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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1990 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present:

Munro, J., Acting Chair
Barrow, R.
Blackman, R.
Bowman, M.
Brown, R.
Bukovac, S.
Carlson, R.
Covell, M.
D'Auria, J.
Di Fonzo, A.
Dill, L.
Djwa, S.
Dobb, T.
Duguid, S.
Evenden, L.
George, D.
Gibbons, N.
Giffen, K.
Gray, P.
Heinrich, K.
Hendrickson, T.
Hoegg, J.L.
Jones, C.
Leiss, W.
Maaske, R.
Mauser, G.
Mezei, K. (replacing B. Clayman)
Munro, D.
Myers, T.
Palmer, E.
Palmer, L.
Percival, P.
Pinfield, L.
Rae, B.
Reich, K.
Reilly, N.
Saunders, R.
Shannon, D.
Shapiro, S.
Stewart, M.L.
Strate, G.
Swartz, N.
Tuinman, J.
Verdun-Jones, S.
Wade, S.
Warsh, M.
Winne, P.

Absent:

Blaney, J.
Cercone, N.
Delgrande, J.
Hoechsmann, M.
Luk, W.S.
Nielsen, V.
Radil, M.
Rieckhoff, K.
Saywell, W.
Tjosvold, D.
Walker, R.

Heath, W.R., 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 JUNE 4, 1990

Referring to page 5, Item 5-b), second paragraph, line 6 P. Gray requested that the words 'to an adequate level' be deleted from the discussion concerning Library resources, and in the same paragraph, following the word resources in line 10, T. Dobb requested that the word 'but' be changed to 'and'.

Following these amendments, the Minutes were approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Referring to the top of page 5, the Chair reported that the consultation requested by Senate between the Department of Mathematics and Statistics and Engineering Science was ongoing and it was hoped that a report would be available for the November meeting of Senate. Referring to Page 6, the Chair also advised that the report requested by Senate from the Space Advisory Committee would be presented to the next meeting of Senate.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- i) On behalf of Senate, the Chair welcomed the following new and returning Senators to the meeting: W. Leiss, Vice-President, Research; R. Menzies, School of Criminology; and G. Strate, School of Contemporary Arts.
- ii) Senators were reminded about the first Fall Convocation scheduled for Friday, October 12, 1990 at 2:30 p.m. and encouraged to participate in the ceremony.
- iii) Senate was informed that the President will be presenting a brief to the Consultation Committee established by the Ministry of Advanced Education to review post-secondary initiatives in the Fraser Valley. The brief reiterates the University's position as established by Senate last Spring concerning Simon Fraser University's possible interest but with the main focus of the brief favouring a university rather than a university-college structure. Copies of the brief will be distributed to members of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and it is available from the Office of the Secretary of Senate for interested members of Senate.
- iv) Senate was advised that revised targets for new admissions in the Spring 1991 Semester would be discussed at the next meetings of the Senate Committee on Enrolment Management and Planning and the Senate Committee on Academic Planning. The revisions are a response to the enrolment experience in both the Summer and Fall semesters. If the revised targets receive the approval of both Committees, the University will proceed with the implementation for the Spring semester since the revised targets are consistent with the intent of the yearly target previously approved by Senate. However, revised targets for the Summer 91 semester will be brought to the November meeting of Senate for discussion and approval.

P. Gray referred to Senate's previous concerns with respect to the proportions for different admission categories and questioned why Senate had not received for discussion and consideration, the report it had requested during the debate at the February meeting of Senate. The Chair reiterated that a report from SCEMP would be presented at the November meeting of Senate.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

i) Senate Nominating Committee

a) Paper S.90-39 - Elections

Senate was advised that C. Green's name should be deleted from Paper S.90-39 since he was no longer a member of Senate and therefore not eligible to serve on the various committees. Nominations to fill the vacancies created by the deletion of his nomination would be brought forward at the next meeting of Senate. In addition, Senate was informed that C. Green had been the only student member on the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees, and since this committee had meetings scheduled during the month of October, election to replace him would have to take place prior to the November meeting of Senate. Therefore, the Chair reported nominations were open to fill this position and, if election was required, balloting would be conducted by mail so that a student representative would be in place in time for the October meetings of the Committee.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE (SCAD)

One Senator (at-large) to replace L. Pinfield, as Chair, for one-year term of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1991.

Elected by acclamation:

L. PINFIELD

Two Faculty Members (at-large) to replace M. Singh and S. Djwa for two-year terms of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1992.

Elected by acclamation:

S. DJWA

M. SINGH

One Faculty Member Alternate (at-large) to replace G. Mauser for one-year term of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1992.

Elected by acclamation:

G. MAUSER

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING (SCAP)/SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY BUDGET (SCUB)

Two Senators (at-large) to replace M. Covell and J. D'Auria for two-year terms of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1992.

Elected by acclamation:

M. COVELL

J. D'AURIA

One Lay Senator to replace V. Nielsen for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1992.

Elected by acclamation:

V. NIELSEN

Two Student Senators to replace S. Wade and K. Giffen for two-year terms of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1992.

Elected by acclamation:

K. GIFFEN

S. WADE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULES (SCAR)

Two Senators (at-large) to replace L. Dill and S. Verdun-Jones for two-year terms of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1992.

Elected by acclamation:

L. DILL
S. VERDUN-JONES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING STUDIES (SCCS)

Four Faculty Senators to replace N. Cercone, R. Barrow, J. D'Auria and to fill an existing vacancy for two-year terms of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1992.

Elected by acclamation:

R. BARROW
N. CERCONI
J. D'AURIA

Insufficient nominations received:

Vacant

One Student Senator to replace S. Wade for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1992.

Elected by acclamation:

S. WADE

One Student Senator (Alternate) to replace P. Gray for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1992.

Elected by acclamation:

P. GRAY

SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE (SLC)/LIBRARY PENALTIES APPEAL COMMITTEE (LPAC)

One Student Senator to replace C. Green for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1992.

Elected by acclamation:

P. GRAY

One Student Senator (Alternate) to replace P. Gray for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1992.

Insufficient nominations received

Vacant

SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (SNC)

Four Senators (at-large) to replace R. Barrow, E. Palmer, C. Green, and M.L. Stewart for one-year terms of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1991.

Elected by acclamation:

R. CARLSON
E. PALMER
M.L. STEWART
P. WINNE

One Student Senator to replace A. Di Fonzo for one-year term of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1991.

Elected by acclamation:

K. GIFFEN

One Student Senator Alternate to replace K. Giffen for one-year term of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1991.

Insufficient nominations received

Vacant

SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & BURSARIES (SPCSAB)

One Faculty Senator (as Chair) to replace R. Blackman for three-year term of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1993. (Please note that the Chair of the SPCSAB automatically becomes an ex-officio member of the Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee and the Senate Graduate Awards Adjudication Committee)

Elected by acclamation: R. BLACKMAN

SENATE UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS AND ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE (SUACC)

One Lay Senator to replace M. Warsh for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1992.

Elected by acclamation: M. WARSH

SENATE GRADUATE AWARDS ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE (SGAAC)

One Lay Senator to replace V. Nielsen for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1992.

Elected by acclamation: V. NIELSEN

SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD (SUAB)

Two Student Senators to replace T. Myers and K. Giffen for one-year terms of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1991.

Elected by acclamation: K. GIFFEN
T. MYERS

One Student Senator Alternate to replace C. Green for one-year term of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1991.

Insufficient nominations received Vacant

One Senator (at-large) to replace L. Palmer for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1992.

Elected by acclamation: L. PALMER

ii) Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries

Paper S.90-40 - Annual Report - For Information

Vern Loewen, Director of Financial Aid and Awards was in attendance as a resource person.

In reply to a concern about the increase to the grade point average for Open Scholarships, R. Blackman, Chair of the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries advised that although scholarship funding had increased substantially, it had not increased sufficiently to deal with the increased number of eligible students. The difference between GPAs of 3.5 and 3.6 amounted to over a quarter of a million dollars, which was not available in the current budget.

Replying to an inquiry as to why some awards such as PhD Graduate Fellowships had increased five percent while others like the C.D. Nelson had increased by 19%, V. Loewen suggested that it may be because the C.D. Nelson scholarship is an entrance

scholarship and therefore was available to attract better students. However, since the Dean of Graduate Studies was not available for comment, V. Loewen felt it was unfair for him to reply on his behalf with regard to the graduate award. It was suggested that the Dean could comment at the next meeting of Senate.

Reference was made to the fact that students on NSERC and SSHRC Scholarships receive an additional supplement of \$3,000 per year from the Dean of Graduate Studies Office and inquiry was made as to the source of that funding. The Chair suggested the matter be taken under advisement and addressed at the next meeting of Senate.

Following this discussion, the Annual Report of the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries was received by Senate.

iii) Senate Committee on Academic Planning
Paper S.90-41 - Revision to Membership - Senate Committee on Academic Planning

Moved by R. Saunders, seconded by S. Bukovac

"that Senate approve the change in committee structure as follows:

Senate Committee on Academic Planning: for Committee Secretary (non-voting) replace Director of Analytical Studies by Director of Academic Planning Services.

The Director of Analytical Studies would continue as a non-voting committee member."

In reply to an inquiry as to whether or not this is a newly created position, the Chair advised that in a sense the position is new but many of the functions were previously handled by a variety of other staff members. However because of the increased activity in the area of academic planning such as external reviews of departments, the strategic planning initiative of the Ministry of Advanced Education and the increased level of work in the Senate Committee on Academic Planning, he felt this position, which essentially assists the Vice-President, Academic in the area of academic planning, was necessary. Concern was raised about the amount of funds expended on new positions when there did not appear to be adequate funding for scholarships. Senate was advised by the Chair that this position along with approximately 80 other positions across the university were created in the 1990-91 operating budget which was in place when he took office. Brief discussion took place with regard to these new positions and request was made to have a report presented to Senate regarding the amount of growth which has taken place in the various administrative and faculty components over the past ten years. The Chair was uncertain if it would be possible to cover a ten-year period but indicated he would go back as far as he could.

It was felt that the wording of the motion was unclear and clarification was requested as to whether the person holding the new position would be a voting or non-voting member of the committee. The Chair indicated that the intent was that the

Secretary would be a non-voting member and suggested that a dash be inserted following the words non-voting. Inquiry was also made as to why the Secretary was not designated as an ex-officio member in the same way that the Chair and Vice-Chair are designated. The Chair indicated that this change would be made the next time the committee memberships are revised.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- iv) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules
Paper S.90-42 - Revision to Membership - Senate Library Committee

Moved by R. Saunders, seconded by R. Brown

"that on the Senate Library Committee, the Vice-President, Academic be named as the Chair, ex-officio and that the Vice-President, Research continue as an ex-officio member of the Committee"

The Chair explained that when W. Leiss was appointed as Vice-President Research, the Library and several other units that had been part of the Vice-President Research and Information Systems portfolio were moved to the portfolio of the Vice-President, Academic.

It was noted that the Senate Library Committee is required to report annually to Senate on its activities and inquiry was made as to when Senate could expect such a report. T. Dobb indicated that a meeting of the Committee was forthcoming and that its annual report would be presented before the end of the year.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- v) Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board
a) Paper S.90-43 - Advance Placement Program

Moved by R. Saunders, seconded by S. Bukovac

"that Senate approve the granting of advanced standing and/or transfer credit for certain examinations offered by the Advanced Placement Program, subject to a minimum grade of 4 in each examination"

Moved by N. Swartz, seconded by J. Tuinman

"that the motion be amended to specify that the certain examinations referred to were the ones listed in the memorandum from Nick Heath dated June 4, 1990"

N. Heath, Director of Admissions, was in attendance as a resource person.

In reply to a concern about giving blanket approval for certain examinations, R. Saunders pointed out that flexibility was required to allow new courses to come before departments for vetting of transfer credit. It was pointed out that the motion, without the amendment, was more or less a general policy statement whereas with the amendment it becomes a highly specific procedural statement which would not be as effective.

In reply to a general inquiry about the Advance Placement Program, a brief explanation of the program and how decisions were made with respect to transfer credit was provided.

Following this discussion, the formal amendment was withdrawn and the following revision to the wording was accepted as a friendly amendment:

"that Senate approve, with the recommendation of the appropriate academic unit using established procedures for articulation, and subject to a minimum grade of 4 in the examination, that advanced standing and/or transfer credit for certain examinations offered through the Advanced Placement Program be granted"

Brief discussion followed with regard to the security of the examinations and the number of students and schools involved in the program.

Question was called, and a vote taken. MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

b) Paper S.90-44 - Enrolment Limitations - International Students in Business Administration and Computing Science

Moved by R. Saunders, seconded by S. Shapiro

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, the continuation of enrolment limitations for the admission of International students to Business Administration, Computing Science and related programs for a further three years, commencing Summer 1990, until Spring 1993, with the review to occur in 1992"

Nick Heath, Director of Admissions was in attendance as a resource person.

Opinion was expressed that it was unfair to receive double the remuneration from International Students in tuition fees and additionally enforce strict program restrictions upon them once they are here.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Other Business

P. Gray reiterated Senate's previous request to have a report from the Senate Committee on Enrolment Management and Planning come forward to Senate for consideration. The Chair advised that while he would attempt to deliver the report as requested by Senate but it would depend on the action of SCEMP and of SCAP through whom SCEMP reports to Senate. However, he indicated that there would definitely be a report of some kind from SCEMP/SCAP at the next meeting of Senate but could not confirm what form the report would take.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

8. INFORMATION

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, November 5, 1990.

The Assembly briefly recessed at 8:10 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

W. R. Heath
Secretary of Senate