty of Education, was in attendance to respond to questions.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

i) Faculty of Arts

- a) Paper S.78-121 - Special Topics Courses - 78-2, 78-3

The Chairman noted that the paper was before Senate for information. K. Okuda asked that future reports include details of enrolments, and the

Deans were requested to note the request. L. Thomas suggested that the Library would be interested in receiving comments relating to its collections support for the research component of Special Topics courses.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

- i) Paper S.78-122 - Proposal for Amendment of the Selection Procedures for Faculty Representatives for the Search Committee for the Academic Vice-President

Moved by R. Brown, seconded by J. Gingerich,

"That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that the wording of paragraph (d) of S.78-79 - Search Committee for a Vice-President, Academic be changed

from: '(d) four faculty members elected by and from faculty members (one from each Faculty)';

to: '(d) four faculty members, one elected by and from each Faculty.'"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) Paper S.78-123 - Proposal for Amendment of the Selection Procedures for Faculty Representatives for the Search Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies

Moved by R. Brown, seconded by E. Wells,

"That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that the wording of Motion 2 (Dean's Search Committee (Graduate Studies)) of S.78-80 be changed

from: '...elected by faculty members jointly, with one from each Faculty';

to: '...one elected by and from each Faculty.'"

L. Resnick noted that the rationale was not necessarily correct. K. Rieckhoff supported the proposal for amendment of the selection procedures, stating that individuals selected to participate in the search procedures for senior academic administrators must have an understanding of the interests of their own Faculty together with knowledge of the university as a whole, but election should be undertaken by the Faculty colleagues of the candidates.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

*Motion Carried.*

9. INFORMATION

The Chairman drew attention to the date for the next regular meeting of Senate - Monday, December 4, 1978, and again reminded Senators that a special meeting was proposed for Monday, November 20, 1978 to consider the program for the Kelowna School of Resource Management.

The assembly recessed briefly at 8:29 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans  
Secretary.