

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1978, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:00 P.M.

Present: Jewett, P., Chairman

Barlow, J. S.
Birch, D. R.
Blaney, J. P.
Calvert, T. W.
Chapman, A. E.
Dobb, T. C.
Geen, G., representing J. M. Webster
Hackney, J. W.
Hobson, R. F.
Holweg, B.
Hossack, K. J.
Hoyt, G. C.
Ivany, J.W.G.
Keltner, A. A.
Kemp, C. L.
Lachlan, A. H.
Latham, L.
Mackauer, J.P.M.
McGuire, G. T.
Mulholland, E. B.
Munro, J. M.
Palmer, B.J.F.
Powell, R. D.
Resnick, L.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Walkley, J.
Webb, M. J.
Weinberg, H.
Wells, E. J.
Wheatley, J.
Wilson, B. G.

Absent: Arrott, A. S.
Bittle, D. E.
Bittle, G.
Buitenhuis, P.
Carlson, R. L.
Croll, J. R.
Cunningham, A. B.
Cunningham, F.
Diamond, J.
Doherty, P. M.
Hindle, L.
Hutchinson, J. F.
Kazepides, A.
Knight, D. E.
Lal, H.
McClaren, M.
Overholt, M. J.
Thomas, S.
Wyatt, J. D.

Evans, H. M., Secretary
Nagel, H. D.
Norsworthy, R., Recording Secretary

1. PAPER S.78-12B - ELECTION OF STUDENTS TO SENATE AND THE BOARD - RULES OF SENATE

The Chairman stated that the Special Meeting of Senate had been called on petition of five members for consideration of only one item of business. She noted that the Rules of Senate which require two-thirds vote to carry specify that it is two-thirds of the voting members present, and the implication of an abstention is a negative vote. With regard to the paper before Senate, Motion 1 requires a two-thirds vote, Motion 2 requires a majority vote, and Motion 3 requires a two-thirds vote to carry. She also reminded Senate of Rule V.H.2. which reads in part, "A senator who has spoken twice on a particular question has exhausted his right to debate that question for that session."

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

Motion 1. "That Senate approve change to the Rules of Senate by deleting the present section IV. F and substituting a new section IV. F as described in Appendix 1 herewith."

D. Birch asked to place another motion before Senate, "That Senate request its chairman to petition the Minister of Education for legislative change to provide representation on Senate for part-time students," and this was accepted as appropriate for later consideration in the meeting.

An amendment was moved by B. Holweg, seconded by J. Walkley,

"That wherever in Section 2 of Rule IV.F, as set forth in Appendix I of Paper S.78-12B, there is reference to 9 semester hours, that this be altered to 6 semester hours."

Lengthy discussion ensued, with a number of further suggestions made, including a proposal of 9 to 6, 9 to 12, and of 9 to 6, 9 to 6, and 9 unchanged. Following a five minute recess during which the Chairman and the Secretary identified the complications to the student Senators, the amendment was withdrawn by the mover, with the agreement of the seconder.

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

Consideration of Motion 1 continued.

An amendment was moved by L. Resnick, seconded by A. Lachlan,

"That in Section 3 of Rule IV.F, as set forth in Appendix I of Paper S.78-12B, the first sentence of part iii) be reworded, 'If an undergraduate student then must remain registered in at least 9 semester hours credit in two of the three semesters associated with the one-year term of office.'"

R. Powell commented that the essence of the legal opinion which had been received was correct, but there was a question of definition of terms which gets into the area of Senate power to define full-time student under SFU regulations. He felt the amendment had no reference to following the legislation and that the original averaging provision was intended to eliminate any penalty to students for the pattern of their courses. He could not support the amendment unless there was a compelling reason provided which would establish a student with 9 hours to be judged a responsible member of Senate or the Board.

T. Calvert was also opposed to the amendment, observing that the contributions of part-time students was appreciated and SFU is unique in Canada in allowing students great flexibility in organizing work-loads and work in conjunction with studies. He was of the opinion an average of 9 credit hours over two out of three semesters would be an acceptable minimum.

K. Rieckhoff referred to the precedent which had been established in recognizing faculty teaching loads using averaging.

Question was called on the amendment, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT FAILED

Question was called on Motion 1, and a vote taken.

MOTION 1 CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by B. Palmer,

Motion 2.a) "That the new Rules of Senate adopted through Motion 1 first be applied for the regular elections to the Board and to Senate being held in Spring 78-1 and thereafter."

b) "That the new Rules not be applied to those persons now holding membership on the Board or Senate with term of office ending May 31, 1978."

Explanatory Note:

The intent of Motion 2 b) is to permit any individual at present in office to continue in office until the expiration of the present term which expires May 31, 1978.

An amendment was moved by B. Palmer, seconded by R. Powell,

"That a section c) be added to Motion 2,

c) 'That the new Rules regarding candidacy (IV.F.2) not be applied in the Spring 78-1 election and instead the previous Rules (also IV.F.) be applied.'"

T. Calvert said he appreciated the sentiments behind the proposed amendment, but wondered if when student Senators are seated under current rules the actions of Senate could be challenged as null and void. P. Jewett was of the opinion that the amendment was comparable to a grandmother clause which was generally accepted. B. Wilson noted that part iii) of Section 3 of Rule IV.F in Appendix I of Paper S.78-12B governs the legality of the individuals once elected.

Question was called on the amendment, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Question was called on Motions 2 a), b) and c), and a vote taken.

MOTIONS 2 a), b) and c)
CARRIED

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

Motion 3. "That for Spring 78-1 Senate suspend the rule which requires that the elections of students to Senate and to the Board be completed by April 15th on the understanding that they will be completed not later than April 28, 1978 (Rule J.4.)."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION 3 CARRIED

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by L. Latham,

"That Senate request its Chairman to petition the Minister of Education for legislative change to provide representation on Senate for part-time students."

R. Powell reported that such an action would have the support of UBC and U-Vic student unions. H. Weinberg suggested that inasmuch as the Universities Act refers to "full-time student" on Senate and the Board the motion be altered to include part-time student representation on the Board of Governors, and D. Birch, although not opposed, felt it was not Senate's prerogative to petition on behalf of the Board. J. Wheatley proposed dividing the motion and soliciting the Board of Governors for a similar petition. P. Jewett expressed the opinion that the legislature should not determine the nature of representation of university academic bodies.

D. Birch, with the approval of the seconder, withdrew his motion. P. Jewett proposed petition that the Act be amended to endorse the principle of representation on the Board and Senate with the appropriate bodies within the university determining the nature of the representation. B. Wilson objected in that such a proposal broadens the question beyond the present basic discussion and that the issue is determining how student representation is to be carried out, rather than the total ques-

tion of the various components of the two bodies.

Moved by J. Blaney, seconded by J. Wheatley,

"That the matter be referred to the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules for appropriate wording of a motion to be brought back to Senate."

Question was called on the motion to refer, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

H. M. Evans
Secretary