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MINUTES OF MEETING OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1968, IN THE FACULTY LOUNGE AT 7:30 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING OPEN SESSION

Present: Strand, K.T. Chairman
 Baird, D.A. ← R. BAKER
 Boland, L.A.
 Burstein, K.R.
 Collins, M.
 D'Aoust, B.
 Foulds, J.S.
 Funt, B.L.
 Gibson, E.M. (arrived late)
 Harper, R.J.C.
 Hean, A.F.C.
 Hutchison, J. (arrived late)
 Korbin, D.
 MacKinnon, A.R.
 Okuda, K. (arrived late)
 Rieckhoff, K.E.
 Sperling, G.B.
 Prock, Mrs. L. (nee: Smith)
 Stratton, S.
 Sullivan, D.H.
 Tuck, D.G.
 Vidaver, W.
 Walkley, J.
 Wong, S.
 Williams, W.E.

 Evans, H.M. Secretary
 Meyers, D.A.
 Roberts, D.
 Smedley, J. Recording Secretary

 Gould, D. Assistant Registrar (Records)
 Mackie, M. Assistant Registrar (Admissions)

Absent: Branca, A.E.
 Dampier, J.L.
 Ellis, A.J.
 Hamilton, W.M.
 Koerner, Mrs. Otto
 Lett, Mrs. Sherwood
 McLean, C.H.
 Perry, G.N.
 Shrum, G.M.

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A number of members arrived relatively late for the meeting and throughout the latter part of the meeting there was some coming and going of members.

A very large audience had assembled and photographing and tape recording was being undertaken. The Chairman referred to the rules of Senate indicating that when the meeting is brought to order photographing and tape recording is no longer permitted. He noted that a special meeting had been called on petition of five Senators, S. Wong, L. Boland, B. D'Aoust, W. Vidaver, K. Rieckhoff, to discuss admissions policy of the University including the policy governing admissions and the granting of transfer credits to students. He further indicated that it was understood that those who had called the meeting would have the first opportunity to speak to explain the reason for call.

D. Korbin referred to recent events on Campus and stated the meeting had been called to consider four demands passed by interested students. He gave notice of motion (not specified in detail) to be considered after the report requested from the Registrar and the submission from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings.

K. Rieckhoff differed with the statements made by D. Korbin and stated he had signed the petition as he considered there was a pressing problem requiring meeting of Senate.

Request was made by a number of Senators that tape recorders be turned off.

S. Wong read the statement signed by the five Senators calling the meeting and proposed an agenda basically in two parts with one concerned with immediate actions and the other concerned with long term actions. He suggested that debate commence in committee of the whole so that decision could be made on various motions and developed a pattern which he believed would allow for inclusion of discussion on the four demands of the students, the proposals of the Students Society of Simon Fraser University, the submission of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings and a submission from the Dean of Arts, D. Sullivan.

D. Korbin stated that it was essential that his motion be considered in its totality, and that it must be considered after the report of the Registrar and the submission from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings.

G. Sperling referred to the proposals of S. Wong but indicated that he considered it best to start out with one clear agenda item, the four demands put forth by the S.D.U.

Moved by K. Riekhoff, seconded by J. Walkley,

"that in the first instance Senate deal with an acceptance in principle of the policies presented by the Simon Fraser Students Society; that thereupon Senate deal with implementation as it refers to these proposals; that the submission of the Admissions Committee then be considered; that other motions then be considered"

D. Korbin stated that the students are not a minority group and moved that the agenda commence with the Registrar's report. S. Wong suggested that it was improper for Senate to consider the motion of K. Riekhoff, J. Walkley. D. Korbin demanded that a P.A. system be installed for Senators and asked for ruling on the request for the P.A. system before deliberations continued. Reference was made by W. Vidaver to previous decisions of Senate in this regard. The Chairman indicated that he would obtain indication from the members of Senate concerning their wishes in this matter and an informal vote was taken with five in favor of a P.A. system and eight opposed.

Notice of motion was given by W. Vidaver, seconded by B. D'Aoust

"that Senate go into closed session if interruptions continue"

Debate continued and the Chairman indicated an informal vote would be undertaken on the three proposals for agenda namely the S. Wong proposal, the D. Korbin-G. Sperling proposal, the K. Riekhoff-J. Walkley proposal.

INFORMAL VOTE FOR THE
K.RIEKHOFF-J.WALKLEY
PROPOSAL CARRIED

B. D'Aoust indicated he had believed there was a serious problem of concern to students and that the matters required discussion but that he was not sure the present demonstration was being conducted in good faith. He suggested postponement of meeting until such time as a place could be located where the meeting could be conducted adequately.

Heated debate ensued concerning the agenda to be followed. The Chairman indicated he would suggest an agenda which could then be put to vote. He suggested that all the proposals could be expressed in terms of change ranging from maximum to minimum change and that each could be considered until there is a consensus

as to the first item for the agenda. He noted the most drastic change was represented by the D.Korbin- G. Sperling motion and suggested that this be dealt with first.

Moved by D. Korbin, seconded by G. Sperling,

Whereas: the Admissions Policy (and its application) at SFU has been found unacceptable by those which it affects, the students of SF, U.B.C., and Van City College, Senate

1. Accept in relation to S.F.U. Admissions and Accreditation Criteria the principle of free transfer and automatic acceptance of credits within the B.C. educational system.
 - i. This principle is to be applied to all
 - a. Grade 13 students
 - b. Regional and Community College students in B.C. on the Academic Program
 - c. B.C. university students (ie. U.B.C. and Victoria Univ.)
 - ii. Adoption in Principle indicates that Senate accept the following:
 - a. All students from the above categories will be admitted for study at SFU upon completion of a semester/year with an overall average of 2.0 or its equivalent.
 - b. The above students will receive transfer credits in all courses for which they receive a passing mark.
 - c. These courses will at the discretion of the individual student concerned, be acceptable for advanced standing in all departments, subject to prior discussion between the individual student and the particular department.
2. Call for election for a parity student/faculty admissions board.
 - i. Composition
 - a. three students elected by the S.F.S.S.
 - b. three faculty members elected at large by joint faculty
 - ii. Responsibilities
 - a. to formulate entrance criteria for all categories of students within the guidelines set out
 - b. to hear appeals from students wishing to appeal the application of criteria by the Registrar's office for any other reason. Its decision will be final.
 - iii. Senate agrees to ratify all decisions of this Board
 - iv. This Board will have access to all files in the Registrars Office concerning admissions and accreditation.

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3. Calls for election held by S.F.S.S. for an investigation committee with complete access to all files of the Registrar's Office concerning admissions and accreditation.

i. Composition

- a. five students elected by the S.F.S.S.
- b. one student sitting on the Admissions Board elected by the students sitting on that Board.
- c. two observers, one each elected by the students of V.C.C. and U.B.C. These observers will have the right of participation in discussions, but will not be voting members. Observers from other colleges and universities in B.C. will be accepted upon their request or the request of the committee.

ii. Responsibilities

- a. to work for redress of all those individuals which the records indicate have been victims of improper or improperly applied criteria in the past. These cases will be pursued or made public only with the permission of the individuals involved.
- b. to investigate charges of discrimination on whatever grounds on the part of the Registrar's Office in both admissions and the granting of credits and standing and to bring back a report to Senate, S.F.S.S. and Joint Faculty.

4. Will initiate a public campaign demanding increased funding of higher education and equitable financing within the educational system.

5. Non-academic criteria will not be applied to refuse admission to any applicant. Equivalent academic criteria will be applied for all applicants. (Higher criteria than that demanded by the University for B.C. students will not be applied to out of province or foreign students.)"

A point of order was raised noting that the motion now presented was not the demands which had been presented to the Administration during the past week and request for copies of the present motion was made. D. Korbin indicated that he had only one copy and requested that Senate instruct one of the secretaries to have sufficient copies xeroxed. L. Boland wished to have recorded and made known that there was only one copy and that it was in contradiction with what was presented earlier on a paper signed by D. Korbin. He requested that copy of the present material be made available to all Senate members.

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Discussion continued and S. Wong indicated that if faculty was not willing to xerox he would do so. He left to prepare the xerox copies.

G. Sperling proposed a five minute recess while the necessary papers were being prepared. Four voted in favor of recess and no one opposed.

Recess was declared.

Senate again came to order at 8:25 p.m.

D. Korbin stated that students could not hear the proceedings and demanded that a P.A. system be installed. Informal vote was taken and decision was against installation of a P.A. system.

Copies of the D. Korbin - G. Sperling motion were distributed and D. Korbin spoke in favor of the motion at length. Reference was made to the report provided by the Registrar, to criteria which the speaker considered plainly discriminatory, to decisions to be made by students rather than arbitrary decisions of bureaucrats, to an investigation committee to report on the Registrar's Office, to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings and the actions of that Committee, and to related matters. Debate continued and L. Boland spoke against the motion with reference to particular sections.

S. Wong indicated he wished to initially make some comments regarding the Registrar's report and that he wished his comments recorded. He referred to paper S174 page 1 - item 8, referring to provision for appeal against the decision of the Registrar's Office to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings and stated that this had not been carried out by the Registrar's Office. Reference was made to a form letter sent out to persons whose application for admission was rejected. He referred to the terms of reference of the Senate Committee which include provision that a rejected applicant will be informed of his or her right to have the decision reviewed by the Committee upon receipt of additional relevant information but that this was not included in the form letter. He stated that there was clear indication the Committee did not carry out its responsibility and the Registrar's Office did not carry out the responsibility.

S. Wong stated he had handled cases personally for students, would make appointments for the student, and that he wished Senate to know that the Committee does not consider all cases of students but that only about 10% of applications are presented to the Committee. He referred to the general admissions policy of the University and stated that certain students were told to re-apply after one year and that it would be easier for a student to be admitted in the Summer Semester. He wished to know who had given

the Associate Registrar the right to set such change in standard and that if a student is not fit to come in the fall or the spring he should not be able to come in the summer.

He referred to a letter addressed to Dr. Wales of Vancouver City College concerning the three criteria developed by Senate pertaining to admissions and standing and indicated that he had individually handled cases which showed that these criteria had not been applied. He stated he assumed that Vancouver City College offers a University level program for which Simon Fraser University would give credit and if necessary unassigned credit and hoped that this was indeed being done.

He referred again to paper S174 to minutes of July 10, 1968 of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings "the Committee confirmed that advanced credit from a British Columbia Senior Matriculation Program would be in accordance with the Calendar provided a minimum of three courses is passed in a single sitting or standing held in a minimum of five courses". He stated that this was not in keeping with calendar requirements and that this had not been approved by Senate. He referred to the terms of reference of the Senate Committee "to review the admissions policy of the University and to make recommendation as required" and that this had not been done. He referred to further items from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings including "students applying for admission to Simon Fraser University after having already the first degree from the University in their own country"; to "transfer credit from religious institutions", to "transfer from universities such as Sir George Williams and Notre Dame University", to "admission requirements for students who have received their education in India", to "transfer of credit from the University of British Columbia" noting that students must obtain a grade of at least 10% above the minimum passing mark at the University of British Columbia before consideration would be given for advanced standing/credit. He made reference to letters addressed to students (form letters) pertaining to students applying from Hong Kong, England, West Indies, East and West Africa and the U.S.A. He noted that students from the U.S.A. are normally required to have completed one year before being considered for admission at Simon Fraser University. He again noted that the form letters which had been approved by the Senate Committee had not come before Senate for approval. He stated that he was not attempting to nail anybody particularly and that the responsibility was in two parts including the Senate Committee and the Registrar's Office. He stated that he was again quoting Mr. Warren Williams who was giving factual information concerning the operations of the Senate Committee.

D. Korbin indicated that he wished to reply to L. Boland in terms of the information S. Wong had given. He referred to specific items raised by L. Boland and indicated reasons he wished students on the Committee. He further stated that the individual should have the discretion to talk to departments concerning advanced standing but that the individual should have the right to make the decision as to whether advanced standing would apply.

S. Wong referred to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings and the procedures for appeal. He also referred to the motion which had been submitted by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings. He made alternative suggestions concerning the composition of an appeals body and its method of operation and procedures. S. Foulds indicated that he too had been involved in assisting with review of student's cases, that he agreed that what S. Wong had to say contained a great deal of merit but that he would vote against the D. Korbin - motion.

Debate continued and G. Sperling spoke in favor of the D. Korbin - G. Sperling motion. He referred to difficulties which he now believed obvious and indicated that the proposal made by D. Korbin would be an appropriate one to adopt. He referred to the matter of great changes, to deadline dates, to questions asked of American students by the Registrar's Office and to related matters. He stated that he believed the Registrar and Associate Registrar attempt to carry out the policies given them and that it is now up to faculty to act. He stated that a number of things had gone wrong and that in order that these be corrected it would be necessary that files be opened.

The Chairman indicated that under the procedures being proposed through the appeal committee the Committee would have access to all pertinent files concerned with an appeal.

G. Sperling stated that he did not believe that individuals would necessarily come forward. He proceeded to talk on the item of finances and believed that this represented one of the major difficulties. He expressed the opinion that if standings are lower at Regional Colleges it is because there are not sufficient finances available for them to attain higher standards. The debate continued and B. D'Aoust inquired as to why Senators had not brought these matters earlier before Senate, why Senate did not watch its Committee. He indicated that he was not sure that students should be on the Appeals Committee. Debate continued and D. Sullivan gave notice of motion as they appear in paper S176 attached.

Moved by K. Burstein, seconded by J. Walkley,

"that the previous question be put "

MOTION CARRIED

18 in favour
4 against

D. Korbin, G. Sperling, S. Wong requested that their negatives vote be recorded.

Vote was then taken on the main motion by D. Korbin, seconded by G. Sperling.

MOTION DEFEATED

3 in favour
18 opposed
1 abstained

D. Korbin stated that it was necessary to move to other things, left the meeting with a large number of the audience and G. Sperling left the meeting (9:40 p.m.).

Following some delay the Chairman recognized a point of order raised by D. Sullivan who had given notice of motion as outlined in Paper S-176, and asked S. Wong if he wished to make a motion as Wong indicated that he had wished the discussions to be in two ways, in committee of the whole, considering immediate action items and to bring forth motions and then consider the long term action-with development of motions. D. Sullivan indicated that he was prepared to make a motion and that it would be understood S. Wong would be allowed to address himself in detail to each of the points as they were raised. An agreement was reached.

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by J. Walkley,

"that the two motions in Paper S-176 be approved - the motion on appeal procedures and the motion that Senate order a complete review of Undergraduate Admissions and Standings policies, to be organized as follows" - (see paper S-176).

The Chairman ruled that the Meeting was now in committee of the whole and extensive discussion was undertaken with many suggestions being made. During this period E. Gibson joined the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Discussion continued in committee of the whole and D. Korbin returned with a large number of students. He informed senate that the students who withdrew no longer recognized the Senate as a constitutional body and also informed the Senate that the Senate Meeting was ended. Disturbances continued and S. Wong stated that he felt he could no longer act effectively as a student Senator and that he intended to offer his resignation as student Senator to a duly called meeting of the Simon Fraser Student Society. If instructed by ballot vote he would resign immediately from the Senate. He then left the meeting. Disturbances continued for approximately one half hour. J. Hutchinson joined the meeting at 11:00 p.m. and Senate re-commenced discussion in committee of the whole at 11:05 p.m. with a number of suggestions, proposed amendments and motions entertained.

The following amendments and motions were formally considered -
With reference to the motion on appeal procedures, membership, item 1, -

Amendment was moved by K. Okuda, seconded by J. Walkley,

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"that the words 'as a non-voting member' be added"

AMENDMENT CARRIED
18 in favour
2 opposed
1 abstained.

On the motion on appeal procedures, membership, item 2, -

Amendment was moved by K. Reickhoff, seconded by D. Sullivan,

"that the present wording be deleted and replaced by
'two faculty senators to be named by Senate, one
student senator to be named by Senate, and one student
to be named by the Student Society'".

AMENDMENT CARRIED
20 in favour
1 opposed
1 abstained.

Vote was taken on the motion on appeal procedures, membership,
item 3, without change in wording

"the Assistant Registrar for admissions, who shall be a
non-voting member and secretary to the Committee "

MOTION CARRIED
21 in favour
1 abstained.

It was agreed that the first meeting of the Appeals Committee
would be convened by the member of the Senate Committee on Under-
Graduate Admissions and Standings to be selected by that body as
a non-voting member, and that the Appeals body would elect its
own Chairman.

With reference to the motion on appeals procedure, terms of reference,
item 2, -

Amendment was moved by L. Boland, seconded by W. Williams,

"that the words 'at its discretion' be deleted". ...

AMENDMENT CARRIED
14 in favour
1 opposed

With reference to the motion on appeal procedure, terms of reference,
item 3, -

Amendment was moved by W. Williams, seconded by L. Boland,

"that the word 'written' be inserted between the words 'whose petition' ".

AMENDMENT CARRIED
18 in favour.

With reference to the motion on appeal procedure, terms of reference, -

Amendment was moved by W. Williams, seconded by L. Boland to add item 4,

"4. The Appeal Committee shall have the right of access to any and all university records relevant to an appeal".

AMENDMENT CARRIED
19 in favour
1 opposed.

With reference to the motion on appeal procedures, terms of reference, -

Amendment was moved by W. Williams, seconded by W. Vidaver that item 5 should be added,

"5. The decision of this body shall be binding on the University".

AMENDMENT CARRIED
21 in favour
2 abstained.

Vote was then taken on the main motion, moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by J. Walkley, as amended, -

"MOTION ON APPEAL PROCEDURES.

Because there are clearly a number of outstanding grievances concerning admissions and standings, the Senate should establish an Admissions and Standings Appeal Committee as a separate and distinct body from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings.

MEMBERSHIP.

1. One member of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings to be selected by that body, as a non-voting member.
2. Two faculty Senators to be named by Senate, one student Senator to be named by Senate, and one student to be named by the Student Society.
3. The Assistant Registrar for Admissions who shall be a non-voting member and secretary of the Committee.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To hear appeals on decisions of admissions and standings from applicants for admission or registered students;
2. To permit representations directly made by any student appellant, the student ombudsman, the Dean of Student Affairs, any of the Deans of Faculty, or any member of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings.
3. The Committee is required to give clear reason in writing to each appellant whose written petition for admission, re-admission, or adjustment of standing has been denied.
4. The Appeal Committee shall have the right of access to any and all University records relevant to an appeal.
5. The decision of this body shall be binding on the University."

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED
CARRIED
21 in favour
1 opposed

Senate immediately proceeded to name individuals to the Appeals Committee.

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by J. Hutchinson,

"that Senate suspend its normal rules for nominating"

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by J. Hutchinson,

"that Senate name its members to the Appeals Committee tonight".

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by J. Hutchinson,

"that nominations now be open".

MOTION CARRIED.

Nominations were received.

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by W. Vidaver

"that nominations close".

MOTION CARRIED.

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For the position of the student Senator on the Appeals Committee

S. Foulds and S. Wong were nominated .

Following balloting S. Foulds was declared elected.

For the two Faculty Senators on the Appeals Committee

R. Baker, J. Hutchinson, G. Sperling and J. Walkley
were nominated.

Following balloting J. Hutchinson and J. Walkley were declared
elected.

Senate then considered the second motion of Paper S-176.

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by J. Hutchinson,

"that paper S-176 (2) be approved"

Informal discussion was undertaken and a number of changes suggested
with inclusion of a number of these changes before formal vote was
taken.

Amendment was moved by R. Harper, seconded by E. Gibson

"that the words ' and one student' be added in item 1
after the words 'one member of faculty' ".

AMENDMENT DEFEATED
2 in favour
18 opposed.

Vote was then undertaken on the main motion with changes
item by item -

"MOTION: THAT SENATE ORDER A COMPLETE REVIEW OF
UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND STANDINGS POLICIES,
TO BE ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Senate name one member of faculty who will
be charged with the development of a definitive and
comprehensive admissions and standings policy in
consultation with an advisory Committee consisting of
three Faculty members appointed by Senate and three
students determined by the Student Society. "

MOTION CARRIED
16 in favour
1 abstained.

On the Motion 2 (a), "The above named individual shall be released from all other duties for a period of three months"

MOTION CARRIED
18 in favour
1 abstained.

On the Motion 2(b)

"regular consultation with the above named advisory committee, as well as consultation with interested parties, both inside and outside the university".

MOTION CARRIED
17 in favour
1 abstained.

On the Motion 2 (c)

"that the draft policies when developed be submitted to the Consultation Committee for discussion and subsequent to that be forwarded to the President for consideration and final approval by Senate".

MOTION CARRIED
17 in favour
1 abstained.

Amendment was moved by S. Foulds, seconded by K. Reickhoff, that item 3 be added

"3. That these approved policies in respect to Admissions and Standings be made public."

AMENDMENT CARRIED
17 in favour
1 abstained

Vote was then taken on the total motion as amended as follows

"MOTION: THAT SENATE ORDER A COMPLETE REVIEW OF UNDER-GRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND STANDINGS POLICIES, TO BE ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Senate name one member of faculty who will be charged with the development of a definitive and comprehensive admissions and standings policy in consultation with an advisory Committee consisting of three Faculty members appointed by Senate and three students determined by the Student Society.

2. (a) The above named individuals shall be released from all other duties for a period of three months.

(b) Regular consultation with the above named advisory committee, as well as consultation with interested parties, both inside and outside the University.

(c) The draft policies when developed be submitted to the Consultation Committee for discussion, and subsequent to that be forwarded to the President for consideration and final approval by Senate.

3. That these approved policies in respect of Admissions and Standings be made public".

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MAIN MOTION AS
AMENDED CARRIED
16 in favour
1 abstained.

Senate continued discussions.

Moved by K. Reickhoff, seconded by K. Burstein,

"that the present policy of disallowing Grade XIII credit transfer from institutions outside of B.C. be reviewed".

MOTION CARRIED
15 in favour.

B. D'Aoust referred to the disturbances and the disruption of Senate earlier in the meeting with suggestion that action be taken. K. Strand, Chairman, expressed sympathy with the views but requested that the matter be left in his hands in view of the sensitivity of the situation.

ADJOURNMENT. Moved by K. Burstein, seconded by J. Hutchinson

"that the meeting adjourn".

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Note: During the latter part of the meeting of Senate it had been necessary for K. Strand, Chairman, to leave the meeting to attend to other duties and the chairmanship was assumed by L. Boland.

H.M. EVANS,
Secretary.