

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1996 IN ROOM 3210 WMX, 7:00 P.M.
OPEN SESSION

Present: Stubbs, J.O., Chair

Alderson, E.
Arnason, K.
Barrow, R.
Blaney, J.
Blazenko, G.
Boland, L.
Bullock, D.
Ciconte, R.
Clayman, B.
Dobb, T.
Etherington, L.
Gagan, D.
Jahn, R.
Jones, C.
Karabotsos, F.
Lewis, B.
Marteniuk, R.
Mathewes, R.
Mauser, G.
McAskill, I.
McInnes, D.
Osborne, J.
Percival, P.
Peterson, L.
Pierce, J.
Reed, C.
Sanghera, B.
Scharfe, E.
Underhill, O.
Whitbread, K.

Absent: Beattie, S.
Dahl, V.
D'Auria, J.
Dunsterville, V.
Eaton, C.
Heinrich, K.
Howlett, M.
Keto, D.
LeMare, L.
Luk, W.S.
Naef, B.A.
Rawicz, A.
Ross, D.
Segal, J.
Shapiro, S.
Stewart, M.L.
Warsh, M.
Wickstrom, N.
Wideen, M.
Winne, P.

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

L. Peterson, Chair of the SNC, briefly explained that nominations are initially brought forward by the SNC, and thereafter nominations are received by the the Secretary of Senate, and he expressed concern about Paper S.96-13 appearing on the agenda as a report of the Senate Nominating Committee. The concern was noted by Senate, and the Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of January 8, 1996

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. Report of the Chair

i) The Chair briefly explained that SCAR had decided to schedule the meeting at 5:00 p.m. because the agenda was very light but approval of specific items is essential.

ii) The Chair advised that he has no further information from the Government with respect to the budget situation but planning activities must be taken now to have a tentative budget in place by April 1st. He made reference to the package of material sent out to the University community. Requests have been made to academic and administrative units to prepare plans for cuts of between 5%-6%. Comments are most welcome and can be sent by e-mail (96/97_planning).

5. Report of Committees

a) Paper S.96-13 - Elections

The following are the results of elections conducted by Senate. Vacancies for positions not filled will be brought to the attention of the Senate Nominating Committee and carried over to the next meeting of Senate.

Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA)

One Alternate Student Member (at-large) for term of office, from date of election to May 31, 1996.

Elected by acclamation:

David Green

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

One Student Senator to replace F. Karabotsos for balance term of office, from date of election to May 31, 1996.

No nominations received

Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR)

One Student Senator to replace T. Morrison for balance term of office, from date of election to May 31, 1996.

Elected by acclamation:

Rita Ciconte

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

Two Student Senators (One Regular, One Alternate) to fill an existing vacancy and to replace T. Morrison for terms of office, from date of election to May 31, 1996.

No nominations received

Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees (SCHD)

One Student Senator to replace R. Dhir for no specified term of office.

No nominations received

Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

One Student Senator to replace K. Giffen for term of office, from date of election to May 31, 1996.

No nominations received

One Senator (at-large) to replace K. Chan for balance term of office, from date of election to May 31, 1996.

No nominations received

Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries (SPCSAB)

One Faculty Member (at-large) to replace C. Dean for balance term of office, from date of election to May 31, 1996.

Elected by acclamation:

Sheila Roberts

Senate Library Committee (SLC)/Library Penalties Appeal Committee (LPAC)

One Student Senator (Alternate) to replace K. Chan for balance term of office, from date of election to May 31, 1996.

No nominations received

Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

One Undergraduate Student Senator to replace T. Morrison for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1996.

No nominations received

Electoral Standing Committee (ESC)

One Senator (at-large) to replace K. Giffen for no specified term of office.

No nominations received

One Student Senator to replace T. Morrison for no specified term of office.

No nominations received

Senate Appeals Board (SAB)

Two (Alternate) Faculty Members (at-large) for two-year* terms of office effective January 1, 1996. *To allow for continuity of membership, in this first election the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will have a three-year term of office (from date of election to May 31, 1998); the runner-up will have a two-year term of office (from date of election to May 31, 1997). Thereafter, all positions will be filled for a two-year term of office.

No nominations received

One (Alternate) Student Member (at-large) for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1996.

Elected by acclamation:

Ednoi Boun

Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA)

One Student Senator to replace T. Morrison for balance term of office, from date of election to May 31, 1996.

No nominations received

International Undergraduate Student Exchange Committee (IUSEC)

One Undergraduate Student (at-large) to replace K. Chan for balance term of office, from date of election to May 31, 1996.

No nominations received

Reference was made to a recent by-election call for nominations for a faculty member to Senate for a term of office ending May 31, 1996. Inquiry was made as to why this was necessary for such a short term of office, and suggestion was made that the partial term of office be incorporated with the regular term of office for which a call was also issued. It was pointed out that under the Rules of Senate, an attempt must be made to fill such vacancies and the Secretary has no jurisdiction to combine two terms of office.

6. Other Business

F. Karabotsos reported to Senate that the Student Society at SFU, along with Student Societies across Canada, have designated February 7, 1996 as a national day of action to protest budget cuts to post-secondary education, and he briefly advised Senate of the local activities planned for February 6th and 7th in this regard. A motion that the Senate of SFU support the national day of action against the cuts, that faculty not set exams or have any assignments due on February 7th, and that students not be penalized for not attending classes on February 7th was deemed to be procedurally out of order since it was not introduced at the time the agenda was approved.

Moved by I. McAskill, seconded by G. Mauser

"that the Rules of Senate be suspended with respect to the introduction of the motion"

Senate was advised that a 2/3 majority vote was required in order to suspend the Rules of Senate.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION DEFEATED
(2/3 majority not achieved)

The Chair suggested that if such events are going to be planned annually, procedures and timing should be worked out more effectively so that such items can be presented in a timely fashion for consideration.

7. Information

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate will take place on Monday, March 4, 1996.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 5:15 p.m.

W. R. Heath
Secretary of Senate