

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1984, KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL

OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W.G., Chairman

Ayala, J.
Banister, E.W.
Berggren, J.L.
Blaney, J.P.
Brown, R.C.
Calvert, T.W.
Carter, S.D.
Cochran, J.F.
Crawford, C.B.
Dobb, T.C.
Fellman, M.
George, D.A.
Harris, M.D.
Hoyt, G.C.
Ivany, J.W.G.
Jones, C.H.W.
Kameda, T.
Kazepides, A.C.
Kimball, M.
Krebs, D.L.
Leiss, W.
McDonald, D.
Munro, J.M.
Nielsen, V.
Noonan, M.
Pinfield, L.T.
Rieckhoff, K.E.
Rositch, S.
Schachter, B.
Stewart, R.
Swartz, N.
Tham, H.A.
Webster, J.M.
Weinberg, H.
Wotherspoon, A.J.

Absent: Coté, P.T.
D'Auria, J.M.
Finberg, N.
MacPherson, A.
Murray, P.R.
Okuda, K.
Overholt, M.J.
Prock, L.M.
Strate, G.
Thompson, R.B.
Wells, E.J.

In attendance:
Howard, S.

Evans, H.M., Secretary
Grant, B., Recording Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Open Session of January 9, 1984 were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

a) The Chairman expressed congratulations on behalf of Senate to the recipients of SFU Awards which were recently presented at the Awards Ceremony.

b) Paper S.84-10 - Vice-President Academic Search Committee

The Chairman introduced the paper by indicating that the Board of Governors had approved revisions to the original composition of the Committee in order to reflect recent changes in University structure, i.e. the establishment of two new Faculties.

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by A. Kazepides,

"That Senate approve the selection procedures and terms of reference established by the Board of Governors for the Vice-President Academic Search Committee"

Inquiries were raised as to why there were differences in the student composition on various kinds of search committees and the Secretary provided brief background information in this regard.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

c) Paper S.84-11 - Tuition Fee Proposals

K. Rieckhoff spoke against the introduction of differential fees which he perceived as discriminatory and detrimental to the interest of the University as well as to post-secondary education in B.C. He was concerned that a University, on its own volition without being forced by government is undertaking such action as elsewhere there has usually been government action rather than institute action. He noted that only countries which have differential fees, such as the United States and the United Kingdom, have been used as examples for comparison with SFU and suggested that the policies of countries that do not levy differential fees be examined. He was concerned that at signs of an economic crisis the University had chosen discriminatory measures.

J. Tham requested Senate to allow the President of the Student Society, S. Howard, to address the assembly on this issue; there were no dissenting views.

S. Howard indicated that in general the Student Society was opposed to all increases in tuition fees but that if the tuition fee is going to be increased it should be increased across the board. The proposal would not contribute substantively to solving the current crisis and that the proposal should be looked at in conjunction with a number of ongoing problems which have arisen over the past years and that the University should be looking at alternative ways of addressing these. He perceived that implementation of enrolment limitations was a fairer way of dealing with concerns about international

students taking the places of Canadian students. He expressed the need to address the current financial problems and to prevent damages to the post-secondary education system.

H. Weinberg expressed concern that implementation of differential fees would result in a differential selection of international students who can afford to attend university rather than the best students.

Speaking in favour of differential fees, J. Berggren pointed out that this was a modest proposal on the part of the University to deal with an economic crisis by utilizing one source of available revenue. He pointed out that there is a much greater demand here from foreign students than applies to a number of foreign universities that do not levy differential fees.

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

"That Senate go on record as being opposed to differential fees"

C. Hoyt wished his opinion be recorded that he did not feel it was appropriate for Senate to strongly recommend to the Board either way on financial issues.

J. Munro indicated that SCAR had placed this item on the agenda with the expectation that discussion would take place and a motion might arise. There was discussion as to whether or not it was appropriate for Senate to debate the motion; the Chair ruled that the motion was in order.

J. Munro expressed belief that universities across the country had no choice but to implement differential fees and increase tuition. He noted that this is one of the few provinces where there is autonomy in the setting of university fees and that there is no desire to lose autonomy. Because of the countries from which Canadian universities draw foreign students, he did not believe that differential fees would have any great effect on student selection. The University values contributions made by international students and would continue to welcome foreign students.

Speaking against the motion, L. Pinfield supported earlier statements in opposition and perceived that this proposal is a modest step which will signal to the outside community that SFU is behaving in a responsible manner.

D. Krebs indicated that he would like more detailed information with respect to international students at SFU together with justification for differential fees and what specific problems the proposal is meant to solve. J. Munro indicated that much of this information was available in SCAP papers and previous Senate papers dealing with admission and enrolment matters which he would be happy to provide but could not attempt to answer from memory. D. Krebs indicated he proposed to abstain and urged his colleagues to do likewise.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION FAILED
(11 in favour,
17 opposed,
7 abstentions)

R. Stewart felt the information would be of value and wondered if it could be made available. J. Munro indicated that this would be discussed at the next meeting of SCAR.

d) Paper S.84-11A - Senate Structure

A paper concerning replacement elections to Senate and Senate structure was presented to Senate for information.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

i) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

a) Paper S.84-12 - Deletion of Courses Not Offered

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by E. Banister,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, that the following courses be deleted:

- ARC. 475-3 Regional Studies in Archaeology: North America - Arctic
- GEOG 461-5 Western Europe
- GEOG 467-5 Latin America
- GERM 250-3 German Literature in Translation
- SPAN 104-8 Intensive Introductory Spanish
- SPAN 206-6 Intensive Intermediate Spanish
- CRIM 414-3 Criminal Typologies
- PHYS 001-3 The Nature of Physical Laws

- FREN 340-3 French Literature in Translation I
- LIT. 140-3 A Survey of General Literature I
- LIT. 141-3 A Survey of General Literature II
- SWAH 100-3 Introductory Swahili I
- SWAH 101-3 Introductory Swahili II
- POL. 415-3 Methodology and Field Study of Specific Problems of Politics
- CMPT 250-3 Computer Uses in Environmental Studies
- G.S. 300-5 Introduction to Marxism and the Arts
- CHEM 461-2 Chemical Rate Process "

J. Munro explained that of the 17 courses recommended for deletion, 8 were also recommended for deletion by the departments involved; 9 of them were not but were deleted by SCUS under the procedures introduced by Senate in 1973. Senators were referred to the arguments presented by Departments for retention of these courses contained in the documentation.

In reply to an inquiry from N. Swartz as to whether or not departments were informed of their right to appeal retention of the course directly to Senate, J. Munro indicated that the Faculty Deans, as well as Chairmen of the Undergraduate Faculty Curriculum Committees were members of SCUS and he assumed departments would have been informed if there was a major issue involved.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

b) Paper S.84-13 - Changes - Engineering Science

An information paper was presented to Senate covering action undertaken under delegated authority by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of January 17, 1984 approving changes to a number of course descriptions and to a Calendar entry on co-operative education.

Descriptions were changed for ENSC 195-0 Job Practicum I, ENSC 196-0 Job Practicum II, ENSC 497-0 Internship I, ENSC 498-0 Internship II, ENSC 499-11 Engineering Science Project. The purpose of the changes was to make clearer to students the intent of the course and to make clearer that grading in the first four courses is on Pass/Withdraw basis.

c) Paper S.84-14 - GERO 410 - Approval to Offer

An information paper was presented to Senate covering action undertaken under delegated authority by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of January 17, 1984, approving waiver of the normal two semester time lag requirement in order that GERO 410-3 - Special Topics in Gerontology may be first offered in Summer 84-2.

ii) Senate Committee on Academic Planning

a) Paper S.84-15 - Interim Report - Downtown Campus Planning Committee

The Interim Report of the Downtown Campus Planning Committee was presented to Senate for information.

L. Pinfield pointed out some advantages of keeping certain professional programs such as the MBA program on campus and indicated, more as a general principle, a concern that by taking such programs downtown they are then not necessarily the same program as they would have been on campus.

Brief discussion followed.

iii) Senate Graduate Studies Committee/Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

a) Paper S.84-16 - Addition to Membership - Senate Graduate Studies Committee

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

"That Senate approve that the membership of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee be changed to include the Director of Natural Resources Management Program, as de facto Chairman of that Graduate Program Committee"

A friendly amendment suggested by A. Kazpedies was accepted in line 4 to change "as" to "who is".

With this change, question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION 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 regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday,
March 5, 1984.

At 8:30 p.m. the assembly took a brief recess prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans,
Secretary.