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MEMORANDUM

To ALL MEMBERS OF SENATE

From K. T. STRAND

CHAIRMAN OF SENATE

Subject SENATE MEETINGS

Date FEBRUARY 29, 1972

- MOTION: 1. "That the regulations approved in Senate Paper S.214, March 26, 1969 be discontinued effective April, 1972."
2. "That provision be made for a limited number of qualified observers at the Open Sessions of Senate meetings in accordance with space available,
- i) With the Chairman of Senate to designate the number of spaces available for observers;
 - ii) With provision that the Chairman of Senate at his discretion or on the instructions of Senate may restrict or eliminate spaces for observers if in his opinion this is required in the interest of Senate procedures;
 - iii) With provision, at the determination of the Chairman of Senate and to the degree he considers necessary, of closed circuit audio coverage or/and closed circuit TV coverage to other areas of the University;
 - iv) With provision that, at the discretion of the Chairman of Senate or on the vote of Senate on simple majority without prior notice of motion, observers may be required to leave the meeting and/or closed circuit servicing may be discontinued;
 - v) With the understanding that for the Closed Session of Senate there is no provision for observers or for closed circuit servicing."

3. "That the Chairman of Senate be empowered to and expected to take any action he deems necessary to ensure normal advancement of the ordinary legitimate business of the Senate."

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1. Background Information

For the meeting of Senate held in April 1969 the following notice pertaining to Senate appeared, and the principles have continued through the meetings to January 1972. With the opening of the East Concourse Cafeteria area the Senate meetings have been in that area, with audio-closed circuit TV to the non-carpeted area for observers.

NOTICE

"In accordance with the ruling of Senate, the following pertain:-

- a) That all observers be excluded from Senate Meetings except for the presence of authorized representatives of the press which will be allowed while non-confidential business is being conducted.
- b) That during non-confidential parts of all Senate Meetings, procedures and deliberations be made accessible to the university community through a closed-circuit audio system with speakers provided in the main student cafeteria and such other areas as are, in the view of the Chairman of Senate, desirable.
- c) That if, in the view of the Chairman or a majority of Senate, this appears desirable, the audio circuits be supplemented by closed-circuit television to the same areas as in (b).
- d) That the Chairman of Senate be required to take all necessary steps to rigorously enforce these rules, and that in the event that enforcement of these rules, in the judgment of the Chairman, would require measures less desirable than the closing of Senate meetings, he be empowered at his discretion to close meetings to the public until such time as he considers enforcement of these rules by reasonable means possible.

The Chairman of Senate has ruled that the audio system be supplemented with closed-circuit television.

Until further notice, an audio-visual system will provide coverage of the proceedings of Senate. Speakers and TV monitors will be mounted in the main student cafeteria throughout the time Senate is in open session."

2. Present Situation

With the provision for more suitable facilities for Senate in the new Administration Building, and with the realization over many months of the numbers who have shown an interest in observing Senate meetings through the closed circuit system, it is appropriate that Senate give further consideration to present arrangements.

The meeting of Senate for March 6, 1972 is scheduled to be held in the new Administration Building facilities. In view of the small numbers of observers utilizing the audio/closed circuit TV coverage I have instructed, in keeping with the authority vested by Senate, that only audio coverage be provided to the Cafeteria area for the March meeting. At the same time I am recommending to Senate that for future meetings arrangements be made to provide for a limited number of observers to be in attendance in the Senate room if they so desire. Further, the recommendations provide for external audio coverage for additional numbers if experience suggests this to be appropriate.

For the March meeting the Senate Chamber will be set up to show Senators the nature of the facilities proposed for following meetings for observers.

3. Recommendations

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Note: The production of a valid Simon Fraser identification card normally would fulfil requirements for the owner to qualify as an observer at Senate meetings subject to space constraints.