

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1968, FACULTY LOUNGE, 7:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION -- CALENDAR MEETING

Present:

Strand, K.T.

Chairman

Baird, D.A.

Baker, R.J.

Boland, L.A.

Dampier, J.L. (Arrived late)

D'Aoust, B.

Funt, B.L. (Arrived late)

Gibson, E.M.

Haering, R.R.

Hamilton, W.M.

Harper, R.J.C.

Lett, Mrs. Sherwood

Korbin, D.

MacKinnon, A.R.

Okuda, K.

Rieckhoff, K.E.

Stratton, S.

Strivastava, L.M. (Replacing temporarily Funt, B.L.)

Sullivan, D.

Tuck, D.G.

Vidaver, W.

Walkley, J.

Wong, S. (Arrived late)

Williams, W.E.

Evans, H.M.

Secretary

Meyers, D.A.

Roberts, D.

Smedley, J.

Recording Secretary

Absent:

Branca, A.E.

Burstein, K.R.

Collins, M.

Ellis, A.J.

Hean, A.F.C.

Hutchinson, J.F.

Koerner, Mrs. Otto

McLean, C.H.

Perry, G.N.

Sperling, G.B.

Shrum, G.E.

Smith, Mrs. L.

The Chairman indicated that the Senate Agenda Committee had given consideration to the recent Senate Meetings and had unanimously recommended that a pass system be reintroduced. This pass system was significantly less cumbersome than the previous system, with provision that up to 100 seats would be made available and with further provision that if individuals do not utilize passes issued by 4:30 P.M. for the 100 seats additional passes would be issued to permit individuals to fill the 100 seats on a first come/first served basis after 7:15 P.M. He requested that the recommendations be approved.

Moved by D. Tuck, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"that the pass system recommended by the Senate Agenda Committee for the current meeting be approved".

MOTION CARRIED

D. Korbin requested that his negative vote be recorded.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR CALENDAR MEETING

Consideration was given to the Agenda proposed for the Calendar meeting and it was noted that part of the meeting would be concerned with continuation of the meeting of December 2, 1968, which had been postponed. Following discussion it was ruled by the Chairman that the Agenda was approved.

2. CALENDAR ITEMS - UNDERGRADUATE CALENDAR ACADEMIC AREAS

The Dean of Arts made reference to the General Section of the Calendar pertaining to qualifications for degrees and indicated that he considered this to be an important item. It was suggested that the preliminary section dealing with general requirements for the Faculty of Arts be deferred.

(a) Comments by the Acting Academic Vice President

R. Haering indicated that he proposed to deal with general comments concerning proposed changes for the Undergraduate Calendar and for the Graduate Calendar. In this regard he noted that there were 25 new graduate courses which had not yet been approved by the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies and that 14 of these were in one department. He further noted that 104 undergraduate courses had not yet been considered by Senate and that 30 of these were in one department. Reference was made also to the Professional Development Program and the Faculty of Education with the suggested change from zero semester hours in one section to 15 semester hours of credit. He commented that he placed no blame on any particular department or faculty but that he considered the procedure in dealing with submissions of this type was basically unsound. In particular he expressed the view that there was too much material to be considered, that there was insufficient academic planning, that decisions were of necessity too hasty and too pressured. He expressed regret that the deadline of Calendar submissions potentially would stifle appropriate debate and undercut academic planning. In this respect he expressed the hope that this would be the last meeting at which such procedure would be contemplated and that in future consideration of Calendar items would represent simple formal ratification only by Senate of items previously considered in depth.

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Considerable support for the statements of the Acting Academic Vice President was indicated.

(b) Arts - Dean of Arts - D. Sullivan

D. Sullivan suggested that consideration be given primarily to the various submissions excluding the general section dealing with the Faculty of Arts degree requirements, and excluding the Department of Modern Languages, which could be considered later.

(i) Economics and Commerce

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

"that the section of the precis covering proposed Calendar changes pertaining to Economics and Commerce -- pages 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, be accepted, subject to any changes which may arise depending upon changes in Mathematics courses."

Discussion followed with consideration being given to the potentiality of duplication of course offerings particularly in the Mathematics and certain other areas across departments. Suggestion was made by S. Wong that careful consideration be given to the possibility of commonality of courses in various departments and the possibility of sub-structuring certain courses using appropriate teaching assistants for variations where required across the various departments. It was agreed that this item should receive consideration.

MOTION CARRIED

16 in favour
1 opposed
2 abstained

English

(ii) Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by R. Haering,

"that the changes proposed in the precis pertaining to the Department of English be approved, excluding pages 88 and 92 with reference to English 300-3 which would be subject to further consideration."

MOTION CARRIED

16 in favour
2 abstained

(iii) Geography

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by R. Haering,

"that the changes listed in the precis pertaining to the Department of Geography be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

16 in favour
2 opposed

(iv) History

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by R. Haering,

"that changes listed in the precis proposed for the Department of History be approved."

It was noted that additional changes were required with reference to page 110 in that course 484-5 and 485-5 should become 454-5 and 455-5 respectively.

MOTION CARRIED

16 in favour
4 abstained

Modern Languages

As agreed earlier consideration of Modern Languages was deferred until later in the meeting.

(v) Philosophy

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by E. Gibson,

"that changes listed in the precis proposed for the Department of Philosophy be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

5 in favour
0 opposed
13 abstained

(vi) Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by R. Haering,

"that changes listed in the precis proposed for the Department of P.S.A. be approved."

Attention was drawn to the current Calendar with reference to course 499-5 requiring correction in terms of hours.

MOTION CARRIED

16 in favour
0 opposed
2 abstained

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(vii) Psychology

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by R. Haering,

"that changes proposed in the precis for the Department of Psychology be approved, with the exception of page 148 pertaining to changes in course requirements for Honors degree which would be deferred pending consideration of the general requirements of the Faculty of Arts."

The Acting Academic Vice President noted that a clearcut policy is required concerning admission to Upper Level Courses and that when the general requirements of the Faculty of Arts is under consideration this matter would be further reviewed.

MOTION CARRIED

16 in favour
1 opposed
3 abstained

(viii) Reading and Study Instruction

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by R. Haering,

"that the changes pertaining to Reading and Study be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

Decision as to the placement of this item in Calendar was to be made between the Dean of Arts and the Registrar.

(ix) Department of Modern Languages

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by E. Gibson,

"that most of the changes listed for the Department of Modern Languages as shown on the precis be approved."

R. Haering indicated that there were a number of substantive changes and that he believed that there was potential change in the direction which might be undertaken in this particular department. G. Bursill-Hall was requested to speak to the proposed changes and gave useful information noting that a number of the changes had specifically been requested by other departments as a service to the departments. R. Baker questioned the matter of resources and the relationship with other universities in this regard. D. Baird commented that library resources might be found potentially weak in terms of the proposed new offerings. R. Haering suggested that the department prepare a full proposal for submission to the Faculty of Arts for consideration by Senate.

MOTION DEFEATED

3 in favour
10 opposed
7 abstained

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Moved by R. Haering, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"that the Department of Modern Languages present to the Faculty of Arts a submission which indicates priorities of programs in that department, relevant to other priorities in the Faculty of Arts."

The Dean of Arts indicated he was prepared to give consideration to this matter and bring it before Senate for further consideration.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by R. Haering,

"that approval be given the non-substantive changes as shown in the precis pertaining to the Department of Modern Languages."

MOTION CARRIED

18 in favour
2 abstained

(c) Faculty of Education - Dean of Education - A. MacKinnon

A. MacKinnon indicated that a number of changes were proposed in the Faculty of Education, with requirements for the Bachelor of Education degree being reduced from 11 semesters to 10 semesters. The first change pertained to Education 404, with considerable choice being left to the student. He noted that if the student selects a Bachelor of Arts degree or a Bachelor of Science degree with the Professional Development Program that he must do all the requirements of the particular faculty concerned as well as the three semesters of the Professional Development Program. If, however, the student elects to undertake a Bachelor of Education degree the program which would constitute 11 semesters under the other arrangements could be completed in 10 semesters for the Bachelor of Education degree. He further noted that the other primary change pertained to the matter of credit allocation for the 16 weeks or semester relative to teaching in the schools for which credit at the present time was not given but for which 15 semester hours would be given under the new proposals.

Question was raised as to whether or not an individual could complete a Bachelor of Arts degree or a Bachelor of Science degree plus the Professional Development Program in ten semesters and A. MacKinnon indicated that this could be done provided the faculty concerned agreed to apply the appropriate courses within the faculty which would permit such arrangements.

Attention was drawn to page 161 and the new regulations particularly under Note 1 at the top of the page. The Dean of Arts indicated that he was prepared to take this submission to the Faculty of Arts for consideration but meanwhile change in wording should be considered pending approval. A. MacKinnon agreed to this proposal.

Questions were raised pertaining to the current method of annotating Education 404 on transcripts and explanation was given by the Registrar.

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(i) Moved by A. MacKinnon, seconded by S. Stratton,

"that approval be given the two basic changes proposed."

MOTION CARRIED

16 in favour
1 opposed
2 abstained

Discussion continued pertaining to additional changes in the general requirement for degrees and certification.

(ii) Moved by A. MacKinnon, seconded by S. Stratton,

"that the proposed changes with particular reference to pages 162, 163, and 164 be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

14 in favour
1 abstained

A. MacKinnon made reference to statements on pages 163 and 164 as proposed and suggested certain additional changes with wording to be communicated to the Registrar.

Moved by A. MacKinnon, seconded by S. Stratton,

"that approval be given pages 163/164 with appropriate changes."

MOTION CARRIED

12 in favour
3 opposed
2 abstained

The Chairman noted that the time was now 10:30 P.M. and that it was necessary to return to consideration of items postponed at the December 2nd meeting of Senate. He further noted that if these items were resolved in appropriate time that return to Calendar submission would then be made.

(For consideration of items postponed from the Senate Meeting of December 2, 1968 see separate minutes)

Following consideration of the items postponed from the December 2, 1968 meeting Senate returned to consideration of Calendar submissions at 12:22 A.M.

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(c) (Continued) - Education - Dean of Education - A. MacKinnon

(iii) Moved by A. MacKinnon, seconded by R. Haering,

"that changes proposed for the Department of Communications and the Arts be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

13 in favour

1 opposed

(iv) Moved by A. MacKinnon, seconded by E. Gibson,

"that changes proposed as shown on the precis for the Department of Behavioural Science Foundations be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

10 in favour

(v) Moved by A. MacKinnon, seconded by R. Haering,

"that changes as proposed in the precis pertaining to the Department of Social and Philosophical Foundations be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

11 in favour

(vi) Moved by A. MacKinnon, seconded by R. Haering,

"that changes as proposed in the precis pertaining to the Department of Professional Foundations be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

(vii) Moved by A. MacKinnon, seconded by R. Haering,

"that changes as shown in the precis pertaining to the Department of Athletics and Recreational Services be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

(viii) Moved by A. MacKinnon, seconded by R. Haering,

"that changes as proposed in the precis for the Department of Physical Development Studies be approved, with attention to be given to Mathematics requirements in terms of further developments."

MOTION CARRIED

12 in favour

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(d) Faculty of Science - Dean of Science - B.L. Funt and L.N. Strivastava

(i) Moved by B.L. Funt, seconded by R. Haering,

"that general changes in requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree as shown in the precis be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

(ii) Biological Sciences

Moved by B.L. Funt, seconded by R. Haering,

"that changes listed in the precis pertaining to the Department of Biological Sciences be approved, subject to clarification of pages 191/194 pertaining to advanced standing."

MOTION CARRIED

10 in favour
1 opposed
2 abstained

(iii) Chemistry

Moved by B.L. Funt, seconded by R. Haering,

"that changes as shown in the precis pertaining to Chemistry be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

(iv) Mathematics

Moved by B.L. Funt, seconded by W. Vidaver,

"that changes as shown in the precis for Mathematics be approved."

Significant debate developed. R. Haering suggested that further support papers were needed with clarification as to whether or not a major change in direction was being undertaken and the amount of support staff required. B.L. Funt indicated that two additional faculty members would be required and that primary changes pertained to adaptation of the programs to bring them more closely into line with changes which had occurred in the secondary school system. He noted that a number of courses would disappear and that the increase in courses was minimal. Debate continued with further questions being raised.

MOTION DEFEATED

6 in favour
8 opposed

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Moved by R. Haering, seconded by D. Sullivan,

"that the Acting Vice President in consultation with the Mathematics Department identify those portions of the Mathematics submission which represent no substantive change in the Mathematics Program and that these be accepted in their present form; and that the Department of Mathematics and the Faculty of Science be required to document any other substantive changes in terms of their priorities within the Department of Mathematics and within the Faculty of Science, for consideration by Senate."

Attention was drawn to the fact that deferralment was now required in terms of consideration of proposals for the Department of Mathematics and for the Department of Modern Languages and that the matter of Calendar dates presented some problems.

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

"that for 1969/70 the Calendar submission date be moved up 90 to 120 days, i.e., for the Fall rather than for the Summer Semester, with the Registrar to submit recommendations on new dates."

Debate followed and the Registrar was instructed to submit an appropriate paper showing the advantages and disadvantages of issue of a Calendar based on the period from the Summer Semester through to the end of the Spring Semester as compared with a Calendar based on dates commencing with the Fall Semester through to the end of the Summer Semester.

Debate continued.

Moved by R. Harper, seconded by J. Walkley,

"that the previous question now be put."

MOTION FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION CARRIED

8 in favour
3 opposed
2 abstained

Questions were then raised as to whether or not a Calendar for the Summer Semester would be required if change in dates were undertaken and it was agreed that such Calendar would indeed be necessary if change were made.

(v) Physics

Moved by B.L. Funt, seconded by D.G. Tuck,

"that the changes proposed for Physics as shown in the precis be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

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General

The Secretary indicated that for both the graduate and undergraduate calendar submissions a number of technical problems were involved, particularly with reference to course number, titles and credits. Reference was made to previous procedures and difficulties which had followed. He requested permission of Senate to negotiate with departments to overcome a number of these difficulties where possible, including changes in items where necessary but retaining the basic principles. Senate readily concurred with the request.

B.L. Funt gave notice of motion,

"that in future Senate adjourn on the day Senate meeting commences."

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 a.m.