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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1981, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Pedersen, K. G., Chairman

Anderson, S. K.
Beirne, B. P.
Bhakthan, N.M.G.
Blaney, J. P.
Bowman, M. L.
Brown, R. C.
Calvert, T. W.
Cochran, J. F.
Crawley, J. M.
Dobb, T. C.
Einstein, F.
Evenden, L. J.
Hale, L. R.
Hanson, J. A.
Hinchcliffe, S.
Holmes, R. A.
Irwin, J. C.
Ivany, J.W.G.
Jones, C.H.W.
Litwin, W. G.
Luetzen, S.
McNabb, G. T.
Moffatt, D. C.
Munro, J. M.
Okuda, K.
Palmer, L. H.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Starcevich, R.D.I.
Trainer, M. D.
Tuinman, J. J.
Wagner, P. L.
Webster, J. M.
Weinberg, H.
Weinkam, J. J.
Wideen, M. F.
Wotherspoon, A. J.

Absent:

Arrott, A. S.
Coté, P. T.
Doherty, P. M.
Geen, G. H.
Gehlbach, R. D.
Johnston, H.J.M.
Mackauer, J.P.M.
McKeown, B. A.
Overholt, M. J.
Toor, J. B.
Verdun-Jones, S. N.

In attendance: McMillan, A. C.

Evans, H. M., Secretary
Heath, N.
Norsworthy, R., Recording Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by T. McNabb, seconded by K. Rieckhoff, the agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by W. Litwin,

"That the minutes of the Open Session of February 9, 1981 be approved as circulated."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

- i) The Engineering proposal has received the approval of the Board of Governors and has been transmitted to Universities Council where a task force is expected to be reporting to the March meeting of Council.
- ii) Two recent conferences sponsored by the University have been well received locally, with nation-wide favorable response.
- iii) An endowment fund in the amount of \$20,000 has been presented to the University in the name of Father Della-Torre on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Sacred Heart Church, and in recognition of the contributions of Father Della-Torre.
- iv) A two day conference of counsellor representatives of community colleges and the BCIT was recently featured on campus.
- v) Following a visit by the Federal Minister of Public Works, earlier expectations of assistance towards student housing have been significantly reduced.
- vi) A consultant will be engaged to provide advice on a proposed SFU Village, including a possible proposal to lease University land for student, faculty and staff housing.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

i) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

- a) Paper S.81-46 - Change of Number - BUEC 497-5 (formerly 496-5) - Public Policy Environment of Business

A paper covering the actions of SCUS under delegated authority in the change of number of BUEC 496-5 to BUEC 497-5 was received for information.

- b) Paper S.81-47 - Curriculum Change - HIST 484 - Women in North America

Change in credit hours from 5 to 3 for HIST 484, as approved by SCUS under its delegated authority, was noted by Senate for information, effective September 1981.

- c) Paper S.81-48 - Curriculum Changes, Faculty of Science - Mathematics, Physics

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

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.81-48, the proposed new courses including:

MATH 144-3 - Introduction to Pure Mathematics

MATH 265-4 - Engineering Mechanics III

MATH 362-3 - Fluid Mechanics I

MATH 462-3 - Fluid Mechanics II

PHYS 346-3 - Energy Sources and Energy Conversion."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

It was noted that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies had approved waiver of the normal two semester time lag requirement to permit first offering of MATH 144-2, MATH 362-3 and PHYS 346-3 in the Fall semester 81-3.

ii) Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board

- a) Paper S.81-49 - Recommendations - International Students TOEFL Scores

Moved by J. Webster, seconded by H. Weinberg,

1. "That Senate approve that the minimum score required in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for admission of international students be revised from 550 to 570, effective for admission into the 1981-3 semester."

A. McMillan, Director of Admissions, was invited to join the assembly to respond to questions. Data provided by the Education Testing Service was quoted, as specific TOEFL scores are not recorded in student files at SFU.

A number of Senators spoke against the motion on the basis that inadequate rationale had been supplied.

Moved by J. Tuinman, seconded by W. Litwin,

"That Motion 1 be tabled."

H. Weinberg pointed out that if the intention of the mover of the tabling motion was to refer the matter back to the Committee, the action should be a motion to refer.

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

MOTION TO TABLE FAILED

Moved by T. McNabb, seconded by W. Litwin,

"That Paper S.81-49 be referred back to the Committee."

J. Webster noted that all members of the subcommittee were also members of Senate and referral would not elicit any further information than would be available from the committee members in attendance. J. Tuinman expressed the opinion that unless there are hard data on the complex problem and nothing to eliminate those students who are unable to function, Senate would be wasting its time.

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

MOTION TO REFER FAILED

K. Okuda stated that there are no potential academic exams to test international students who come out of a range of backgrounds, and the proposed increase in TOEFL scores would possibly give a minimum improvement in attempts to improve learning. R. Starceovich suggested that consideration should be given to creating a course to assist these persons to develop skills.

Question was called on Motion 1, and a vote taken.

MOTION 1 CARRIED

W. Litwin and T. McNabb requested that their negative votes be recorded.

Moved by J. Webster, seconded by A. Wotherspoon,

2. "That Senate approve that exceptions to the 570 TOEFL score may be made by the Office of Admissions for students applying directly from third world countries, or for students holding scholarships through CIDA, for example."

W. Litwin enquired as to the definition of "third world countries" and A. McMillan stated that a definition had not been required previously but the matter would be considered by SUAB.

Moved by J. Crawley, seconded by W. Litwin,

"That Motion 2 be referred back to the Committee for a definition of third world countries."

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T. McNabb opposed referral, stating that the motion allows some equity and fairness.

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

MOTION TO REFER FAILED

K. Okuda clarified the rationale for Motion 2 in that the bulk of international students are admitted from Canadian institutions with prior opportunity to learn English within Canada. Those applying directly from third world countries lack experience in speaking the English language but qualified students should not be denied the opportunity of improving their skills.

Question was called on Motion 2, and a vote taken.

MOTION 2 CARRIED

iii) Senate Graduate Studies Committee

- a) Paper S.81-50 - Department of Archaeology - Requirements for Master's or Ph.D. Degrees

Moved by B. Beirne, seconded by R. Starcevich,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board, as set forth in S.81-50 - Graduate Curriculum Changes in the Department of Archaeology."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- b) Paper S.81-51 - Department of Economics - New Course ECON 799 and Division of Former ECON 800 into ECON 802 and ECON 803

Moved by B. Beirne, seconded by G. Bhakthan,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.81-51, revised admission requirements for the M.A. and Ph.D. programs; revised degree requirements for the M.A. and Ph.D. programs; new course proposals: ECON 799-4, 802-3, 803-3; change of number and description for ECON 804-4; and deletion of ECON 800-4."

The intent is that this be operational for Fall 81-3.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- c) Paper S.81-52 - Department of Geography - GEOG 800 - Change of Title and Description added; GEOG 802, GEOG 803, GEOG 805 - Description added

Moved by B. Beirne, seconded by J. Crawley,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.81-52, change of title and addition of description for GEOG 800, and addition of description for GEOG 802-3, 803-3, 805-3."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- d) Paper S.81-53 - Report to Senate of the Activities of the Executive Committee, Senate Graduate Studies Committee

The annual report of the activities of the Executive Committee of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee was received for information.

- e) Paper S.81-54 - Report to Senate of the Activities of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee

Senate received the annual report of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for information.

- iv) Senate Committee to Consider Student Academic Discipline

- a) Paper S.81-55 - Report (S.81-34, S.81-34A M, S.81-34B M, S.81-34C M, S.81-34D M, S.81-34E M, S.81-34F M)

Moved by W. Litwin, seconded by A. Wotherspoon,

"That Senate take from the table and continue debate and action on S.81-34B and S.81-34E (SADC 87 from item B. 10 and thereafter) and S.81-34C and S.81-34F (SADC 89 fully)."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

The Chairman noted that Paragraph B.10 of S.81-34B had been under discussion, with the main motion having been moved and seconded together with an amendment. Debate ensued on the amendment:

"That the motion be amended by addition of the following at the end of the paragraph: 'The student shall have the right of access to a copy of his/her permanent file and she/he shall be advised when any addition or deletion is made to his/her file.'"

There followed an exchange of opinions relating to maintenance of confidentiality of records.

An amendment to the amendment was moved by W. Litwin, seconded by D. Moffatt,

"That the following words be deleted from the amendment: 'and she/he shall be advised when any addition or deletion is made to his/her file.'"

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

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT
CARRIED

An amendment to the amendment was moved by T. McNabb, seconded by A. Wotherspoon,

"That there be added after 'permanent file,'
' - the file kept in the Registrar's Office
or any other files directly pertinent to the
case under review.'"

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

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT
FAILED

An amendment to the amendment was moved by T. McNabb, seconded by R. Starceovich,

"That the following be added to the amendment,
'insofar as they refer to any proceedings under
these policies.'"

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

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT
FAILED

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

Question was called on the main motion on Section 10, and a vote taken.

PARAGRAPH B.10 CARRIED

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

"That Paragraph B. 11 be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

PARAGRAPH B.11 CARRIED

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

"That Paragraph C. - Definitions be approved."

An amendment was moved by T. McNabb, seconded by A. Wotherspoon,

"That a definition of 'natural justice' be added to Section C of SADC 87, 'Natural Justice - that concept of justice which shall include, but not be limited to *nemo debet esse judex in propria sua causa* (the rule against bias), and *audi alteram partem* (the hearing rule).'"

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

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

PARAGRAPH C. CARRIED

An omnibus motion was moved by J. Munro, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That the Statement on Intellectual Honesty (SADC 85) be approved, and that the Procedures for Dealing with Instances of Intellectual Dishonesty (SADC 87) as amended, be approved."

An amendment was moved by T. McNabb, seconded by A. Wotherspoon,

"That 'natural justice' be deleted wherever it is shown."

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

S. Anderson, J. Crawley, L. Hale, J. Hanson, S. Hinchcliffe, W. Litwin, T. McNabb, R. Starcevic and A. Wotherspoon asked that their negative votes be recorded.

Discussion then commenced on S. 81-34C - Terms of Reference - Senate Committee on Academic Discipline (being S. 81-34C with S.81-34F, SADC 89 fully).

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

"That the Terms of Reference of the Senate Committee on Academic Discipline (SADC 89) be approved."

The Chairman reminded members that the intention was to consider the presentation seriatim.

Amendment was moved by T. McNabb, seconded by J. Crawley,

"That section A. 1 (a) - Membership and Voting, Chairman - be amended to specify that the Chairperson be elected by a simple majority of the Committee for a one year term."

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

Question was called on Section A. 1, and a vote taken.

SECTION A. 1 CARRIED

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

"That Section A. 2 be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

SECTION A. 2 CARRIED

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

"That Section A. 3 be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

SECTION A. 3 CARRIED

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

"That section A. 4 be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

SECTION A. 4 CARRIED

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

"That section A. 5 be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

SECTION A. 5 CARRIED

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

"That section A. 6 be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

SECTION A. 6 CARRIED

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

"That section B. 1 be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

SECTION B. 1 CARRIED

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

"That section B. 2 be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

SECTION B. 2 CARRIED

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

"That section B. 3 be approved."

J. Munro pointed out that the motion requires a two-thirds affirmative vote for approval.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

SECTION B. 3 CARRIED, WITH
GREATER THAN 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE

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

"That section C. 1 be approved,"

An amendment was moved by T. McNabb, seconded by J. Crawley,

"That section C. 1 be altered to read, 'The rules and procedures governing the Senate Committee on Academic Discipline shall conform, in all cases, to the requirements of natural justice. A person accused of an act of misconduct shall enjoy the right to a speedy hearing by an impartial body; the right to be informed of the nature, cause, and originator of the accusation; the right to confront the witnesses against him/her self; the right to have the assistance of a representative of her/his choice in the presentation of his/her defense.'"

The Chairman noted that the proposed amendment was similar to one previously rejected by Senate, and J. Munro added that the same arguments against the proposal for amendment remain applicable.

At this point J. Munro left the meeting to fulfil another commitment.

Moved by W. Litwin, seconded by L. Hale,

"That the matter be tabled until resource people are available at the next meeting.

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

MOTION TO TABLE FAILED

Consideration of the amendment was undertaken with T. McNabb quoting from two selected documents relating to natural justice as the rationale for putting forward the amendment.

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

Question was called on section C. 1, and a vote taken.

SECTION C. 1 CARRIED

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by F. Einstein,

"That section C. 2 be approved."

An amendment was moved by T. McNabb, seconded by L. Hale,

"That section C. 2 be amended to read, 'The Committee may adopt such procedures as it considers appropriate and shall give the student the opportunity to make such representation in such manner and with such assistance as the student deems fit.'"

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

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

SECTION C. 2 CARRIED

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by F. Einstein,

"That Section C. 3 be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

SECTION C. 3 CARRIED

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by F. Einstein,

"That section C. 4 be approved."

An amendment was moved by T. McNabb, seconded by J. Crawley,

"That the last section of the second paragraph of section C. 4 be deleted."

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

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

SECTION C. 4 CARRIED

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by F. Einstein,

"That section C. 5 be approved."

An amendment, with some change from the original proposal in S.81-34F, was moved by T. McNabb, seconded by J. Crawley,

"That the second paragraph of section C. 5 be amended to read: 'The Chairman of the Department Committee on Academic Discipline may be present and permitted to testify at any appeal hearing of the Senate Committee on Academic Discipline, but may not be present during the Committee's deliberations. Similarly the course instructor may be present and permitted to testify, but may not be present during the Committee's deliberations.'"

T. McNabb stated that the proposed amendment is identical to one previously approved by Senate in connection with the Procedures for Dealing with Instances of Intellectual Dishonesty (SADC 87), and the revised wording was accepted by the mover of the main motion as a friendly amendment.

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

SECTION C. 5 AS AMENDED
CARRIED

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by F. Einstein,

"That section C. 6 be approved."

An amendment was moved by T. McNabb, seconded by J. Crawley,

"That the word 'Every' be inserted prior to the word 'reasonable' in the second sentence of section C. 6."

The proposal was accepted by the mover of the main motion as a

friendly amendment.

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

SECTION C. 6 AS AMENDED
CARRIED

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by F. Einstein,

"That section C. 7 be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

SECTION C. 7 CARRIED

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by F. Einstein,

"That section C. 8 be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

SECTION C. 8 CARRIED

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by F. Einstein,

"That section C. 9 be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

SECTION C. 9 CARRIED

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by F. Einstein,

"That section C. 10 be approved."

An amendment was moved by T. McNabb, seconded by J. Crawley,

"That section C. 10 be altered to read:
'Upon the written request of the student, the
Senate Committee on Academic Discipline may
initiate proceedings to consider amelioration
or reduction of a penalty previously imposed.

Upon the written request of the President, the
Senate Committee on Academic Discipline may
initiate proceedings to consider amelioration
or reduction of a penalty previously imposed.

The final decision of the Senate Committee on
Academic Discipline shall be binding in all
cases where it has been requested, by the
President, to consider amelioration or reduction
of a penalty previously imposed.

The final decision of the Senate Committee on

Academic Discipline, acting in consultation with the President, shall be binding in all cases where it has been requested, by a student, to consider amelioration or reduction of a penalty previously imposed.

In cases where a student has requested amelioration or reduction of a penalty previously imposed and the Senate Committee on Academic Discipline agrees to hear the case, the final decision shall be made by secret ballot, and a majority vote shall prevail."

On a point of order raised by K. Rieckhoff, the Chairman ruled the amendment out of order as contradictory to section C. 2.

AMENDMENT RULED OUT OF ORDER

Amendment was moved by T. McNabb, seconded by J. Crawley,

"That section C. 10 be amended by altering the section as previously proposed, with the exception that the last paragraph of that proposed amendment be struck."

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

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

SECTION C. 10 CARRIED

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by F. Einstein,

"That section D - Reporting be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

SECTION D. CARRIED

An omnibus motion was moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by K. Okuda,

"That the Terms of Reference of the Senate Committee on Academic Discipline (SADC 89), as amended, be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

S. Anderson, J. Crawley, L. Hale, J. Hanson, S. Hinchcliffe, W. Litwin, T. McNabb, R. Starceвич and A. Wotherspoon asked that their negative votes be recorded.

v) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

a) Paper S.81-56 - Report - Student Representation

The Chairman informed Senate that the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules in Paper S.81-56 had proposed actions to be taken by Senate in connection with the report of the Faculty of Arts, and that the reports from the other three Faculties were before Senate for information at this time.

K. Rieckhoff gave notice of a motion which would require that the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies, and the Faculty of Science be directed to take action in discharging their responsibilities in connection with student representation on Faculty committees.

Moved by W. Litwin, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That Paper S.81-56 be tabled to the next meeting of Senate."

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

MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

There were no reports from Faculties.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

9. INFORMATION

The next meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 1981.

The assembly recessed briefly at 9:50 p.m., prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary