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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1985, KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W.G., Chairman

Archer, B.	Berggren, T.	Blackman, R.
Brown, R.	Calvert, T.	Chiuh, K.
Cleveland, W.	Cochran, J.	Dalby, S.
Dickinson, J.	Dobb, T.	Flynn, G.
George, D.	Graham, C.	Hoegg, J.L.
Ivany, G.	Kameda, T.	Kazepides, A.
McAllister, H.	McDonald, D.	McGeer, B.T.
McKinlay, J.	Nielsen, V.	Okuda, T.
Pinfield, L.	Ross, J.	Scott, I.
Swartz, N.	Tham, J.	Tuirman, J.
Warsh, M.	Webster, J.	Weinberg, H.
Wells, E.J.	Zeller, P.	Rieckhoff, K.

Absent:

Barrow, R.	Basham, G.	Berggren, J.
Cavers, J.	Chin, K.	Crawford, C.
D'Auria, J.	Hamilton, W.	Hoyt, C.
Kimball, M.	MacPherson, A.	Noonan, M.
Strate, G.	Wideen, M.	

In attendance: Harden, E. Jackson, M. Kitching, L.

Heath, W.R., Secretary

Grant, B., Recording Secretary

Newly elected Student Senators, T.M. Berggren (Faculty of Engineering Science), K. Chiu (Faculty of Arts) and I. Scott (Faculty of Science), were welcomed to Senate by the Chairman.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Open Session of January 28, 1985 were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

i) The Chairman reported that the Board of Governors approved all actions recommended and forwarded by Senate from its last meeting.

ii) The Chairman advised that at its last meeting the Board of Governors received as notice of motion a proposed increase in tuition fees of 10.2% and reminded Senate that the proposal would be presented at the next Board meeting for decision.

iii) Senate was informed of the Chair's intent to forward to the next Board meeting a proposed policy for use in the event of a financial exigency. The Chairman explained that he felt it was more open and honest for the academic community to have advance knowledge of the University's plans in the event of such a crisis and it was for this reason that the proposal was being forwarded at this point.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1) SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

a) Paper S.85-6 - Elections

Following is the result of an election to fill a vacancy on the undernoted Senate committees:

Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Committee on University Budget

One Student Senator to replace R. Stewart for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1986:

Elected by acclamation: H. MCALLISTER

Senate Library Committee

One Senator at-large to replace R. Stewart for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1985:

Elected by acclamation: G. FLYNN

Senate Nominating Committee

One Student Senator to replace R. Stewart for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1985:

Elected by acclamation: M. NOONAN

ii) SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

a) Paper S.85-7 - Graduate Studies - General Regulations

Moved by J. Webster, seconded by K. Okuda,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.85-7, the proposed change in Section 1.7.2 of the Graduate Studies - General Regulations:-

FROM: One-half of the minimum must be taken at SFU

TO: One-half of the minimum course work of the departmental degree requirements must be taken at SFU"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Paper S.85-8 - Annual Report

Senate received for information the Annual Report of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

iii) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

a) Paper S.85-9 - Annual Report

Senate received for information the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

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

a) Paper S.85-10 - Proposed discontinuation of Honors, Major and Minor Programs in Russian and German

The Chairman introduced the following speakers who had requested opportunity to address Senate on the proposed discontinuation of German and Russian programs.

E. Harden, Russian Division, Dept. of Languages, Literatures & Linguistics drew the attention of Senate to her statement to SCAP and clarified some points of information pertaining to the contact hours of faculty members teaching in Russian. Speaking against the proposed retention of only four lower level language courses in Russian she expressed her belief that while one cannot learn to speak with fluency in two

years one could learn to read very well and pointed out the possibilities for greater creativity and challenge that a reduced program in Russian translation would offer. She questioned the choice of courses proposed by the administration and pointed out that the saving in salary is due to an early retirement in Russian rather than the proposed program reduction. Reference was made to the demands from the government for restraint and subsequent media announcements of such cuts and Senators were asked to take all these factors into consideration.

M. Jackson, German Division, Dept. of Languages, Literatures & Linguistics drew Senate's attention to the brief she presented to SCAP and pointed out that there were 171 enrolments in German courses which she felt compared well both to other Divisions in the DLLL of similar size and to other small departments. She urged Senate to support the proposal for a highly structured minor degree program, as outlined on page 2 of the brief, which the German Division felt could be administered efficiently and effectively by the current faculty complement in German. The contributions German makes to other disciplines in the University were pointed out and she encouraged the possibility of developing more integrated programs.

L. Kitching, German Division, Dept. of Languages, Literatures & Linguistics spoke against the discontinuation of the German program and the proposal to abolish all but four of the lower level language courses stating that the administration had failed to take into account the kind of students who take German courses. For example, some students seek to gain language skills and a knowledge of the language while others who already possess advanced language skills wish to study literature and civilization. He expressed concern about the procedures used whereby the proposals have reached Senate and spoke in favour of retaining the study of literature in a minor program.

MOTION #1:

Moved by G. Ivany, seconded by K. Okuda,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.85-10, that the degree programs, including honors, majors and minors, in Russian be discontinued with the appropriate phasing out of the program as early as possible but in a manner that ensures students well-advanced in the programs are given reasonable opportunity for completion."

(Note:

1. It is understood that procedures and regulations covering students in programs and phasing out will come forward later for approval.
2. It is understood that no new honors, majors or minor students will be accepted into these programs after April 30, 1985.
3. It is understood that there may be need of restructuring DLLL. Proposals could come forward later for consideration when completed.)

K. Rieckhoff expressed concern that alternatives to the proposal had not been thoroughly explored nor discussed at appropriate committee levels and stated he was not convinced that the proposed reduction was the most effective utilization of faculty resources.

R. Brown briefly summarized background information leading up to the present proposal to retain a minimal language instructional component in Russian and German and pointed out that no commitment had been made to retain current faculty in these areas. However, if the University were able to retain their services, there were alternative proposals for more effective use. R. Brown stressed the fact that this is a financial response to a budget crisis and asked Senators to recognize the fact that the University cannot continue its current offerings with compression of the budget across the board.

Concerns were expressed about the lack of adequate documentation in the materials presented to Senate and request was made for clarification as to the actual savings of the proposed cuts in terms of dollars and percentage of the budget of the University and the Faculty of Arts.

G. Ivany replied that for the past several years the University has undergone a general compression of the budget which has critically affected all programs and departments in the university. As a result, the administration undertook a number of steps with the overall intent of reducing in the current budget year the faculty complement by 1.2 million dollars of salary through procedures such as early retirement, and therefore it has not been necessary to involuntarily remove any tenure-track faculty to this point. G. Ivany further explained that the ongoing budget must continue to come down in order to enable careful planning and to continue to strengthen areas with high enrolment whose excellence is being threatened by the compression which has occurred in the past. The proposal to cut Russian and German is a statement informing the public that the University is not intending to commit itself over the long term to these areas. G. Ivany went on to explain the criteria used to choose one program over another and why the four lower level language course sequence was chosen in Russian and German.

Debate continued with respect to the rationale, procedures and alternatives to the proposed motions.

G. Flynn expressed concern that questions involving cost alternatives to the motions and the more fundamental questions of criteria for discontinuation of programs do not appear in a formal and specific way in the Senate material.

The following was moved by G. Flynn, seconded by H. McAllister,

"That the motions on the floor regarding German and Russian programs be referred back to committee with specific instructions that SCUS and SCAP formalize the criteria for discontinuation of academic programs, in this case German and Russian, and to formally deal with cost alternatives to the motions on the floor"

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 #1 CARRIED

MOTION #2:

Moved by G. Ivany, seconded by K. Okuda

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the

Board of Governors, as set forth in S.85-10, that a sequence of four Russian language courses, i.e. Russian 100-3, 101-3, 201-3 and 202-3 be retained. All other existing Russian courses will be discontinued or transferred to other programs as of August 31, 1987.

The following courses will be eliminated or transferred to other programs: Russian 105-1, 106-1, 300-3, 301-3, 302-3, 110-3, 111-3, 211-3, 310-3, 311-3, 140-3, 340-3, 341-3, 401-3, 402-4, 406-3, 407-3, 450-3, 451-3, 452-3, 453-3, 454-3, 455-3, 449-3"

In reply to an inquiry as to the transfer of Russian courses to other programs, G. Ivany explained that this referred to a possibility of offering some of the translation courses in a possible comparative literature component.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION #2 CARRIED

MOTION #3:

Moved by G. Ivany, seconded by K. Okuda,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.85-10, that the degree programs, including honors, majors and minors, in German be discontinued with appropriate phasing out of the program as early as possible but in a manner that ensures students well-advanced in the programs are given reasonable opportunity for completion.

(Note:

1. It is understood that procedures and regulations covering students in programs and phasing out will come forward later for approval when completed.
2. It is understood that no new honors, majors or minor students will be accepted into these programs after April 30, 1985.
3. It is understood that there may be need of restructuring DLLL. Proposals could come forward later for consideration when completed)"

K. Rieckhoff spoke against the discontinuation of the minor program pointing out that SFU has the only German program where its upper level courses are taught in the language.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION #3 CARRIED

MOTION #4:

Moved by G. Ivany, seconded by K. Okuda,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.85-10, that a sequence of four German language courses, i.e. German 102-4, 103-4, 201-3 and 202-3 be retained. All other existing German courses will be discontinued or transferred to other programs on August 31, 1987.

The following courses will be eliminated or transferred to other programs: German 140-3, 205-1, 240-3, 300-3, 301-3, 350-3, 360-3, 370-3, 371-3, 401-3, 402-3, 404-3, 406-3, 408-3, 409-3, 443-3, 444-3, 446-3, 447-3, 449-3, 451-3, 455-3, 459-3, 460-3, 461-3"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION #4 CARRIED

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

a) Paper S.85-11 - Proposed discontinuation of M.A. and Ph.D. Programs in Russian and German

MOTIONS 1 & 2:

Moved by J. Webster, seconded by K. Okuda,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.85-11:

- that the M.A. and Ph.D. Programs in Russian be discontinued and
- that all existing graduate courses in Russian be discontinued as of August 31, 1985

Note: The following courses will be eliminated: RUSS 800-4, RUSS 801-4, RUSS 802-4, RUSS 803-4, RUSS 804-4, RUSS 805-4, RUSS 806-4, RUSS 807-4, RUSS 808-4, RUSS 809-4, RUSS 810-4, RUSS 898 M.A. Thesis, RUSS 899 Ph.D. Thesis"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTIONS 3 & 4:

Moved by J. Webster, seconded by K. Okuda,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.85-11:

- that the M.A. and Ph.D. Programs in German be discontinued and
- that all existing graduate courses in German be discontinued as of August 31, 1985.

Note: The following courses will be eliminated: GERM 700-4, GERM 820-4, GERM 821-4, GERM 822-4, GERM 823-4, GERM 824-4, GERM 825-4, GERM 826-4, GERM 827-4, GERM 890-4, GERM 898 M.A. Thesis, GERM 899 Ph.D. Thesis"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

vi) SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULES

a) Paper S.85-12 - Recommendations on paper circulation for Masters and Ph.D. candidates

Moved by T. Kazepides, seconded by W. Cleveland,

"That Senate be provided with the lists of candidates for graduate degrees at both the Masters and Ph.D. levels, with the lists to include the following: the name of the candidate, the candidate's faculty, the recommended degree and the thesis title. Full documentation will be available for review by Senators in the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies and the Registrar prior to the Senate meeting at which the lists of candidates will be presented"

Amendment moved by J. Webster, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That the name of the Senior Supervisor be included on the list of items provided to Senate"

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

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

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

b) Paper S.85-13 - Recommendations on Senate term of office - 1984/85)

Moved by T. Kazepides, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That Senate approve,

- 1) for 1985, the date of assumption of office in the regular elections to Senate be September 1, 1985, and
- 2) the term of office for those members whose term is to expire on May 31, 1985 be extended to August 31, 1985"

R. Heath briefly provided the rationale explaining that the proposal was necessitated by the changes to the organizational structure of the University which will take effect September 1, 1985. He also referred to the proposed procedure to be followed in the upcoming elections to Senate with regard to the ratio for faculty members which was received by Senate for information.

In reply to an inquiry from N. Swartz as to whether or not the proposed extensions of term were in compliance with the University Act, R. Heath explained that the Act does not set the starting and ending dates for terms of office, the matter is addressed in the Rules of Senate where the 'normal' dates are May 31 and June 1 for termination and commencement respectively. In addition, Senate earlier adopted the procedures for setting terms of office so that approximately one-third of the faculty terms expire each year.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION 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, April 1, 1985.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 9:10 p.m.

W.R. Heath
Secretary