

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1990 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 4:30 P.M.
OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W.G., Chair

Bedford, B.
Blackman, R.
Blaney, J.
Calvert, T.
Carlson, R.
Clayman, B.
Cleveland, W.
Dahl, H.
Delgrande, J.
Dickinson, J.
Dill, L.
Djwa, S.
Dobb, T.
Ekstedt, J.
Faith, K.
Giffen, K.
Green, C.
Hendrickson, T.
Hoechsmann, M.
Hoegg, J.L.
Jones, C.
Luk, W.S.
Munro, D.
Nielsen, V.
Palmer, E.
Palmer, L.
Pinfield, L.
Rae, B.
Reilly, N.
Rieckhoff, K.
Salter, L.
Shannon, D.
Shapiro, S.
Sicking, C.
Stewart, M.L.
Swartz, N.
Tjosvold, D.
Tuinman, J.
Verdun-Jones, S.
Wade, S.
Wotherspoon, A.

Absent: Addison, G.
Barrow, R.
Bowman, M.
Cercone, N.
Covell, M.
D'Auria, J.
Falcon, K.
Freedman, A.
George, D.
Gill, J.
Gray, P.
Kazepides, A.C.
Partridge, J.
Rudrum, A.
Saunders, R.
Vining, A.
Warsh, M.
Winne, P.

In attendance:
Garland, I.
Komorous, R.

Nagel, H., Acting 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 JANUARY 8, 1990

K. Rieckhoff requested that the Minutes be amended to reflect R. Peterman's reply to his inquiry that resources are currently available for the offering of the proposed new courses in MRM (Reference: Page 8, Paper S.90-10).

C. Green requested that his absence from the meeting of January 8, 1990 be noted on the record.

Following these amendments, the Minutes were approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

i) The Chair was pleased to report his attendance, on behalf of Simon Fraser University, at the installation ceremony of G. Ivany as the 7th President of the University of Saskatchewan on February 3rd in Saskatoon.

ii) In reply to budgetary inquiries, the Chair reported that he was not aware of any change in the funding formula for the university nor any changes with respect to the continuation of the second year of the Access policy for enrolment growth. Since the budget is usually clarified in late March, he had nothing definitive to report at this time.

iii) The Chair reported that the Search Committee for the Vice-President, Academic is rapidly coming to closure.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

There were no reports from Committees.

6. REPORT OF FACULTIES

i) Paper S.90-21 - Change of name from Centre for the Arts to School for the Contemporary Arts

Moved by R. Blackman, seconded by B. Bedford

"that Senate approve that the name for the Centre for the Arts be changed to School for the Contemporary Arts"

R. Komorous and I. Garland, from the Centre for the Arts were in attendance as resource persons.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Secretary's Note: Recommendation for approval to the Board of Governors which was inadvertently omitted should be included in the above motion.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Referring to a recent advertisement by B.C. Hydro which appeared in the Globe and Mail in which the Chair's picture appeared, M. Hoechsmann inquired firstly, if the President or the University had received payment for lending the

University's name for corporate advertisement and, secondly, if the University had any policy on endorsement.

The Chair briefly explained background details leading up to this publication and pointed out that since BC Hydro was interested in highlighting institutions that have successfully been conserving energy, he felt it was a good opportunity for to advertise to the public that the University is meeting its fiscal responsibility in this regard. However, he was unsure if the University had an actual policy with regard to endorsement and requested the Secretary to make inquiries and report back to Senate.

2. Referring to a recent theft from his car, K. Giffen informed Senate that Security had indicated to him that nothing could be done even though they had 20 such recent thefts on their records. Senate had no objection to a suggestion that B. deVries and/or his Security Chief be invited to attend Senate and present a report with regard to the extent of theft and vandalism on campus and what measures are being taken in this regard. The Secretary was asked to follow-up this matter.
3. Referring to the current exchange between the Government and the universities with regard to the Year 2000 curriculum revisions, K. Giffen wondered if an opportunity existed to include the question of tuition fees. It was pointed out that the scope of these discussions is very narrowly defined and in general the proposed revisions are not directly related to post-secondary education. It was also pointed out that the document in question is directed to the Minister of Education who has no jurisdiction in the question of university tuition fees and has no ability to affect post-secondary funding.
4. Referring to the question of the 3% surtax which he brought forward at the last meeting, C. Sicking inquired if the Chair had any further information. The Chair indicated that it was his understanding that the introduction of the surtax was related to the issue of bad debts on student loans and he read the following letter which he had written to the Secretary of State:

"I am writing as re-enforcement to the letter of Claude Lajeunesse, President of the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada, with regard to the changes in the Canada Student Loans Program. I agree with the central thrust of Claude's comments and would like to underline, in particular, the issue of taking no action that would undermine the basic purpose of the C.S.L.P. which is to ensure that Canadians will be given every opportunity of undertaking and completing post-secondary education regardless of their financial resources.

In that regard I am concerned that this surtax could be a deterrent and that, while I can understand your concern with loan defaults, I would ask you to re-consider the 3% levy as being the best way to cope with that issue. In that regard I would hope that the levy would be re-considered now and, in the event that it is upheld at the present time, that it be removed at the earliest possible moment."

A suggestion that such letters be circulated with the Senate meeting materials was accepted and the Secretary was requested to take note of this for future distributions.

5. Referring to his inquiry at the last meeting with regard to the GST and its effect on student fees, S. Wade inquired if the Chair had anything further to report. The following memo from R. Ward, Acting Vice-President of Financial Services was

read by the Chair:

"In response to your memorandum of January 18, 1990 requesting clarification of the effects of the proposed GST on student fees, I can offer the following: At this time it is our understanding that credit course tuition fees will be exempt from the tax while non-credit course fees will be taxable. With respect to the student activity and student society fees, the situation is not so clear. Currently the feeling is that these types of fees will be exempt. However, until the legislation is passed by the House of Commons and all the details are fully known this is the best information we have. As soon as we receive more definitive information, I will let you know."

As a follow-up to the letter just read, B. Bedford informed Senate that the Canadian Federation of Students has been advised that the student activity fees will be taxable.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

9. INFORMATION

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, March 5, 1990.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 4:55 p.m.

H. Nagel
Acting Secretary of Senate