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Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, December 4, 2000 at 7:00 pm in Room 3210 WMC

Open Session

Present: Stevenson, Michael, President and Chair
Atkins, Stella
Bawa, Parveen
Blackman, Roger (representing J. Pierce)
Clayman, Bruce
Cooper, Kait
Copeland, Lynn
D'Auria, John
Davidson, Willie
Dill, Larry
Driver, Jon
Dunsterville, Valerie
England, William
Finley, David
Gerson, Carole
Gill, Alison
Grimmett, Peter
Hill, Ross
Jackson, Margaret
Jones, John
Klymson, Sarah
LaRocque, Linda
Love, Ernie
Marteniuk, Ron
McArthur, James
McInnes, Dina
Ogloff, James
Osborne, Judith
Paterson, David
Peters, Joseph
Russell, Robert
Smith, Michael
Steinbach, Chris
Stewart, Ryan
Warsh, Michael
Waterhouse, John
Weldon, Larry
Wessel, Sylvia
Winne, Phil (representing R. Barrow)
Wong, Milton
Wortis, Michael
Yau, David
Yerbury, Colin
Zaichkowsky, Judith

Absent: Budra, Paul
Chan, Albert
Delgrande, James
Giffen, Ken
Gupte, Jaideep
Hold, Angela
Livadiotakis, Georgia
Mauser, Gary
McFetridge, Paul
Miralles-Sanchez, Veronika
Naef, Barbara
Percival, Paul
Runyowa, Mac
Sanghera, Balwant
To, Shek Yan
Zazkis, Rina

In attendance:
Burley, David

Heath, Ron, Dean of Student Services and Registrar
Watt, Alison, Director, University Secretariat
Grant, Bobbie, Recording Secretary

Members of Senate, led by Vice-Chair J. Ogloff, extended a warm welcome and best wishes to M. Stevenson as he starts his term as President of Simon Fraser University.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of November 6, 2000

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

At the request of the Chair, W. Davidson was asked to provide Senate with an update on the status of the report from the ad hoc Senate Committee to Review the Research Ethics Policy. Senate was advised that the Committee hoped to have a draft report prepared and available for comment/input on the Web by the end of December. Open meetings will be planned for January and expectations were that the report would be submitted to Senate shortly thereafter.

The Chair reported that he, and other university presidents, met with the Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology and other government officials to discuss public policy on education and on the universities. The plan was to continue the positive developments of last year in terms of improved funding to universities.

The Chair assured Senators that he would treat Senate as absolutely integral to the life of the university and as fundamental to good governance at Simon Fraser University. The Chair thanked Senate for the warm welcome and stated that he looked forward to working with Senate in the future.

5. Question Period

No written questions were received. A question was raised about the status of the LSG proposal, and Senate was advised that until resolution of the motion later on the agenda (6.d.i) was resolved no further action had been taken.

6. Reports of Committees

a) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.00-103 – Elections to Senate Committees

The following are the results of elections to Senate committees. There were insufficient nominations to fill all positions; vacancies will be carried over and brought forward to the next meeting of Senate.

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

One Student Senator for term of office to May 31, 2002.

No nominations received

Senate Committee on Enrolment Management and Planning (SCEMP)

One Graduate Student (at-large) for term of office to May 31, 2001.

Diverse Qualifications Adjudication Committee (DQAC)

One Undergraduate Student (at-large) to replace Steven Yeung for term of office to May 31, 2001.

Elected by acclamation:

Dorian Prior

b) Senate Committee on University Priorities

i) Paper S.00-104 – External Review – Department of Archaeology

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by R. Blackman

“that Senate concurs with the recommendation from the Senate Committee on University Priorities concerning advice to the Department of Archaeology on priority items from the external review, as outlined in S.00-104”

D. Burley, Chair of the Department of Archaeology, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

i) Paper S.00-105 – Proposed Residency Requirements /Credit Hour Requirements

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by J. Osborne

“that Senate approve the proposed residency requirements as set forth in S.00-105”

Concern was expressed about the use of the word ‘residency’, especially since it had a different meaning at the graduate level. There were no objections to changing the term to more precise common use language but it was suggested that the term should be retained in the Calendar index because it was still in use at other institutions.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.00-106 – Proposed Residency Requirements/Credit Hour Requirements – Faculty of Applied Sciences

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by M. Smith

“that Senate approve the proposed Faculty of Applied Sciences residency requirements as set forth in S.00-106”

Clarification was requested with respect to recommendation B.2 on page 2 of the documentation. Senate was advised that the intent of the recommendation was to clearly specify the maximum allowable transfer credit that could be used.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.00-107 – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by R. Blackman

“that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.00-107, the following curriculum revisions in the

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

- a) Deletion of the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Ethnic and Intercultural Relations
- b) New Certificate in Ethnic and Intercultural Relations; and in the

Department of Women’s Studies

- a) New Joint Major program with Criminology
- b) New Joint Major program with History
- c) New Joint Major program with Humanities”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following undergraduate curriculum changes in the following departments/programs:

- a) Canadian Studies Program
 - Changes to lower and upper division requirements for Major and Joint Major programs
- b) School for the Contemporary Arts
 - Changes to requirements for Extended Minor Program in Theatre
 - Change of description and prerequisite: FPA 253, 393
 - Change of prerequisite: FPA 254, 255, 355, 372
 - Proposal for an Articulation Agreement between SFU and the National Ballet School
- c) Department of Political Science
 - New courses/Cross-listing of courses:
 - POL 223 (cross-listed with CNS 280)
 - POL 340 (cross-listed with LAS 311)
 - POL 383 (cross-listed with LAS 318)
 - Change of number (from POL 332 to POL 232), credit hour, title, description, prerequisite and vector
 - Prerequisite changes for all 200 and 300 level Political Science courses

- d) Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- New course: SA 352
 - New courses/Cross-listing of courses:
SA 328 (cross-listed with LAS 318)
SA 403 (cross-listed with LAS 403)
 - Change of prerequisite: SA 318, CNS 280, LAS 311, LAS 318, LAS 403, POL 337, SA 392
 - Addition of SA 371 to optional list for PBD in Social Policy Issues
 - Change of credit hour: LAS 311, 318, 403
 - New courses/Cross-listing of courses:
LAS 337 (cross-listed with POL 337)
LAS 392 (cross-listed with SA 391)
- e) Department of Women's Studies
New courses for Co-Op Education Program: WS 421, 422, 423, 424
- iv) Paper S.00-108 – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Business Administration (For Information)
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following changes:
- Change in the name of the Human Resource Management area to Management and Organization Studies (MOS)
 - Inclusion of BUS 472 in the MOS concentration
 - Change of prerequisites: BUS 346, 380, 432, 478
 - New Special Topics courses: BUS 490 and 491
- v) Paper S.00-109 – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by P. Winne

“that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.00-109, the new Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Early Childhood Education”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following changes:

- Change of prerequisite: EDUC 252, 326, 437, 463, 464, 482
- Changes to the Minor in Early Childhood Education
- Changes to the B.Ed. as a 2nd Degree
- Changes to the B.Ed. Degree requirements
- New courses: EDUC 327, 328, 412, 414, 415, 416
- Change of title and description: EDUC 472, 474, 475, 476
- Changes to the Minor in Physical Education
- Changes to the Minor in Educational Psychology
- Changes to the Minor in Environmental Education

Discussion took place with regard to changes for EDUC 441 which had been approved by SCUS. Concern was expressed that full consultation with other departments affected by this change had not taken place prior to approval, and as a result of the change, EDUC 441 which would be used primarily for PDP students, would not be available to other students. Senate was advised that SCUS was aware of the implications to the two diploma programs within the Faculty of Arts. However, since this course was one of a long list of elective courses that could be taken by students, the change proposed by the Faculty of Education would not significantly reduce the overall range of courses available. The Vice-President Academic advised Senate he would seek clarification of this matter with the Chair of SCUS and report back to Senate.

iv) Paper S.00-110 – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following changes:

a) Department of Chemistry

- New course: CHEM 381
- Change of prerequisite and title: CHEM 450, 455
- Change of prerequisite: CHEM 459

b) Department of Earth Sciences

- Changes to the Earth Science Major program
- New course: EASC 103
- Change of prerequisite: EASC 303, 304, 306, 309, 406, 411
- Change of description: EASC 406
- Change of description, prerequisite and title: EASC 417

c) Department of Mathematics and Statistics

i) Mathematics and Applied Mathematics Programs:

- Change in lower and upper division requirements for Majors and Honors in Mathematics
- Change of description and prerequisite: MATH 418
- Change in title, description, and prerequisite: MATH 467
- Change of prerequisite: MATH 408

ii) Statistical and Actuarial Science Program

- Change in the wording for upper division requirements for Majors and Honors in Statistics
- Change of number (from STAT 301 to 201) and prerequisite
- New courses: ACMA 490, 495

d) Department of Physics

- Changes to Major and Honors programs
- Change in the introductory paragraph in the Calendar entry for the Applied Physics Honors program
- Change to Applied Physics Honors program
- Change of credit hour: PHYS 492
- Change of prerequisite: PHYS 101, 120, 365, 385, 395

d) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

i) Paper S.00-111 – Notice of Motion – R. Russell

Moved by R. Russell, seconded by R. Stewart

“that before a formal proposal for the Learning Strategies Group be sent to the Board of Governors, it be brought to Senate with a clear description of the LSG’s accountability within the current university governance structure”

Concern was expressed that Senate did not have the authority to deal with this motion because it was outside its jurisdiction. Opinion was expressed that since there were academic implications involved, Senate should play a role in looking at those implications, and needed to fully understand the relationship of the proposed LSG organization to the rest of the university in order to make an appropriate assessment of the implications.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) Paper S.00-112 – Terms of Reference and Membership – Ad Hoc Senate Committee to Review and Develop the Undergraduate Curriculum

Moved by J. Waterhouse, seconded by J. Osborne

“that Senate approve the establishment of the ad hoc Senate Committee to Review and Develop the Undergraduate Curriculum as outlined in S.00-112”

Prior to approval, Senate was advised that the proposed membership of the committee should be changed to six Faculty Members, one of whom will be the Chair and, instead of one faculty member from each Faculty, the Faculty of Arts, because of its size, would have two faculty members, one from Humanities and one from the Social Sciences.

Opinion was expressed that the rationale for having a review at this time did not appear to be very strong. The necessity of the review was questioned, especially in light of the significant amount of work which would be involved. Traditionally curriculum changes/ideas have been initiated by departments and concern was expressed that this proposal resulted in changes being made from the top down. Reference was made to points 6 and 7 of the terms of reference and clarification was requested with respect to the approval/implementation process.

Senate was advised that the proposed review was designed to examine innovations in undergraduate curriculum. Senate was assured that there was no intent to short circuit the current process of curriculum development and approval by departments/Senate. It was however an attempt to look more generally at whether the curricula available to students met the goals that have been articulated for SFU.

Discussion ensued with respect to the increased representation from Arts on the committee. Comment was made that if the spirit under which the membership was being set was to bring expertise and breadth to the committee, other Faculties also had breadth but had not been given increased representation. Senate was advised that while the spirit was to be as inclusive as possible of broad areas within the University, in the interest of having a committee that was manageable, not every area could be included. Since the Faculty of Arts represented approximately 45% of the University, it was decided to increase their representation by one.

Opinion was expressed that this type of endeavour represented a considerable amount of work and concern was expressed that the timeline proposed was not feasible. Senate was advised that if the timeline proved to be too ambitious the committee could adjust the schedule and report the change to Senate.

Amendment moved by R. Stewart, seconded by L. Dill

“that the membership of the committee be amended to include one teaching assistant”

Brief discussion took place with respect to the definition of ‘teaching assistant’ and who would be eligible to serve on the committee in this category. The intent was to have a person who taught at the undergraduate level. Since the mandate of the committee was to review the curricula and look at curriculum development, opinion was divided on the need to have a teaching assistant on the committee since TAs are not involved in the design/development of curriculum. Comment was made that the committee had intentionally been kept relatively small and increasing its membership would affect its effectiveness as a working group.

Since most undergraduate students do not participate in curriculum development, suggestion was made that the undergraduate student appointed to the committee should be someone that has been involved with the departmental/faculty curriculum committee process. Senate was advised that this was the intent.

In response to an inquiry as to how members would be chosen for the committee, Senate was advised that the membership would be recommended by the Vice President Academic to the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules for approval.

Question was called on the amendment, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT FAILED

After further discussion, the question was called on the main motion, and a vote was taken.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Other Business

i) Paper S.00-113 – Notice of Senate Vacancy

Senate received information that Shek Yan To had resigned from Senate effective January 1, 2001 and a by-election to seek a replacement to fill his position would be issued at the same time as the regular call was issued for the annual election of students to Senate next semester.

8. Information

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2001.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. Following a brief recess, Senate moved into Closed Session.

Alison Watt
Director, University Secretariat