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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD  
ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1989 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.  
OPEN SESSION

Present: Ivany, J.W.G., Acting Chair

Barrow, R.  
Bedford, B.  
Blaney, J.  
Brown, R.  
Carlson, R.  
Cercone, N.  
Clayman, B.  
Covell, M.  
D'Auria, J.  
Dickinson, J.  
Di Fonzo, R.  
Djwa, S.  
Dobb, T.  
Fitzsimmons, C.  
Freedman, A.  
George, D.  
Giffen, K.  
Goodman, D.  
Kazepides, T.  
Kennedy, P.  
Khosla, S.  
Mauser, G.  
Mathewes, R.  
Nicol, I.  
Nielsen, V.  
Nyvik, S.  
Palmer, L.  
Pinfield, L.  
Rashed, S.  
Rieckhoff, K.  
Rudrum, A.  
Salter, L.  
Saunders, R.  
Shannon, D.  
Shapiro, S.  
Strate, G.  
Swartz, N.  
Tuinman, J.  
Verdun-Jones, S.  
Weldon, L.  
Winne, P.  
Wotherspoon, A.

Absent: Beedie, R.  
Berggren, L.  
Calvert, T.  
Cleveland, W.  
Gill, P.  
Hoegg, J.L.  
Jones, C.  
Maaske, R.  
McGivern, R.  
Rae, B.  
Reilly, N.  
Saywell, W.  
Shickele, J.  
Tjosvold, D.  
Warsh, M.  
Weinberg, H.

W.R. Heath, Secretary  
Grant, B., Recording Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF FEBRUARY 13, 1989

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

There was no report from the Chair.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEESa) SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEEi) S.89-9 - Elections

The following are the results of elections to fill vacancies on the undernoted Senate Committees:

Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR)

One Student Senator to replace H. Bains for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1989.

Names of candidates: K. Giffen  
S. Nyvik

Individual receiving the highest number of votes and declared elected:  
S. NYVIK

Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees (SCHD)

One Student Senator to replace H. Bains from date of election for no specified term of office.

Elected by acclamation: S. NYVIK

Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board (SUAB)

One Student Senator to replace H. Bains for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation: K. GIFFEN

b) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNINGi) S.89-10 - Senate Committee on Enrolment Management and Planning:  
Terms of Reference and Membership - FOR INFORMATION

Senate received for information a report establishing a new subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning, the Senate

Committee on Enrolment Management, including its membership and terms of reference.

ii) S.89-11 - Deletion of courses not offered

Moved by R. Saunders, seconded by T. Kazepides

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.89-11, that the following courses be deleted:

AME 110 An Introduction to Modern Standard Arabic I  
 AME 112 An Introduction to Modern Standard Arabic II  
 ARCH 201 Fact and Fantasy in Archaeology  
 CHIN 341 The I Ching  
 CRIM 401 Psychiatric and Biogenetic Explanations of Criminal and Deviant Behavior  
 GS 402 Myths, Fictions, Histories: Telling the Truth about Experience  
 LIT 440 Monographic Studies I  
 LIT 441 Monographic Studies II  
 SA 290 Social Organization  
 EDUC 330 A Critical History of Educational Thought  
 EDUC 435 Educational Theory and Theory Criticism  
 BISC 403 Microbial Ecology"

In response to an inquiry about the number of new courses introduced compared with the number deleted within the past year, the Chair indicated that the net new courses for the year was nineteen.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) S.89-12 - Department of Communication - External Review - FOR INFORMATION

R. Saunders introduced the paper by providing brief background information explaining that with the placement of the Department of Communication in the Faculty of Applied Sciences, Senate had requested a mandatory review to ascertain whether the Department had been successful in reorienting its activities within that Faculty. He went on to say that the Senate Committee on Academic Planning had accepted the report of the external review committee and had unanimously approved the continued placement of Communication with the Faculty of Applied Sciences.

K. Rieckhoff felt that the Department deserved recognition and credit for being so well-reviewed, particularly in view of the strain of high enrolments

and limited resources.

Reference was made to the fact that the two Schools of Communications referred to in the report were in the Faculty of Arts, and inquiry was made as to the existence of other Schools in other Faculties at other Canadian universities. L. Salter pointed out that Simon Fraser University is not anomalous with respect to the placement of a School of Communication within the Faculty of Applied Sciences but because of the diversity of the discipline there are no neat comparisons from one university to another.

iv) Paper S.89-13 - Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre: Proposals for new programs - For Information

R. Saunders introduced the paper by informing Senate that the Senate Committee on Academic Planning had approved the programs put forward in this paper for further specific planning, development and exploration of funding. It was noted that the sample course outlines were only being presented to Senate as examples and that the vetting of any new proposals will follow the normal committee approval procedures.

L. Pinfield inquired about the implications with regard to the amount of space available, the amount of dollars available, and exactly how all of these programs or possible ventures will be integrated together. Referring to funding, J. Blaney indicated that each program has a different kind of funding potential and that not all of them will realize their funding objective. With regard to space, J. Blaney informed Senate that if all the programs proposed could be funded there would not be enough space. It was therefore the intent of the SCAP Harbour Centre Committee to prioritize programs as funding is obtained and approval sought. J. Blaney went on to indicate that the SCAP Harbour Centre Committee also intends to bring forward recommendations with regard to what it feels ought to be offered at Harbour Centre in order to bring greater balance and coherence to the programs there as well as suggestions as to what is missing from Harbour Centre programming. He noted that Senate is being included in the planning process at an early stage and being asked to indicate what it feels would be appropriate with regard to the focus and strength of Harbour Centre and whether or not it feels the current proposals are appropriate for development at Harbour Centre. He stressed the fact that Harbour Centre is not a distinct entity and that everything offered is an extension or an approved program of an existing department, school or faculty.

P. Winne inquired as to whether or not Senate will receive all program proposals or just proposals deemed by the Committee as appropriate for offering at Harbour Centre. He inquired if Senate would receive information not only on proposals that have been selected to go forward for Senate

approval but also on additional programs that may not be recommended by the Committee for approval because of inadequate space or funding constraints. He felt such information would be useful to Senate when it comes to debate and adjudicate proposals before it. J. Blaney indicated that it would be possible to include the titles and perhaps an abbreviated version of such proposals for Senate's information. Senators could then ask for further information if they wished. G. Strate suggested that it would be more helpful to Senate if the criteria and rationale applied by the Committee in each instance accompanied the recommendations for program proposals. The Chair reminded Senate that it had adopted a statement of general principles as well as three schools of focus for programming activity at Harbour Centre and that the Committee is currently using this document as a guide in the planning process.

Senate received the report for information allowing the Committee to continue in its current direction with the assurance from the Chair that the comments made by Senate were to be noted.

c) Senate Graduate Studies Committee

i) Paper S.89-14 - Annual Report - For Information

Referring to the figures with regard to the length of time for completion of degrees, inquiry was made as to what kind of action was being taken to improve the situation. B. Clayman drew Senate's attention to the fact that there has been slight improvement over the past few years, and pointed out that measures such as the length of scholarship funding for students in graduate programs now only applying over certain semesters in the program, together with the increase in tuition fees so that students taking longer to finish degrees face significantly more in tuition fees, encourage students to complete degrees much sooner. In reply to a suggestion that in some instances academic factors contribute to the excessive degree completion time, B. Clayman indicated that in such cases he meets with the individual supervisor in an attempt to reach a resolution. He also informed Senate that he has met with some of the departmental graduate program committees to discuss this problem and he hoped to have a report on this issue for Senate within the next couple of months.

Current regulations require a student's supervisory committee to generate a progress report once a year, the enforcement of which is left at the departmental level. B. Clayman informed Senate of his intent to enforce this requirement at the SGSC level both as a condition for continued registration and so that students are fully aware of their supervisory committee's expectations and can determine whether or not such expectations are realistic.

In reply to an inquiry as to how the length of degree completion at Simon Fraser University compares to other universities across Canada, B. Clayman indicated that it has been impossible to obtain comparable information.

Following discussion, the Annual Report of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee was received by Senate for information.

6. Other Business

Referring to recent changes made by the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries to the Undergraduate Open Scholarships, B. Bedford wondered if Senate could receive a report from the Committee on the impact these changes will have, the number of awards that are expected next year, and whether the Committee has considered grandfathering students who currently qualify under the 3.5 ceiling. Speaking as Chair of the SPCSAB, P. Kennedy felt that the Committee would be quite willing to provide such a report if Senate wished. He indicated that the SPCSAB was obliged to report to Senate annually but could make an effort if Senate wished to submit an interim report.

7. Notices of Motion

There was no notices of motion.

8. Information

The date of next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, April 3, 1989.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 7:50 p.m.

W.R. Heath  
Registrar and Secretary of Senate