

MINUTES OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
HELD IN THE BOARD AND SENATE ROOM  
ON MONDAY, JULY 4, 1966, AT 1.30 PM

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B. J. ...  
Election

PRESENT: P.D. McTaggart-Cowan Chairman  
D.A. Baird  
R.J. Baker  
A.E. Branca  
A.B. Cunningham  
J.L. Dampier  
A.J. Ellis  
J.F. Ellis  
C.J. Frederickson  
W.M. Hamilton  
Arnold F.C. Hean  
G. Kirchner  
I. Koerner  
C.H. McLean  
J. Mills  
C.D. Nelson  
K.E. Rieckhoff  
G.M. Shrum  
D.H. Sullivan  
A.M. Unrau  
W. Vidaver  
D.P. Robertson Secretary

ABSENT: M. Bawtree  
T.B. Bottomore  
T.H. Brose  
G.L. Bursill-Hall  
E.S. Lett  
A.R. MacKinnon  
E.M. Shoemaker

Before commencing the business of the meeting the Chairman welcomed J.L. Dampier who had been unable to attend the previous meeting, and J. Mills, who had been elected by the Faculty of Arts to replace R.N. Maud until August, 1967.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairman referred to page 2, second paragraph, and asked the members if it was their wish that the text of the recommendations such as sections a), b), c), and d) appear in the minutes. The members agreed that this was their wish and the Secretary was requested to issue an addendum to cover this case.

With this addendum the minutes of the meeting of June 6, 1966, were approved.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Report of Election of Members of Senate to the Board of Governors.

The Registrar reported that 29 ballots were distributed, 28 ballots were received, of which one was spoiled, leaving 27 ballots counted.

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Election  
Library  
Grading*

The following received the largest number of votes :

Angelo E. Branca  
C.J. Frederickson  
Arnold F.C. Hean

Moved by C.H. McLean, seconded by A.M. Unrau,

"that the report of the Registrar be received and  
the three members announced be declared elected."

CARRIED

Moved by C.D. Nelson, seconded by J.L. Dampier,

"that the ballots be destroyed."

CARRIED

The Chairman congratulated Messrs. Branca, Frederickson and Hean on their election to the Board of Governors and extended sincere thanks to Mr. McLean, who had worked extremely hard for the past many months as an appointee to the Board of Governors by the Provincial Government. The Chairman also paid tribute to Mr. McLean for his fine work on behalf of the Three Universities Capital Fund.

b. Election of Members of Senate to Senate Library Committee.

The Chairman announced that the Senate Library Committee is now in being, but that election of members from Senate had been held until Senate was fully constituted. The Chairman then nominated the following for membership in the Senate Library Committee :

I. Koerner  
R.J. Baker  
W. Vidaver

The three nominees expressed their willingness to stand for election.

Moved by A.J. Ellis, seconded by C.D. Nelson,

"that nominations close."

The Chairman then declared the three members nominated to be members of the Senate Library Committee and requested the Librarian to provide them with the previous minutes and documentations for the Committee.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Request from Faculty of Arts to Re-open Question of Grading System

The Registrar reported that the grading system adopted by Senate

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Grading

at its May meeting had been presented to Senate by the President's Committee on Grading and Scholastic Standing after having been reviewed by the faculties. The grading system passed by Senate had subsequently been incorporated into a supplement to the Calendar which had been circulated to students, faculty, high schools, colleges and other universities.

The Chairman reported that a request of Senate to reconsider an earlier ruling was subject to the following rules :

1. To move that the question be reconsidered. This would have to be done at the meeting at which the question was approved, or at the following meeting. In this instance, therefore, this rule could not apply, as the grading scale had been approved at the May meeting of Senate.
2. To move that the motion previously passed be rescinded. In this case notice of such a motion must be given at a previous meeting.

The Chairman recommended that Dean Cunningham's report on this question at the June Senate meeting be considered as notice and recommended that he now move that the motion of May 2nd be rescinded.

Moved by A.B. Cunningham, seconded by A.F.C. Hean,

"that the motion of May 2, 1966, (viz: K.E. Rieckhoff, P. Copes, 'that the grading scale proposed by the President's Committee be adopted with the exception of the explanation for the letter grade DEF.')

CARRIED (13 to 8)

The Chairman expressed the view that the grading system adopted in May must remain in force for the summer semester.

AGREED

In the ensuing discussion a number of conflicting views were expressed. Some members were largely in favour of a finer scale; other members were in favour of a coarser scale, and some were of the opinion that the scale passed by Senate was the best possible compromise between the two points of view.

W. Vidaver pointed out that the case should not be re-opened on the presentation of one point of view: that if it were re-opened, the question of a scale coarser than the one passed by Senate should also be documented.

The Chancellor expressed the view that with more students coming up for scholarships, the finer structure might provide fairer judgment. He further stated that he considered the question so important that a full discussion in Senate at this meeting was warranted. The Chairman announced that he would permit the discussion to proceed in order to provide the newer members a better understanding of the question.

K.E. Rieckhoff felt it was important that the grading system at this University be compatible with other systems. He stated his view that the system passed by Senate in May was compatible with percentage systems and with the four point system used by American universities.

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*Grading  
Student Residence  
Academic Building  
Traffic Parking*

Following the discussion the Chairman reported that three courses were open :

1. Decide on a specific recommendation and move its adoption.
2. Refer the question back to faculty.
3. Move to table the discussion for the next meeting, with a request to the Registrar to distribute to the members of Senate well in advance of the next meeting the arguments pro and con the various systems of grading.

Moved by C.D. Nelson, seconded by J.L. Dampier,

"that the Registrar provide the Senate members with background information on this question and the problem be discussed at the next meeting.

CARRIED

The Chairman then suggested that it would be helpful if members would document and send to the Registrar any new points that they felt would be useful for the next discussion on this question. He further recommended that such information be in the hands of the Registrar as soon as possible.

3. b. Report by President on Shell Station Incident

The President reported to the members the details of the problem which had arisen in connection with the construction of the Shell Station and the thinking of the Board of Governors in their handling of this matter.

There followed a discussion in which there was a general expression of concern over the bad publicity and its effects on the Three Universities Capital Fund and possible plans for additional residences. The Chancellor stressed the importance of residences and reported that negotiations were presently in progress with three other members of the industrial community who might consider donating funds for student residences to the University. The Chairman reported that both students and faculty were aware that the new residence was to be named "Shell House" and were prepared to accept this.

A number of members expressed the opinion that the question of the naming of residences was one which should be discussed in the Faculty Association. One of the points mentioned was whether individual names would be more acceptable on University buildings than would corporate names.

The Chancellor then expressed grave concern over the possibility that publicity which indicated disagreement over the principle of residences donated by industrial firms would result in cancellation of any plans which these firms might have. He recommended that any discussion on the matter in the Faculty Association be held in a closed meeting. This was agreed to by all present.

3. c. Traffic and Parking Regulations

The Chairman reported that the regulations under discussion had been approved by Faculty Council. At its last meeting Faculty Council had moved that the regulations should be placed before the Senate in view of Senate's request of June 6 that all regulations having wide applicability be approved by it.

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Moved by A.J. Ellis, seconded by K.E. Rieckhoff,

"that the Traffic and Parking Regulations be approved."  
CARRIED

R.J. Baker suggested that the appeal mechanism set out in the regulations should be changed as he felt it was difficult for the Manager of General Services to have to handle all such appeals. The Chairman reported that most of the appeals are of a minor nature; one or two cases referred to the Manager of General Services are referred to Faculty Council and the Act makes provision for this. Approval of the regulations as they stand puts them in good form and the appeal mechanism may be changed if such action appeared advisable.

Moved by R.J. Baker, seconded by J. Mills,

"that the matter of appeals in connection with the Traffic and Parking regulations be presented to the Faculty Council for consideration."  
CARRIED

c. Security Regulations

Moved by C.D. Nelson, seconded by C.H. McLean,

"that the Security Regulations be approved."  
CARRIED

d. Library Regulations

Moved by C.D. Nelson, seconded by A.B. Cunningham,

"that the Library Regulations be approved."  
CARRIED

4. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Election of Rector to Senate

R.J. Baker gave notice that he would place the question of representation of students on Senate on the agenda for the next meeting. He mentioned the importance of considering the matter of communication and suggested that consideration be given to the appointment of a Rector to represent students on Senate. This is the system which he intends to propose.

b. Course Structure for the B.A. and B.Sc. Degrees

C.D. Nelson announced that 300 and 400 level science courses would be presented to Senate at its next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4.15 PM.

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Admission & Standings  
Exam & Grading

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The Chairman then requested the Senate to rule on the four specific recommendations made by the Registrar with the following results :

a) Moved by K.E. Rieckhoff, seconded by D.H. Sullivan

"that the individual student statement of marks be reviewed as it is now, by the Senate Undergraduate Admissions and Standings Committee." CARRIED

b) Moved by K.E. Rieckhoff, seconded by T.H. Brose

"that a summary of grades as attached be sent to each member of the faculty." CARRIED

c) Moved by K.E. Rieckhoff, seconded by D.H. Sullivan

"that the Committee of Heads review each semester the summary sheets as attached and comment on gross anomalies." CARRIED

d) Moved by T.H. Brose, seconded by D.H. Sullivan

"that the Registrar present to Senate a report as attached for each semester along with comments from the Committee of Heads. Senate should make recommendations to the Heads for any changes thought necessary in the way in which the Grading Scale is being used, or may ask for specific comments from the Head on any apparent anomalies in his department."

CARRIED