

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1988 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Ivany, J.W.G., Acting Chair
Almassy, E.
Berggren, J.L.
Brown, R.C.
Cercone, N.
Clayman, B.P.
Cleveland, W.
D'Auria, J.
Dobb, T.C.
Fowler, T.
Goodman, D.
Heinrich, K.
Hoegg, J.L.
Jones, C.
Kazepides, A.C.
Kennedy, P.
Mathewes, R.
Mauser, G.
Nielsen, V.
Osborne, J.
Reilly, N.
Roberts, M.
Salter, L.
Saunders, R.
Shapiro, S.
Singh, M.
Strate, G.
Swartz, N.
Tuinman, J.
Vining, A.
Winne, P.
Wotherspoon, A.

Absent: Arnold, T.
Barn, P.
Barrow, R.
Busch, P.
Carr, S.
Cooper, A.
Freedman, A.
George, D.A.
Irvine, R.
Love, E.
Magid, S.
Milton, S.
Rae, B.
Rieckhoff, K.
Saywell, W.G.
Schierer, A.
Slanz, P.
Warsh, M.
Weinberg, H.

In attendance: N. Heath
V. Loewen

W. R. Heath, Secretary
Grant, B., Recording Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF FEBRUARY 1, 1988

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes of February 1, 1988

a) Business Arising from the Minutes of January 11, 1988

Paper S.88-10 - Follow-Up Report re proposed changes to procedures and Rules of Senate relating to election of students to Senate and Board of Governors

R. Heath explained that the paper responded to concerns expressed by Senate that the definition of full-time student as applied for election purposes in the Rules of Senate might be carried into other areas. Other than suggesting some editorial changes to tidy up the wording of the Rules, the University's solicitor advised that the Rules were satisfactory and suggested their continuation.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

a) Budget

G. Ivany reported that although the budget looks to be in the range of 4.5 to 5.5 percent, final figures have not yet been confirmed. The problem is that a percentage figure has been attached to a base budget from last year but the Ministry has had difficulty in determining what last year's base budget included. Expectations are that this, as well as the capital budget, will be clarified within the next week.

b) Enrolments

G. Ivany reported that the proposed budget does not reflect a concern for the enrolment growth which has taken place at the University over the past several years and the President has communicated to the Premier and the Minister of Advanced Education that Simon Fraser University would not be able to continue with its open-door policy under such circumstances. The Government has substantially altered funding for student aid without any equivalent increase in budget and the Presidents of the three universities have pointed out this contradictory action in a joint letter to the Premier. It was felt that the legislation passed by Senate to restrict enrolments by GPA will become a reality in September

G. Ivany explained that although the Task Force on University Size has not yet completed its report, it has made suggestions on how the GPA enrolment

limitations should be handled should they become necessary. Recommendation was to maintain the evolving percentages of intake from high schools, colleges and other groups.

c) Mission Statement

G. Ivany reported that an edict was issued in late February from the Premier's office that the Province, as a whole, was to be engaged in a long range planning exercise. Each Ministry was asked to prepare a 'strategic plan' covering a ten-year horizon and a 'technical plan' covering a three-year horizon. These plans would then be provided to the Ministry's Joint Planning and Articulation Committee (JPAC) in order to produce a document which would then be translated into a tactical statement to be used to influence next year's budget cycle. In addition, each institution in the Province has been asked to submit a mission statement to JPAC. All of this is to culminate in a statement due in the Premier's office by April 15th. A further document, the Provincial Statement of Planning, based on this accumulated material, is then expected to be issued from the Premier's office. Provincial institutions have collectively pointed out that it would be impossible to prepare a mission statement in such a short time frame and it has therefore been agreed that this document would take the form of a Presidential letter outlining general objectives as to where the institution has been and where it might be going in the next ten years. Vice-Presidents, Deans, Department Chairs and Academic Directors have been given opportunity for feedback and comment on the draft of that Presidential statement and, even though it had to be submitted without benefit of further consultation, it will be presented to be tabled at the next meeting of the Senate Committee and Academic Planning and the next meeting of Senate. The transmittal message to the Ministry will clearly indicate that the statement does not have the endorsement of the University.

J. Berggren recalled that the President had committed himself to preparing a mission statement at the time of the PACCUP recommendations and he was disappointed that the University had not produced a statement before this time.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a) Paper S.88-11 - Senate Nominating Committee - Elections

The following are the results of elections to fill vacancies on the undernoted Senate Committees:

Electoral Standing Committee

One Senator (at-large) to serve on the Electoral Standing Committee for no specified term of office.

Elected by acclamation:

J. Osborne

Senate Committee on Academic Planning (SCAP)/Senate Committee on University Budget (SCUB)

One Student Senator to replace A. Schierer for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1988.

No nominations received: (Vacant)

Senate Committee on Agenda & Rules (SCAR)

One Student Senator to replace A. Schierer for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1989.

No nominations received: (Vacant)

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

One Student Senator to replace A. Schierer for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1988.

No nominations received: (Vacant)

Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

One Student Senator Alternate to fill an existing vacancy for term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1988.

No nominations received: (Vacant)

Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board (SUAB)

One Student Senator to replace A. Schierer for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1988.

No nominations received: (Vacant)

One Student Senator Alternate to fill an existing vacancy for term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1988.

No nominations received (Vacant)

b) **Senate Graduate Studies Committee**

Paper S.88-12 - Annual Report

Referring to Page 12, Appendix B, Item 3, T. Fowler pointed out that the language inferred that female graduate students did not require approval of Graduate Program Committees or of Senior Supervisors. B. Clayman advised that Senate had in fact already amended the language and R. Heath confirmed that the material in the Calendar had been edited to reflect the amendment.

G. Ivany reported that the University, in agreement with the Faculty Association, has adopted as official University policy, that all persons be referred to as Chairs.

Referring to the Table on Page 4, R. Mathewes noted the decline in the number of masters degrees and requested clarification. B. Clayman expressed opinion that

further experience would be required before a pattern, if any, could be determined and it would best be discussed with that additional data base in next year's report.

In response to concerns about the length of time it was taking students to obtain a PhD in Geography, B. Clayman explained that the statistics actually represented one student who had dropped out of the program and returned at a later date to defend the thesis and referred Senate to the explanation provided in the introduction that the data was not sensitive to part-time studies or to students who leave and then return. L. Salter suggested that future reports contain notations at the bottom of the page to clarify such insensitivities.

Referring to Page 1, E. Almassy requested elimination of the sexist language noting that reference should be made to the Chair of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee. Referring to the comments on Page 11 with regard to workspace for graduate students, she pointed out that in some Departments all graduate students are provided with office space while in others, such as Sociology and Anthropology, only TAs receive office space, and she wondered if the Senate Graduate Studies Committee could look into this situation.

With the agreement to amend the language of the report, the Annual Report of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee was received for information.

c) Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries
Paper S.88-13 - Information Requested by Senate

The information provided by the SPSCSAB in response to a request from Senate for further details on certain issues, was received by Senate.

d) Senate Committee on Agenda & Rules
Paper S.88-14 - Schedule for Reporting to Senate - SPSCSAB

Moved by T. Kazepides, seconded by A. Wotherspoon,

"that the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries report annually to Senate in June of each year"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

e) Electoral Standing Committee
Paper S.88-15 - Report on Elections

The following report on the results of elections to Senate and the Board of Governors was received by Senate for information:

Student Election to Board of Governors

There were six candidates. T. Fowler, Faculty of Education and C. Hartmann, Faculty of Business Administration were declared elected. The other candidates were: J. Chapman - Faculty of Applied Sciences, M. Hoechsmann - Faculty of Education, J. Wilson Stroup - Faculty of Business Administration, and D. Gagnier - Faculty of Business Administration.

Student Election to Senate

There were fifteen nominations received. Only one nomination was received from the Faculty of Science: R. Maaske was declared elected by acclamation. The following candidates were declared elected: S. Rashed - Faculty of Applied Sciences, E. Almassy - Faculty of Arts, R. McGivern - Faculty of Arts, J. Shickele - Faculty of Arts, R. Beedie - Faculty of Business Administration, C. Horn - Faculty of Arts, C. Fitzsimmons - Faculty of Applied Sciences, H. Bains - Faculty of Arts, S. Nyvik - Faculty of Business Administration, and I. Nicol - Faculty of Arts. The other candidates were: R. Irvine - Faculty of Arts, G. Jones - Faculty of Arts, S. Magid - Faculty of Business Administration, and K. Schindel - Faculty of Arts.

No nominations were received from the Faculty of Education and a 2nd Call for nominations will be issued on Tuesday, May 10, 1988 during the first week of classes in the Summer Semester.

Faculty Elections to Senate**a) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

The following nominee was declared elected by acclamation:
L. Salter

b) Faculty of Business Administration

The following nominee was declared elected by acclamation:
D. Tjosvold

c) Joint Faculty

Thirteen nominations were received. Only one nomination was received from the Faculty of Applied Sciences: N. Cercone was declared elected by acclamation. The following candidates were declared elected: P. Kennedy, S. Djwa, M. Covell, G. Strate, J. D'Auria and L.H. Palmer. The other candidates were: D. Crozier, L.M. Dill, K. Heinrich, N.J. Lincoln, M. Singh and A.M. Unrau.

f) Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board**a) Paper S.88-16 - Annual Report**

The Annual Report of the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board was received by Senate for information.

b) Paper S.88-17 - Adult Basic Education Provincial Diploma

Moved by R. Saunders, seconded by T. Kazepides

"that the University accept applicants for admission on the completion of the Adult Basic Education Provincial Diploma, subject to the following conditions:

- a) minimum age on completion to be 19 years
- b) the student must have a standing in A.B.E. Advanced Level or Grade 11 English, Algebra, Science, Social Studies and a language other than English (the Social Studies could be a subject combining several disciplines, or could be in a single discipline such as Geography)
- c) the student must have a minimum of four subjects at the Provincial level including English and any three Grade 12 equivalent subjects from any of the following:
Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science;
Languages, Humanities and Social Sciences: Literature, Languages, Geography;
Mathematics: Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Statistics
- d) All of the four Provincial level subjects should be graded to show the level of achievement (ie. pass/fail or mastery/incomplete grades are not acceptable)
- e) a minimum average of C+ is required on the four Provincial-level subjects
- f) each college offering a Provincial Diploma program must submit outlines of the courses which may be included in the program, and on an ongoing basis, samples of final examinations in any course given at a Provincial (Grade 12 equivalent) level."

In response to questions about how high school subjects are categorized and selected as eligible for admission, N. Heath, Director of Admissions, explained that there was an element of arbitrariness in the categorization of the subject, and that SUAB tried to follow as closely as possible the secondary school curriculum and those subjects which were excluded were usually ones not offered in the curriculum. He further explained that the three categories - Sciences,

Languages/Humanities/Social Sciences, and Mathematics - were not relevant to this specific motion since the student was only required to have any three of the subjects irrespective of which category they are from. A friendly amendment to remove the sub-categories from point c) was accepted. In response to an inquiry, N. Heath advised that the exclusion of History was an oversight and that it should be included with the list of eligible subjects.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION (AS AMENDED)
CARRIED

g) Senate Appeals Board
Paper S.88-18 - Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Senate Appeals Board was received by Senate for information.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

8. INFORMATION

The date of the next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 1988.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.

W. R. Heath
Secretary of the Senate