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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD  
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1978, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Jewett, P., Chairman

Arrott, A. S.  
Barlow, J. S.  
Bitle, G.  
Blaney, J. P.  
Calvert, T. W.  
Carlson, R. L.  
Chapman, A. E.  
Cunningham, F.  
Dobb, T. C.  
Hackney, J. W.  
Hobson, R. F.  
Holweg, B.  
Hossack, K.  
Hoyt, G. C.  
Hutchinson, J. F.  
Ivany, J.W.G.  
Kazepides, A.  
Keltner, A. A.  
Lachlan, A. H.  
Lal, H.  
Latham, L.  
McGuire, G. T.  
Mulholland, E. B.  
Munro, J. M.  
Overholt, M. J.  
Palmer, B.J.F.  
Powell, R. D.  
Resnick, L.  
Rieckhoff, K. E.  
Thomas, S.  
Walkley, J.  
Webb, M. J.  
Webster, J. M.  
Weinberg, H.  
Wells, E. J.

Absent: Birch, D. R.  
Bitle, D. E.  
Buitenhuis, P.  
Croll, J. R.  
Cunningham, A. B.  
Diamond, J.  
Doherty, P. M.  
Hindle, L.  
Kemp, C. L.  
Knight, D. E.  
Mackauer, J.P.M.  
McClaren, M.  
Wheatley, J.  
Wilson, B. G.  
Wyatt, J. D.

Evans, H. M., Secretary  
Nagel, H. D.  
Norsworthy, R., Recording Secretary

The results of a recent by-election by and from full-time faculty members (or designated electoral equivalent) of one full-time faculty member (or designated electoral equivalent) to the Senate to replace temporarily K. Okuda from March 1, 1978 to September 30, 1978 follow:

Ballots cast	226
Ballots spoiled	5

Individual totals:

Bakan	55
Doerr	55
Lachlan	71
Sandvoss	15
Warrell	25

Individual receiving the highest number of votes  
and thereby declared elected: ALISTAIR H. LACHLAN

The Chairman welcomed Dr. Lachlan to the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B. Palmer referred to page 6 of the minutes of the previous meeting and requested that the 6th paragraph be altered to read, "B. Palmer thanked his fellow Senators for their support." The minutes of the Open Session of February 6, 1978 were approved with the deletion as noted.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Vice-President, Academic, J. Blaney was asked to report on the latest activities in connection with Interior Programming. Although the Deputy Minister of Education had stated at a recent meeting of the IUPB that the projected Open Learning Institute proposed offering only first and second year post secondary courses, the Minister had since reported to the media that it would be a degree granting institution providing third and fourth year courses and programs. P. Jewett added that during a recent telephone conversation with the Deputy Minister it had been clarified that for the foreseeable future a degree completion program was not anticipated, but it was not out of the question.

The statement of the Dean of Continuing Studies is as follows, and replaces paragraphs 2 and 3 of Item 4 of the minutes of the Open Session of March 6, 1978:

"J. Blaney reported that a Tri-University Committee on Distance Education had been established, with two working sub-committees: one to assess the appropriateness for B.C. of Open University materials and systems; the other to ascertain the feasibility of collaborative models by which the three universities might work together in providing distance education.

The recent recommendations of IUPB were also reported, as follows: to SFU, \$583,000 towards the SFU School of Resource Management, \$350,000 for 4 modules of PDP, \$40,000 for Faculty of Arts courses in the Fraser Valley, \$30,000 for a MA (Education) program in Educational Leadership in Kamloops; to UBC, \$150,000 for Faculty of Education credit courses in various locations; \$78,000 for a one-year B.SW program in Prince George; to U-Vic, \$175,000 for BFA and B.Ed programs at David Thompson University Centre, \$156,000 for credit courses in Nanaimo, and \$68,000 for a B.SW program in Castlegar."

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A grant of \$538,000 has been approved by the IUPB for the School of Resource Management and a modest amount for the PDP for the Interior; \$40,000 for Faculty of Arts courses in the Fraser Valley and MBA in Kamloops. Pending resolution of the Open Learning proposal, no monies have been recommended towards distance learning. UBC has received grants for a small project, and U-Vic will begin development of a Fine Arts program at the David Thompson Centre.

#### 5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

##### i) Senate Nominating Committee

###### a) Paper S.78-35 - Senate Elections

Results of elections conducted by Senate follow:

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

One Senator at large to replace K. Okuda for balance term of office from date of election to September 30, 1978.

Elected by acclamation:

A. B. CUNNINGHAM

##### Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR)

One student Senator to replace B. Holweg for balance term of office from date of election to September 30, 1979.

Ballots cast	36
Ballots spoiled	1

Individual totals:	
Mulholland	9
Palmer	26

Individual receiving the higher number of votes and thereby declared elected:

B.J.F. PALMER

##### Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

One student Senator for regular membership to replace G. T. McGuire for balance term of office from date of election to September 30, 1978.

Ballots cast	36
Ballots spoiled	2

Individual totals:	
Hackney	14
Mulholland	20

Individual receiving the higher number of votes and thereby declared elected:

E. B. MULHOLLAND

Carlson, R. L.  
Chapman, A. E.  
Cunningham, A. B.  
Dobb, T. C.  
Hobson, R. F.  
Holweg, B.  
Hoyt, G. C.  
Hutchinson, J. F.  
Ivany, J.W.G.  
Kazepides, A.  
Keltner, A. A.  
Kemp, C. L.  
Lachlan, A. H.  
Latham, L.  
McClaren, M.  
Mulholland, E. B.

Hossack, K.  
Knight, D. E.  
Lal, H.  
Mackauer, J.P.M.  
McGuire, G. T.  
Overholt, M. J.  
Wells, E. J.  
Wyatt, J. D.

In attendance: Alderson, E. W.  
Feldman, P. L.  
Garland, I.  
Loewen, V. C.  
McMillan, A. C.  
Wall, J.

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A. Arrott suggested it would be helpful, before votes were cast, if candidates in attendance could be identified to the members.

ii) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

a) Paper S.78-12A - Election of Students to Senate and the Board - Rules of Senate

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by F. Cunningham,

1. "That Senate suspend the applicable Rules of Senate to permit debate and action on Paper S.78-12A at the March 6, 1978 meeting of Senate (including Rule VIII in part, suspending 'Alterations of these Rules of Senate shall require written notice at a regular meeting of Senate prior to the meeting at which a vote on the proposed alteration is taken,' but retaining 'which vote shall require an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the voting members present to carry')."

R. Powell stated that Senate had been provided with a single legal opinion and that he was not prepared to consider the motion because of insufficient opportunity to examine the opinion.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE  
RULES FAILED  
18 in favor  
15 opposed

The Chairman noted that the vote curtailed further action on the matter and warned Senators that if there were contravention of the Universities Act the proceedings of Senate could be placed in an illegal position. R. Powell commented that given the assumption might be correct the opinion was very forceful and the matter should be dealt with as expeditiously as possible. He would consider it as notice of motion.

A suggestion was made that the timing of the forthcoming election could be adjusted, and the Secretary explained the requirements for SFU elections under the current rules and the reasons for them in the trimester system. B. Holweg asked that a legal opinion be sought if required on the appropriateness of extending the deadline dates.

Extensive discussion followed on the possible consequences of Senate's action, and the nature of the legal opinion received.

Moved by E. Mulholland, seconded by E. Wells,

"That Motion 1 be reconsidered."

Question was called on the motion to reconsider Motion 1, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER  
CARRIED  
22 in favor  
11 opposed

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by R. Hobson,

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R. Hobson urged discussion of the motion. B. Palmer suggested more time was necessary to consider the paper, and R. Powell questioned if there would be illegality of elections under existing regulations.

Question was called on Motion 1, and a vote taken.

MOTION FAILED  
22 in favor  
10 opposed  
4 abstained  
(2/3 required)

F. Cunningham commented that Senate should take the consequences of a foolish action.

- b) Paper S.78-18 - Proposed Ad Hoc Senate Committee on Student Representation (SCSR)

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by J. Walkley,

"That Senate establish the Senate Committee on Student Representation (SCSR), ad hoc, Reporting Category "C".

The terms of reference shall be:

1. To develop and recommend to Senate a set of guidelines for student representation in University governance in
  - a. the Faculties and their committees, and
  - b. the academic Departments and Programs and their committees.

2. These guidelines shall be used to assist Senate in consideration of all rules submitted to Senate by the faculties concerning student representation in 1a. and 1b. above.
3. These guidelines shall also assist the individual faculties in establishing rules and regulations regarding student representation in Faculties, academic Departments and Programs.
4. This committee shall invite submissions from all of the Faculty Deans, chairpersons of academic Departments and Programs, departmental student unions and other interested parties.
5. The meetings and proceedings of this committee shall be open to all interested members of the University community.
6. This committee shall make its recommendations to Senate not later than October 31, 1978.

The composition of this committee shall be as follows:

- two faculty members elected by and from the members of Senate, and
- two students appointed by the SFSS Student Forum, and
- one person elected by Senate by and from the lay members of Senate.

The chairperson shall be elected by and from the members of the committee."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED  
24 in favor  
6 opposed

## 6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

### i) Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies

#### a) Paper S.78-36 - Report to Senate on Special Topics Courses

It was noted that the report from the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies on the use of Special Topics courses had been provided for information. A. Arrott received confirmation from F. Cunningham that the University Review Committee would be addressing the question of the amount of effort which is required for a 5-unit course. E. Wells questioned the authority for taking a Special Topics course more than once for credit, and it was explained that Special Topics could cover different subjects under the same course number or by offering the topics under different numbers in a Special Topics series and that the principle had been approved by Senate. The Chairman indicated SCUS would be looking

further at these in terms of how much such credit is appropriate in a degree program.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

B. Palmer stated that if the Chairman would call a special meeting of Senate in one week's time he would be prepared to give notice of motion to consider the motion contained in Paper S.78-12A. It was noted that a special meeting could be called at the request of the Chairman or on petition of five members of Senate.

B. Holweg commented that the students were not concerned about a definition but only due process, and that there had been insufficient time to analyze the submission.

A show of hands failed to support the calling of a special meeting.

Moved by L. Resnick, seconded by A. Kazepides,

"That the meeting recess for 15 minutes and reconvene for the purposes of reconsideration of the defeated motion."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION FAILED

9. INFORMATION

It was noted that the next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 1978 at 7:00 p.m.

The assembly recessed briefly at 8:30 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans,  
Secretary