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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
MONDAY, JULY 9, 1979, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Munro, J. M., Acting Chairman

Arrott, A. S.
Blaney, J. P.
Brown, R. C.
Calvert, T. W.
Clayman, B. P., representing J. Wheatley
Einstein, F.
Fisher, J.
Harrison, D. J.
Hauka, D. P.
Hinchcliffe, S.
Holweg, B. A.
Lachlan, A. H.
Luetzen, S.
MacDonald, C. W., representing T. C. Dobb
McNabb, G. T.
Moffatt, D. C.
Okuda, K.
Overholt, M. J.
Resnick, L.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Roberts, M. C.
Rowe, W.J.A.
Severy, L.
Slay, M. R.
Thomas, L. E.
Webster, J. M.
Weinberg, H.
Weinkam, J. J.
Wells, E. J.
Whitecross, G. A.

Nagel, H. D., Secretary pro tem
Norsworthy, R., Recording Secretary

Absent: Birch, D. R.
Bursill-Hall, G. L.
Coté, P. T.
Doherty, P. M.
Geen, G. H.
Hindle, L.
Hobson, R. F.
Ivany, J.W.G.
Jones, C.H.W.
Keltner, A. A.
Kemp, C. L.
Mackauer, J.P.M.
MacKay, C. E.
Pedersen, K. G.
Swartz, N. M.
Tuinman, J. J.
Wideen, B. M.
Wideen, M. F.
Wyatt, J. D.

In attendance: Kennedy, P. E.
Wedley, W. C.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Session of June 4, 1979 were approved as circulated.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Commenting on the motion approved by Senate to refer G.S. 202 - Introduction to the Study of Psychic Phenomena - the Chairman advised that an ad hoc committee composed of representatives from SCUS and SCAP, chaired by the Chairman of SCUS, has been established and it is expected that a report will be presented to Senate early in the Fall.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

i) J. Munro read a memorandum from the President which responded to a question raised by Senator Einstein in connection with television coverage of a speech by G. Stuart to a group of vocational school administrators. Senate was advised that the comments reported were taken out of context; that the Vice-President, Administration was addressing a country-wide problem, whereas SFU's position is reflected in its own negotiations.

ii) Data on the number of applications for undergraduate admission was provided. It was noted there was some slight improvement over the figures supplied to the June meeting as at July 6 undergraduate applications for admission are down by 7.9% in comparison with figures taken at the same time last year and acceptances during the same period are down 5.8%.

iii) Senate was informed that the Universities Council of B.C. has approved the proposals for the Dance Major and for the M.Sc. in Computing Science.

iv) The Secretary pro tem of Senate announced the result of a recent by-election to Senate wherein Stephen Hinchcliffe has been elected by acclamation to replace Barbara Kassen from date of election to May 31, 1980 as a student representative.

v) A supply of cerlox bound calendars were made available to Senators.

vi) Questions at Senate:

F. Einstein gave notice of a question he would be submitting for response at the next meeting of Senate, i.e. that the Chairman of Senate consider the establishment of a Senate Committee on Computing.

H. Weinberg asked that the Chairman address the question of the terms of reference in connection with the disbursement of interest revenues accrued from the recently announced \$500,000 W.A.C. Bennett Endowment Fund.

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In response to a question raised by B. Holweg, T. Calvert informed Senate that SCUB does report to Senate and is included in Reporting Category B for Senate Related Committees.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

i) Senate Committee on Academic Planning

a) Paper S.79-76 - Reorganization of the Department of Economics and Commerce

Moved by R. Brown seconded by L. Resnick,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors the following recommendations of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning, as set forth in Paper S.79-76:

1. That the Department of Economics and Commerce be reorganized into a School of Economics and Administrative Studies to be affiliated with the Faculty of Arts, and that the Department of Economics and Commerce be discontinued upon the establishment of the School.
2. That the School be made up of two departments, Economics, and Administrative Studies, each with its own Chairman.
3. That the School of Economics and Administrative Studies will have one undergraduate studies committee and one graduate studies committee to serve both departments."

For information: The School of Economics and Administrative Studies will be administered by a Director who will also hold the position of Associate Dean for the Faculty of Arts.

P. Kennedy and W. Wedley were introduced as the resource persons who were available to speak to the proposal and they were invited to join the assembly.

Senate was advised that R. Brown and T. Calvert were included on the sub-committee which had reviewed the problems related to the Department of Economics and Commerce and submitted its report with recommendations to the Senate Committee on Academic Planning. In response to questions relating to establishment of a Faculty rather than a School, R. Brown stated that the proposal was an interim measure to facilitate immediate solution of various problems which face the current departmental organization. The larger question of administrative organization is a matter for further investigation but it is unlikely implementation will occur within two or three years. He confirmed that

at the present time there will be no changes to the basic curriculum of the Department; that the same degree programs will continue to be offered; and that the MBA program will be offered under the aegis of the Commerce wing of the proposed new structure.

A number of disadvantages in the current structure of the Department were mentioned, i.e. the difficulty of recruiting faculty, morale within the Department, and perceived lack of status of Commerce in the business community and with other universities.

W. Rowe questioned the effect on the business community of graduates from a program bearing credentials from a School of Economics and Administrative Studies, and a number of other Senators spoke in opposition to the proposed title.

Moved by J. Harrison, seconded by L. Severy,

"That the motion be referred back to SCAP."

J. Harrison stated that a number of members of Senate appeared to have serious questions regarding the reasoning behind the proposal and he felt there was need for more complete documentation. K. Rieckhoff spoke in opposition to the referral on the basis that he considered any points that may not have been covered in the support documentation had been adequately addressed through debate at Senate. R. Brown also spoke in opposition on the basis of the negative consequences of delaying the implementation of the proposal at this time which would mean final approval could not be received from the Universities Council for at least three or four months.

L. Severy then withdrew her support for the motion to refer and B. Holweg elected to be named the seconder.

Responding to a question raised by Senator Slay, T. Calvert advised that the task force sub-committee had obtained student input by conducting an open forum and many individual meetings set up by appointment with whoever wanted to meet with the committee. In addition written submissions had been received from undergraduate and graduate students and from the student union.

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

MOTION TO REFER FAILED
13 in favor
15 opposed

Debate continued on the main motion with general support for the proposal being expressed.

Amendment was moved by B. Holweg, seconded by T. Arrott,

"That the name of the proposed reorganizational structure be changed to School of Economics and Commerce."

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED
18 in favor
10 opposed

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

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED
25 in favor
3 opposed

ii) Senate Graduate Studies Committee

a) Paper S.79-77 - Curriculum Changes, Department of Economics and Commerce

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by F. Einstein,

"That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.79-77, the curriculum changes as outlined by the Department of Economics and Commerce."

B. Clayman stated that the proposal consisted of minor realignments to the existing program.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Paper S.79-78 - Education 815-5

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

"That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.79-78, the amendment to the course title for EDUC 815-5."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Paper S.79-79 - New Course Proposals - Chemistry

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by T. Wells,

Motion 1: "That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.79-79, the following new courses:

CHEM 824-3 - Physical Biochemistry
CHEM 825-3 - Bioenergetics."

If Motion 1 is approved,

Motion 2: "That the following courses be discontinued:

CHEM 821-3 - Advanced Biochemistry I
CHEM 822-3 - Advanced Biochemistry II."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTIONS 1 and 2
CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

There were no reports of faculties.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

9. INFORMATION

It was noted that the next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, August 13, 1979.

The meeting recessed briefly prior to moving into Closed Session at 9:00 p.m.

H. D. Nagel
Secretary pro tem