

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, JULY 8, 1991 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 4:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W., Chair

Blackman, R.
Blaney, J.
Boland, L.
Brown, R.
Carlson, R.
Clayman, B.
Covell, M.
D'Auria, J.
Dickinson, J.
Dill, L.
Etherington, L.
Evenden, L.
Giffen, K.
Heinrich, K.
Hoegg, J.L.
Jespersen, J.
Lindberg, T.
Menzies, R.
Morrison, T.
Percival, P.
Pinfield, L.
Plischke, M. (replacing C. Jones)
Rae, B.
Rieckhoff, K.
Saunders, R.
Shapiro, S.
Soheili, A.
Swartz, N.
Verdun-Jones, S.
Wade, S.
Walker, R.
Winne, P.

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

Absent: Barrow, R.
Bowman, M.
Bukovac, S.
Cercone, N.
Chan, B.
Choquer, K.
Dahl, H.
Delgrande, J.
Dobb, T.
Duguid, S.
Haje, P.
Leiss, W.
Luk, W.S.
Mauser, G.
McKeown, B.
Munro, J.
Myers, T.
Nicol, I.
Nielsen, V.
Palmer, E.
Palmer, L.
Reilly, N.
Shannon, D.
Stewart, M.L.
Thomson, K.
Tuinman, J.
Warsh, M.
Wotherspoon, A.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF JULY 8, 1991

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chair reported that SCAR concurred with the suggestion that Senators be provided with name plates for Senate meetings and it was hoped that they would be available at the next meeting of Senate.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

i) The Chair reported that the final determination of the Access Program for the University will fund 500 FTEs and he reminded Senate that an FTE enrolment target of 450 had originally been estimated and approved.

ii) The Chair reported that the Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training had recently made the following announcements concerning post-secondary education in the Fraser Valley. Firstly, Fraser Valley College will become a University-College and expectations are that it will begin to admit third-year students in September, 1992. Secondly, it is the intent of the Government to establish a committee or commission to look into the creation of an independent university in the Fraser Valley as well as a separate committee or commission to look into the creation of a vocational training institute in the same area. No further details had been made available as to the format of either, or who would be involved with them.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

i) Senate Committee on Academic Planning

Paper S.91-36 - External Review and Response to External Review - Faculty of Business Administration -For Information

Brief discussion took place about the comments in the report with respect to faculty salary structure and the reporting requirement of the University in this regard. It was suggested that since the document had not been generally distributed, it would not be fair to debate issues at length because many Senators would not have read the Report. The Chair reported that SCAR had made a conscious decision, based on economic considerations, not to circulate the report but the report was easily accessible to any Senator wishing to obtain a copy. The Chair suggested that this method would be continued and perhaps reconsidered by SCAR at some future point. Feedback from Senators on this issue was invited.

Following this discussion, the Report was received by Senate for information.

ii) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Committee on Continuing Studies

Paper S.91-37 - Proposal for a Non-Credit Certificate in Cross-Cultural Management and Communication

Moved by R. Saunders, seconded by A. Soheili

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of

Governors, as set forth in S.91-37, the proposal for a Non-Credit Certificate in Cross-Cultural Management and Communication"

Concern was expressed with respect to the University getting involved in a program which might be better handled by the private sector rather than a public institution. It was pointed out that the private sector could not offer the same kind of program because they do not have access to the specialized facilities of the the David Lam Centre or the resources of the Faculty of Business Administration.

Opinion was expressed that the title of the program was potentially offensive. Senate was informed that the proposers of the program were aware that the title was somewhat awkward but intent was to test community reaction to the title before the program is promoted.

In reply to a concern that the program might be used as an avenue to divert regular teaching responsibilities from campus programs and courses, Senate was advised that all faculty teaching would be done on an overload basis with the appropriate compensation to the instructional staff involved.

In reply to an inquiry about whether students could fail from this program, it was pointed out that there is an evaluation process and that students could fail in terms of being asked to repeat a course or not being granted a certificate for lack of performance.

Inquiry was made as to how students who had already taken some of the courses, would be handled. It was pointed out that the courses are specifically designed for this program and may not have exact equivalency, but it would be up to the academic department to determine whether academic equivalency could be granted. It was also suggested that students would most likely be encouraged to take courses they did not already have rather than have the same course count for double purposes and that, at the present time, this was not a real issue because not all of the courses were offered through regular campus programs.

In reply to an inquiry as to how students are accepted into the program, Senate was informed that applicants are screened by an advisory committee composed of faculty members and personnel from Continuing Studies.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- iii) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules
Paper S.91-38 - Student Representation on Senate Committees - For Information

The report pertaining to student representation on Senate Committees was received by Senate for information.

A notice of motion was put forward by K. Giffen that one student senator, elected by and from Senate, replace one of the Student Society appointments on the Senate Committee on Academic Discipline; and that one student senator, elected by and from Senate, replace the equivalent Student Society appointment on the Senate Appeals Board. The specific wording of this motion will be clarified by the Secretary of Senate for presentation to SCAR.

6. Other Business

i) Paper S.91-39 Notice of Motion from Senate meeting June 3, 1991
Since the originator of this motion was not present, the motion was lost.

7. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion other than the one presented under agenda item 5.iii.

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, August 12, 1991.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 5:05 p.m.

W.R. Heath
Secretary of Senate