

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

Minutes of a meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, April 3, 2000 at 5:30 pm in Room 3210 West Mall Centre
Open Session

Present: Blaney, Jack, President and Chair
Al-Natour, Sameh
Atkins, Stella
Benezra, Michael
Boland, Larry
Budra, Paul
Clayman, Bruce
Copeland, Lynn
Davidson, Willie
Driver, Jon
England, William
Finley, David
Gillies, Mary Ann
Harris, Richard
Hyslop-Margison, Emery
Jones, John
Kanevsky, Lannie
Kirczenow, George
Marteniuk, Ron
Mathewes, Rolf
Mauser, Gary
McArthur, James
McBride, Stephen
McFetridge, Paul
McInnes, Dina
Meredith, Lindsay (representing J. Waterhouse)
Munro, Jock
Naef, Barbara
Niwinska, Tina
Ogloff, James
Osborne, Judith
Paterson, David
Peters, Joseph
Peterson, Louis
Pierce, John
Russell, Robert
Smith, Michael
Steinbach, Christopher
Thompson, Janny (representing R. Barrow)
To, Shek Yan
Wortis, Michael
Yerbury, Colin
Zazkis, Rina

Absent: Chan, Albert
Chuah, Kuan
D'Auria, John
Delgrande, James
Dunsterville, Valerie
Emerson, Joseph
Fletcher, James
Heaney, John
Reader, Jason
Sanghera, Balwant
Warsh, Michael
Waterhouse, John
Wessel, Silvia
Wong, Milton

In attendance:
Conn, Melanie
Heath, Nick
Roseland, Mark

Watt, Alison, Director, University Secretariat
Grant, Bobbie, Recording Secretary

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chair introduced and welcomed to Senate President-designate Michael Stevenson. Dr. Stevenson made a brief presentation to Senate and responded to questions from Senators.

The Meeting came to order at 5:55 pm

Newly elected Student Senator, W. England was welcomed to Senate by the Chair.

1. Approval of the Agenda
The Agenda was approved as distributed.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of March 6, 2000
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
 - i) Paper S.00-34 – Chair’s response to a request to consider Hellenic Studies issues

The Chair reported that both the University and the Canadian Hellenic Congress – the parties officially involved in the Hellenic Chair - were satisfied with the terms of reference and with the appointment of the Chair. In addition to the documentation before Senate, the Chair advised that copies of correspondence between the University and the Canadian Hellenic Congress were available to interested Senators.

While there was no objection to SCAR’s decision with respect to motion 2, concern was expressed about the decision with regard to motion 1 and the following Notice of Motion was suggested: “that motion 1 on S.00-34 be placed on the next Senate meeting for discussion and Tasos Kazepides, Professor Emeritus, be invited to act as a resource person”. It was pointed out that SCAR had already determined that motion 1 was not a matter of Senate concern and suggestion was made that the motion be reworded.

Notice of motion moved by E. Hyslop-Margison, seconded by G. Kirczenow

“that Tasos Kazepides be invited as a resource person to speak on the Hellenic Studies Chair at the next meeting of Senate”

Senate was advised that the intent of the motion was to provide opportunity for T. Kazepides to present his side of the issue to Senate with particular reference to the suggestion that the initial terms of reference for the Hellenic Studies Chair be restored.

Brief discussion ensued with respect to procedural issues. Senate was advised that SCAR would consider the notice of motion and report back to Senate at the next meeting.

ii) The Chair was pleased to report that for the first time in approximately nine years the budget provided increased funding for the core operating budget in addition to funds for more student spaces. The Government has clearly demonstrated that investment in post-secondary education was critical and has made a commitment to address the issue of the funding gap in revenue per student over the next number of years.

iii) The Chair reported that two very positive articles had appeared in the Vancouver Sun in which SFU was identified as taking a proactive role in regard to the problem of faculty renewal and retention which was facing universities across Canada. Reference was made to the report of the Task Force on Faculty Renewal and Retention, and Senate was advised that all of the recommendations of the Task Force had either been implemented or were in the process of being implemented.

iv) Referring to the discussion at the last meeting of Senate about the commercialization of university research, the Chair reported on meetings with representatives of the Federal Government and advised Senate that there would likely be no comment or report from the Government until at least June

5. Reports of Committees

a) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Committee on Continuing Studies

i) Paper S.00-35 – Non-Credit Certificate Program: Professional Program in Community Economic Development

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by S. McBride

“that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.00-35, the proposal for a Non-Credit Certificate Program: *Professional program in Community Economic Development leading to a Non-Credit Certificate*

M. Roseland, Director of the Community Economic Development Centre, and M. Conn, Community Economic Development Associate were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

In response to a question about the effect of this program on small communities within BC, Senate was advised that is designed for professionals in the economic development area many of whom would be working in small communities. The program was not designed for international delivery.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- b) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies
- i) Paper S.00-36 – Admission – BC Grade XI Upgrading

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by C. Steinbach

“that Senate approve, as set forth in S.00-36, that upgrades of BC Grade XII marks may be made in accordance with Ministry of Education policies, except that the final mark in a provincially-examinable course may not be increased by taking a college course deemed to be its equivalent”

N. Heath, Director of Admissions, was in attendance in order to respond to questions on this item and the following three items.

Concern was expressed that the motion implied that a college course was of less value than a normal Grade XII course. It was noted that Adult Basic Education courses were not provincially examinable. Senate was advised that the motion before Senate, as well as the motion on Paper S.00-37, was a result of a fundamental change last year in the acceptance of courses by the two Ministries that serve the K-12 and post-secondary systems. In order to provide more flexibility, courses taken either at the college level for work towards high school graduate or courses taken at the high school level would be recognized for work towards the new BC Adult Graduation Diploma.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) Paper S.00-37 – Admission – BC Adult Graduation Diploma

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by J. Osborne

“that Graduates of the BC Adult Graduation Diploma who are at least 19 years of age and who have completed those courses specified for admission in the regular BC (secondary school) Graduation Diploma or equivalent courses offered through post-secondary institutions, except that a Grade 11 language course is not required, be eligible for admission in the high school admission category. The four Grade 12 or equivalent courses must be from different disciplines. A minimum average of 67% (C+) based on English 12 and three other academic Grade 12 courses or their equivalents is required. This policy is to be effective for three years, from May 2000 to September 2003, with a review to occur in Fall 2001”

In response to an inquiry as to what admission category these students would fall under, Senate was advised that they were counted in with the BC High

School students and, in the past, students from the previous credential – Adult Basic Education Provincial Diploma – only amounted to approximately twelve per year.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- iii) Paper S.00-38 – Admission – BC Secondary School Students taking AP or IB exams

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by J. Osborne

“that Senate approve, as set forth in S.00-38, that Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate final course grades may be translated for B.C. secondary school graduates to percentage marks, in accordance with the following table, and used in the admission average in lieu of other BC Grade XII courses:

<u>AP Exam Grade</u>	<u>IB Exam Grade</u>	<u>Equivalent BC% mark</u>
5	7	96
-	6	90
4	5	86
3	-	80
-	4	76
2	3	70”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- c) Senate Appeals Board
i) Paper S.00-39 – Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Senate Appeals Board was received by Senate for information.

- d) Committee to Review University Admission

- i) Paper S.00-40 – Annual Report

C. French, Director, Student Academic Resources was in attendance in order to respond to questions. The Annual Report of the Committee to Review University Admission was received by Senate for information.

- e) Senate Committee on Continuing Studies

- i) Paper S.00-41 – Annual Report

C. Yerbury, Dean of Continuing Studies was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Concern was expressed about the inaccuracy of the statistics on pages 17 and 18 and suggestion was made that in future, either this information not be included or more accurate information be obtained from departments.

6. Other Business

i) Paper S.00-42 – Change of date – September Senate Meeting

Senate received information that SCAR had considered and approved a request that the September Senate meeting be changed from Monday, September 11, 2000 to Monday, September 18, 2000 in order to accommodate approval of graduands for the October Convocation ceremony.

ii) In response to an inquiry, Senate was advised that the Senate Library Committee, after careful consideration, decided it was not appropriate to issue free library cards to high school students, including IB students.

7. Information

Date of the next regularly scheduled meeting – Monday, May 15, 2000.

Open Session adjourned at 6:25 pm; Senate moved directly into Closed Session.

Alison Watt
Director, University Secretariat