

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD ON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1996 IN ROOM 3210 WMC, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Stubbs, J., Chair

Alderson, E.
Arnason, K.
Aujla, A.
Baldwin, P. (representing T. Dobb)
Blaney, J.
Blazenko, G.
Boland, L.
Chan, A.
Cleveland, W.
Crawford, C.
D'Auria, J.
Dunsterville, V.
Emmott, A.
Etherington, L.
Gagan, D.
Hansen, J.
Jones, C.
Kanevsky, L.
Kozminuk, A.
Marteniuk, R.
Mathewes, R.
Mauser, G.
McInnes, D.
Osborne, J.
Percival, P.
Peterson, L.
Pierce, J.
Reed, C.
Ross, D.
Roth, W.M.
Shapiro, S.
Ukrainetz, M.
Winne, P.
Wortis, M.
Wrenn, P. (representing B. Clayman)

Absent: Akins, K.
Barrow, R.
Beattie, S.
Berggren, J.L.
Cellik, P.
Dahl, V.
Giffen, K.
Hewitt, K.
Howlett, M.
Lewis, B.
Luk, W.S.
Morrison, T.
Naef, B.
Nip, H.
Rawicz, A.
Sanghera, B.
Segal, J.
Warsh, M.
Whitbread, K.
Wickstrom, N.

In attendance:

Bawa, P.
Brockman, J.
Heinrich, K.
Watkins, S.

A. Watt, Director, Secretariat Services
B. Grant, Recording Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 16, 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) On behalf of Senate, the Chair welcomed newly elected Student Senator, A. Chan, Faculty of Business Administration, to the meeting.

ii) The following Faculty awards were recognized by the Chair and brought to the attention of Senate. Tim Collings, School of Engineering Science, was awarded the \$100,000 1996 Manning Principal Award for his development of the V-chip as well as being presented with a 1996 gold medal award for 'innovator of the year' from the Science Council of British Columbia. The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of B.C. recently recognized and presented awards to Michael Roberts, Earth Sciences and Tim Collings, Engineering Science. The Science Council of BC also awarded a gold medal to Jeff Dahn who has recently moved from SFU to Dalhousie University.

iii) Referring to the results of the survey conducted among graduating classes of 1993 from SFU, UBC, and UVic, the Chair was pleased to report that Simon Fraser University ranked highest in 14 out of the 20 comparative questions. Graduating students in general felt very positive about their experience at their respective universities and many of them had found employment or were pursuing further degrees. This is a very positive report about the graduates of BC universities, and those members of the university involved in the delivery of academic programs should be particularly pleased at the outcome of the report.

iv) Although there was no definite news to report about the funding environment, the Chair expressed opinion that he was concerned that universities are going to be challenged fairly strongly in the next month or two when more detailed information is made available. Expectations are that the Government is going to be very interested in an accountability theme and it is believed that information will be requested as to how universities account for and use the resources made available to them. It was noted that the Minister of Finance, in recent announcements concerning cutbacks, has been talking about an 18 month budget time frame.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEESa) SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEEi) Paper S.96-59 - Elections

The attention of Senators was drawn to the revised version of Paper S.96-59 which showed additional nominations. Results of elections are as follows; outstanding vacancies will be carried forward.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINARY APPEALS (SCODA)

One (Alternate) Student (at-large) to fill an existing vacancy for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1997.

Elected by acclamation:

Susan Wilmshurst

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

One Student Senator to fill an existing vacancy for term of office, from date of election to May 31, 1997.

No nominations

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING STUDIES (SCCS)

Three Faculty Senators to fill existing vacancies for terms of office from date of election to May 31, 1998.

Elected by acclamation:

Charles Crawford
John Pierce
Douglas Ross

One Student Senator to fill an existing vacancy for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1998.

No nominations

One Student Senator (Alternate) to fill an existing vacancy for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1998.

No nominations

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

One Student Senator to fill an existing vacancy for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1998.

Elected by acclamation:

Albert Chan

One Student Senator Alternate to fill an existing vacancy for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1998.

No nominations

SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (SNC)

One Student Senator (Alternate) to fill an existing vacancy for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1997.

No nominations

SENATE APPEALS BOARD (SAB)

One (Alternate) Faculty Member (at-large) to fill an existing vacancy for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1997.

Elected by acclamation:

Lee Hanlan

One (Alternate) Student (at-large) to fill an existing vacancy for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1998.

Elected by acclamation:

Albert Chan

ELECTORAL STANDING COMMITTEE (ESC)

One Senator (at-large) to fill existing vacancy. Term of office is coincidental with Senate membership.

Elected by acclamation:

Stanley Shapiro

b) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING/SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

i) Paper S.96-60 - University College of the Fraser Valley/Simon Fraser University - New Mathematics Courses

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by C. Jones

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.96-60, the following new courses to be offered at the University College of the Fraser Valley: Math 360-3, Math 381-3, Math 420-3, Math 438-3, Math 445-3, Math 450-3, Math 451-3, Math 460-3, Math 470-3"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.96-61 - Proposed Honors Program in Physics and Physiology

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by M. Wortis

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.96-61, the proposed Honors Program in Physics and Physiology"

P. Bawa, Associate Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences, and S. Watkins, Department of Physics were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Reference was made to the program description on Page 1. Concern was expressed that the wording which implies that the program provides an emphasis in Biology conveys the wrong impression because there is only one Biology course in the program itself. Following a brief discussion, a suggestion to delete the word Biology in the program descriptions on Pages 1 and 3 was accepted as a friendly amendment.

Senate was advised that once approved within the University, the proposed program, even though there are no new courses, will be subject to review and approval by the Ministry's Degree Program Review Committee and the Minister.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

c) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING/SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

i) Paper S.96-62 - Biological Sciences - Course Deletions

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by C. Jones

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.96-62, deletion of the following courses: BISC 630-5, BISC 631-5, BISC 632-5, BISC 633-5, BISC 635-0"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.96-63 - Policy on Shared Interuniversity Graduate Programs

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by P. Wrenn

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.96-63, the Policy on Shared Interuniversity Graduate Programs"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.96-64 - Proposed Graduate General Regulation 1.4.6 - Co-Operative Education

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by P. Wrenn

"that Senate approve, as set forth in S.96-64, the proposed General Regulation 1.4.6 - Co-operative Education"

Brief discussion took place with regard to the terms of a Co-op registration relative to registration status and payment of fees.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Paper S.96-65 - Revision to Graduate General Regulation 1.9.2 - Master's Examining Committees

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by P. Wrenn

"that Senate approve, as set forth in S.96-65, change to Graduate Regulation 1.9.2 - Master's Examining Committees"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

v) Paper S.96-66 - Revision to Graduate General Regulation 1.10.4 - Submission of the Thesis to the Library

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by P. Wrenn

"that Senate approve, as set forth in S.96-66, change to Graduate Regulation 1.10.4 - Submission of the Thesis to the Library"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

d) SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES

i) Paper S.96-67 - Annual Report (For Information)

K. Heinrich, past Chair of the SPCSAB, and J. Pierce, current Chair of the Committee were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Brief discussion took place with respect to the Committee's use of an unassigned endowment fund of \$100,000 currently used to augment scholarships and bursaries, to support the 1996 Campus Campaign by matching funds. Concern was expressed that this might be viewed as inappropriate use of this money. Senate was assured that the money had no restrictions attached to it and the Committee felt matching funds might encourage members of the community to make greater donations.

Reference was made to the UBC OSI entrance scholarship which the Report states is well known and one that SFU can not match. Inquiry was made as to how much SFU spent on Entrance Scholarships in the Fall of 1996. This

information was not readily available but would be requested from the Registrar's Office for the next meeting. Opinion was expressed that SFU's Co-op Education programs could be advertised as a learning alternative which provides not only employment but perhaps the opportunity for obtaining a better job.

Brief discussion followed with respect to the impact of a tuition freeze on the overall size of endowments/scholarships.

e) UNIVERSITY BOARD ON STUDENT DISCIPLINE/SENATE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

i) Paper S.96-68 - Annual Report (For Information)

J. Brockman, Coordinator of the University Board on Student Discipline, and P. Percival, Chair of the Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Brief discussion took place with respect to the student misconduct case wherein a theft from the Bookstore occurred. Opinion was expressed that the University should not become involved in this type of legalistic case and such cases should be left to the criminal justice system. It was noted that the processing of any criminal charges can take several months, even years, whereas the University process does not require the same standard of proof and is much quicker than the criminal justice system. In addition, the University may not want to have the persons remain on campus. This issue may not necessarily be addressed by criminal charges.

Concern was expressed about a student being charged because he/she had been negligent in protecting an answer sheet, and opinion was expressed that this was an unwise policy which should be reconsidered. Brief discussion followed in which Senate was informed that SCODA was convinced that active cheating as defined by regulation had taken place and that the other student who was involved accepted blame and did not appeal to SCODA.

Opinion was expressed that the University also has a responsibility to provide examination rooms of sufficient capacity so that students can protect their papers. Exams are often taken in over-crowded rooms and it is difficult for invigilators to determine if active cheating is taking place or not. Under such conditions, it was suggested that the University might be held culpable.

f) SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE/LIBRARY PENALTIES APPEAL COMMITTEE

i) Paper S.96-69 - Annual Report - For Information

P. Baldwin, Associate Librarian was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

In response to an inquiry as to whether or not the appeal system was being abused by appellants using the appeal process to postpone payment of their fines, it was noted that this did not appear to be a problem, and in fact there were far fewer appeals now than there once had been.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

i) Paper S.96-70 - Senate Minutes on the Web (For Information)

Senate was advised that current practice is to put the Minutes of Senate on the Web following approval by Senate. However, when a meeting of Senate is cancelled, it takes at least a month, sometimes longer, to have the previous Minutes posted on the Web. In order to provide more timely access to the University community, the Minutes will be placed on the Web as soon as possible following a meeting. They will be clearly marked 'Draft until approved by Senate' and once approved if there are subsequent amendments, they will be amended and reposted accordingly.

Brief discussion followed about the possibility of downloading and changing the information contained in the Minutes. It was noted that the printed Minutes that will be circulated will be the official minutes of Senate.

7. INFORMATION

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate will take place on Monday, December 2, 1996.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 8:05 pm.

A. Watt
Director, Secretariat Services