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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 5, 1982, RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Munro, J.M., Acting Chairman

Banister, E.W.
Beirne, B.P.
Bennett, R.N.D.
Bhakthan, N.M.G.
Blaney, J.P.
Brown, R.C.
Carter, S.D.
Cleveland, W.L.
Cochran, J.F.
D'Auria, J.M.
Dobb, T.C.
Dupuis, D.E.
Edelmann, I.D.
Gehlbach, R.D.
Hale, L.R.
Ivany, J.W.G.
Johnston, H.J.M.
Lachlan, A.H.
Leiss, W.
MacPherson, A.
Maki, A.
Murray, P.R.
Nielsen, V.
O'Fallon, C.E.
Okuda, K.
Overholt, M.J.
Prock, L.M.
Rieckhoff, K.E.
Swartz, N.M.
Van Loon, M.
Verdun-Jones, S.N.
Webster, J.M.
Wotherspoon, A.J.

Absent: Blyt, J.
Calvert, T.W.
Coté, P.T.
Crawford, C.B.
Henderson, R.E.
Holmes, R.A.
Irwin, J.C.
Jones, C.H.W.
Krebs, D.L.
Littmann, H.
McKeown, B.A.
Pedersen, K.G.
Strong, M.
Weinberg, H.
Wideen, M.F.

In attendance:

Boal, D.
Cercone, N.

Nagel, H., Acting Secretary
Heath, N.
Grant, B., Recording Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Session of June 7, 1982 were approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

- a) The Universities Council had approved the Program in Gerontology and the Major in Visual Arts as Category 3 programs which meant that funding would not be confirmed until the entire University grant was known early next year.
- b) Summer Semester, including Intersession, FTE undergraduate enrolments had increased by 15.7% over the same period last year and the head count enrolment had increased by 12.3%.
- c) Senate was informed that a Fall special Convocation to inaugurate the new Faculty of Business Administration was under consideration to be held some time after the middle of November. Possible recipients of honorary degrees would be considered over the summer and nominations brought to Senate at its September meeting.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

i) Senate Nominating Committee

a) Paper S.82-67 - Run-Off Elections to Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS)

One student Senator alternate from the date of election for no specified term of office.

Ballots Cast:	33		
Ballots Spoiled:	4		
Individual Totals:	Littmann	11	
	Van Loon	18	

Individual receiving the higher number of votes and elected:

M. VAN LOON

ii) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

a) Paper S.82-68 - Department of Economics - Curriculum Change

Moved by J. Webster, seconded by A. Wotherspoon,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.82-68 the request from the Department of Economics that students who change their goals from major in Business Administration to joint major in Business Administration and Economics and who have completed BUS.307-3 with a grade of B- or better be permitted to count BUS.307-3 in lieu of the requirement of ECON 301-5 on the condition that they complete an additional 5 hours in Economics."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

b) Paper S.82-69 - Curriculum Changes - English

Moved by J. Webster, seconded by D. Dupuis,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.82-69, the proposed changes in English as follows:

- i) New courses - ENGL 491-2 - Honors Seminar A;
ENGL 492-2 - Honors Seminar B.
- ii) Addition of a requirement in Literary Criticism (using ENGL 364-4 - History and Principles of Literary Criticism) to the Honors program.
- iii) Substitution of ENGL 491-2 and ENGL 492-2 for ENGL 494-4 and ENGL 495-4 as required courses in the Honors program."

N. Swartz commented on the style of writing and it was agreed to make minor editorial changes to the document S.82-69.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

Acting under its delegated authority at its meeting of June 15, 1982, SCUS approved the eventual phasing out of two courses following the approval for the offering of ENGL 491-2 and ENGL 492-2: ENGL 494-4 - Honors Directed Reading, and ENGL 495-4 - Honors Directed Research. SCUS also approved title changes for:

- ENGL 318-4 from Dryden, Pope, Swift
to Major Authors of the Restoration and Eighteenth Century: Dryden, Swift, Pope, Johnson, Blake, and
- ENGL 320-4 from Samuel Johnson and his Contemporaries
to Topics in Literature and Culture in the Restoration and Eighteenth Century.

c) Paper S.82-70 - Curriculum Changes - Geography

Moved by J. Webster, seconded by A. Wotherspoon,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.82-70 the proposed changes in Geography, including

- i) Addition of new course GEOG 301-3 - Geographic Ideas and Methodology
- ii) Deletion of GEOG 201-3 - Development of Geographical Ideas; and GEOG 406-2 - Geographical Methodology
- iii) Change in major requirements, add GEOG 301-3 - Geographic Ideas and Methodology to the required courses for major students
- iv) Change in the course requirements, deleting GEOG 406-2 - Geographical Methodology, and adding GEOG 301-3 - Geographic Ideas and Methodology to the required courses for honours students."

N. Swartz noted the discrepancy between the credit hours of GEOG 301-3 and the actual class contact hours and he felt this matter should be referred back to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies for consideration.

Moved by N. Swartz, seconded by A. Wotherspoon,

"That Paper S.82-70 be referred back to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies"

Considerable discussion followed wherein it was pointed out that this was an accepted practice in many Departments in the Faculty of Arts and did not contravene any University policy.

Question was called on the motion to refer, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER FAILED.

Question was called on the main motion, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

d) Paper S. 82-71 - Proposed Changes - Management and Systems Science

Moved by J. Webster, seconded by N. Bhakthan,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.82-71 the proposed changes in Management and Systems Science Major Program as follows:

Students entering the Management and Systems Science Major program must have CGPA of 2.5 or better and students must maintain the above CGPA in order to remain in the program.

The requirement of CMPT 103-4 will be replaced with the requirement of CMPT 103-4 with a grade of B or better or CMPT 101-4 with permission of the Computing Science Department."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

e) Paper S. 82-72 - Computing Science Drop Regulations - Limited Enrolment Courses

Moved by J. Webster, seconded by S. Verdun-Jones,

"That Senate approve the proposed regulations, as set forth in S.82-72, that when a student drops or withdraws after the first week of classes from a Computing Science course that has been closed due to high enrolment, that student should lose priority for admission to that course in each of the two subsequent semesters.

In extenuating circumstances this regulation may be waived by the Department following written appeal made at the time of withdrawal."

N. Cercone, Chairman of the Department of Computing Science was in attendance as a resource person.

N. Cercone briefly summarized background information leading up to the proposed regulation and answered questions regarding the implementation date and how the regulation would be administratively handled.

Concern was expressed with regard to the requirement that students make a written appeal at the time of withdrawal and a suggestion made that students be given a more reasonable length of time to make such an appeal.

An amendment was moved by A. Wotherspoon, seconded by N. Swartz,

"That everything in the second paragraph of the motion after the word appeal be deleted"

It was pointed out that the effect of the proposed amendment would place the student at a greater disadvantage because of the low registration priority which could be given and a further amendment was suggested by A. Wotherspoon and agreed to by N. Swartz. The amendment being that the second paragraph of the motion read as follows:

"In extenuating circumstances this regulation may be waived by the Department following written appeal made within two weeks of the date of withdrawal"

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

AMENDMENT FAILED.

Discussion on the main motion continued.

Question was called on the main motion, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

f) Paper S.82-73 - New Course Proposal - Biological Sciences

Moved by J. Webster, seconded by N. Bhakthan,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.82-73, the proposed new course BISC 414-3 - Limnology."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

iii) Senate Committee on Academic Planning

a) Paper S.82-74 - Annual Report - 1981 - For Information

The annual report of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning was received by Senate for information.

In order to take part in the discussion of Papers S. 82-75 and S.82-76, J. Munro vacated the Chair, which was assumed by J. Webster.

b) Paper S.82-75 - International Students

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by R. Brown,

1) Policy

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.82-75, that Simon Fraser University will admit a limited number of international students who must be able to write,

read, and speak English at a level required for their program of studies. This University expects to be able to admit international graduate students without changes in the existing procedures.

2) Admission Quotas

- a) A quota for international undergraduate students based on a selected percentage of new undergraduate students in the preceding academic year will be established for each academic year in April of the preceding academic year.
- b) In order to permit appropriate phasing in of this policy, and the development of required procedures, the quota for the 1983/84 academic year is established at this time at 7 per cent of new undergraduate students. The Registrar's office will determine the number of new international students that should be accepted in order to arrive at a final figure of new students registered that meets this quota.
- c) This quota will be met by reviewing the applications from prospective students in terms of their academic standing."

D. Boal, Acting Director of Admissions, was in attendance as a resource person.

J. Munro introduced the paper by briefly explaining the intent of Motions 1 and 2 and informed Senate that a third element of this policy regarding admission criteria was still under consideration of the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board and it was intended to present a proposal to Senate in September or October.

A lengthy discussion ensued with respect to the admission quota and, in response to a variety of inquiries, it was pointed out that the quota would be set each year and brought before Senate for approval in April in the preceding academic year and that attempts would be made to ensure that the quota would be divided appropriately between the three semesters. An inquiry was also made as to whether or not the Committee had considered setting quotas by country and J. Munro replied that this had been considered but rejected by the Committee because of administrative difficulties and problems in ensuring reasonable equitably. Discussion then turned to the actual implementation and cost of implementation and, in reply to a request from K. Rieckhoff who wanted it noted in the minutes, J. Munro assured Senate that there would be no additional increase in cost or difficulty in administering this particular policy. Concern was expressed that not enough consideration was being given to the academic excellence of students and K. Okuda suggested that a statement to this effect be added to the policy. However, J. Munro felt this would be more than a minor deviation from the proposed policy.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTIONS CARRIED.

iv) Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board

a) Paper S.82-76 - Range I, II Applicants

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by A. Wotherspoon,

"That, commencing with the 1982 Fall Semester, the Director of Admissions is charged with the review and selection of applicants from the Range I and II (2.0 - 2.49 GPA) categories of B.C. High School students. Range II (2.0 - 2.24 GPA) applicants must present strong supporting documentation before serious consideration will be given. The Director may call upon the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board to review some cases."

At the request of the Chair, J. Munro briefly outlined the reasons for this motion.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

J. Munro resumed the Chair.

v) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

a) Paper S.82-77 - Proposed Changes to Procedures and Rules of Senate - Election of Students to Senate and Board of Governors

Moved by A. Lachlan, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

Motion #1:

"That Senate approve changes to the procedures for the election of student representatives to Senate and to the Board of Governors as follows:

1. All registered graduate students (other than those with 'on leave' status) and all undergraduate students taking at least one credit course (other than a Downtown course) will be eligible to cast votes in-person on the Burnaby campus of the University. The balloting period will be two to five consecutive working days and some opportunity will be given for balloting after 4:30 p.m. for evening-only students.
2. All undergraduate students registered in at least one credit course at the Downtown Centre, and who are not taking any courses at the Burnaby campus, may vote in-person at the Downtown centre. The balloting period will be as in 1. above.
3. All undergraduate students who were registered in at least one credit course in the previous semester, but who are not currently registered may vote in-person as in 1. above. They will be informed of the date of the forthcoming scheduled student elections by means of a typed message on the registration intent mailer, which is normally distributed during week 4 of each semester to all those eligible to register in the following semester."

Motion #2:

"That Senate approve a change to the Rules of Senate relating to student elections to Senate and to the Board of Governors as follows:

J.3 Delete and replace with:

J.3 The period for casting of ballots shall be not less than ten days nor longer than fifteen days in the case of elections by and from the faculty members and by and from members of staff who are not faculty members. It shall be not less than fourteen days nor longer than twenty-eight days in the case of elections by Convocation to Senate and of the Chancellor. It shall be not less than two days nor longer than five days in the case of elections by and from students."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTIONS CARRIED
(by more than 2/3
majority vote)

b) Paper S.82-78 - Student Teaching Assessments

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by N. Bhakthan,

"That the Senate of Simon Fraser University goes on record as endorsing the recommendations I to VII regarding assessments of teaching effectiveness as stated in the memo of April 20th, 1982 by K. E. Rieckhoff on the subject of "Student Teaching Assessments" and requests the administration to implement these recommendations as a matter of policy."

K. Rieckhoff explained that the memo, as presented to Senate, had been sent to approximately eighty persons across campus including Departmental Chairmen, Deans and Academic Administrators. Approximately forty responses had been received which indicated that there appeared to be widespread criticism of the existing practices and excerpts from some of the responses were read for Senate's information. K. Rieckhoff advised that while he was concerned with all seven recommendations he had a much greater concern for recommendations 1, 2, and 5 and hoped to be able to get a consensus on those in particular.

A. Wotherspoon moved objection to consideration of the motion and the Chair ruled him out of order because there had been a debate prior to his objection to consideration. A. Wotherspoon then appealed from the decision of the Chair.

Question was called on the ruling of the Chair, and a vote taken.

DECISION OF THE CHAIR
SUSTAINED.

N. Swartz indicated that he would like to have input from the University community as a whole, including departments, faculty and students, so that Senate would have a good feeling from the University community before voting on the matter.

I. Edelman read a statement dated June 30, 1982, passed by the Student Forum, expressing grave concern that the rights of students would be denied by this motion and therefore the Student Forum strongly rejected the motion as it stands.

Moved by A. Wotherspoon, seconded by W. Leiss,

"That Paper S.82-78 be referred to the Senate Committee on Academic Planning (SCAP) to receive and consider comments from individual departments and Faculties and report back to Senate within one year's time."

Concern was expressed as to the appropriateness of referring this to the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and it was suggested that an ad hoc committee be set up to consider this matter and that the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules establish the composition and terms of reference of the ad hoc committee and report back to Senate. As there were no objections, the suggestion was accepted as a friendly amendment.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

"That Paper S.82-78 be referred to the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules who will prepare a recommendation with the composition and terms of reference of an ad hoc committee for Senate consideration"

Question was called on the motion to refer, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED.

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

There were no reports from Faculties.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

9. INFORMATION

The next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, August 9, 1982.

The assembly recessed briefly at 9:00 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.