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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1979, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Pedersen, K. C., Chairman

Arrott, A. S.
Beirne, B. P.
Birch, D. R.
Blackman, A. R.
Blaney, J. P.
Brown, R. C.
Bursill-Hall, G. L.
Calvert, T. W.
Dobb, T. C.
Einstein, F.
Fisher, J.
Geen, G. H.
Harrison, D. J.
Hinchcliffe, S.
Hobson, R. F.
Holweg, B. A.
Jones, C.H.W.
Keltner, A. A.
Kemp, C. L.
Lachlan, A. H.
Luetzen, S.
Mackauer, J.P.M.
McNabb, G. T.
Moffatt, D. C.
Munro, J. M.
Okuda, K.
Resnick, L.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Roberts, M. C.
Slay, M. R.
Swartz, N. M.
Tuinman, J. J.
Webster, J. M.
Weinberg, H.
Weinkam, J. J.
Wideen, B. M.
Wideen, M. F.

Absent:

Coté, P. T.
Doherty, P. M.
Hindle, L.
Ivany, J.W.G.
Overholt, M. J.
Thomas, L. E.
Toor, J. B.
Whitecross, G. A.
Wyatt, J. D.

In attendance:

Foth, D.
Graham, C.
Lorimer, R. M.
Pinfield, L. T.
Roberts, S.

Evans, H. M., Secretary

Nagel, H. D.

Norsworthy, R., Recording Secretary

The Chairman welcomed Dr. B. P. Beirne to his first meeting of Senate as Dean of Graduate Studies. It was noted that J. B. Toor, although not in attendance, had resumed his seat on Senate following a temporary absence. Dr. A. R. Blackman was recognized and congratulated on his election by faculty members jointly to Senate to replace E. J. Wells for balance term of office to May 31, 1980. Details of that election follow:

Ballots cast 237
Ballots spoiled 8

Individual totals Blackman, A. R. 77
 Candelaria, F. H. 60
 D'Auria, J. M. 73
 Nance, J. D. 21

Individual receiving the highest number
of votes and thereby declared elected: A. R. BLACKMAN

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chairman requested that the agenda be extended to include two additional papers - S.79-103 outlining a proposal for change in name of the recently approved School of Economics and Commerce, and S.79-104 - Distinguished Visitor, Convocation Address, Honorary Degrees.

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by T. McNabb,

"That the agenda be approved as altered."

MOTION CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

"That the minutes of the Open Session of July 9, 1979 be approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Responding to the question posed by F. Einstein at the July meeting of Senate regarding the advisability of establishing a Senate committee on computing, the Chairman stated that he wished to avoid duplication of service with the existing Computing Policy Committee but was prepared to discuss the matter informally.

Regarding the terms of reference of the W.A.C. Bennett Endowment Fund, the President advised that the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, H. Weinberg, is currently looking at options for utilizing interest income, and will be surveying various groups across campus for specific uses in the areas of research and financial aid. Senators were invited to send any suggestions to H. Weinberg.

Individual totals:	Arrott	35
	Bursill-Hall	18
	Mackauer	34
	Weinkam	27

Three individuals receiving the highest numbers of votes and thereby declared elected:

A. S. ARROTT
 J.P.M. MACKAUER
 J. J. WEINKAM

One Lay Senator to replace S. Luetzen. Term of office is for two years, from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1981.

Ballots cast 38
 Ballots spoiled 0

Individual totals:	Luetzen	20
	Overholt	18

Individual receiving the higher number of votes and thereby declared re-elected: S. LUETZEN

One Student Senator to replace B. A. Holweg. Term of office is for two years, from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1981.

Re-elected by acclamation: B. A. HOLWEG

Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR)

One Senator at large to replace L. E. Thomas. Term of office is for two years, from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1981.

Ballots cast 38
 Ballots spoiled 0

Individual totals:	Einstein	18
	Thomas	20

Individual receiving the higher number of votes and thereby declared re-elected: L. E. THOMAS

One Student Senator to replace B. A. Holweg. Term of office is for two years, from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1981.

Ballots cast 38
 Ballots spoiled 0

Individual totals:	Holweg	27
	McNabb	11

Individual receiving the higher number of votes and thereby declared re-elected: B. A. HOLWEG

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

One Faculty Senator to replace J. D. Wyatt. Term of office is for two years, from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1981.

Ballots cast 38
Ballots spoiled 1

Individual totals: Keltner 9
Tuinman 28

Individual receiving the higher number of votes and thereby declared elected:

J. J. TUINMAN

Two Senators at large to replace M. C. Roberts and L. Resnick. Terms of office are for two years, from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1981.

Re-elected by acclamation:

L. RESNICK
M. C. ROBERTS

One Lay Senator to replace W.J.A. Rowe. Term of office is for two years, from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1981.

Elected by acclamation:

J. B. TOOR

Senate Library Committee (SLC)

Two Senators at large to replace J. Harrison and C. L. Kemp. Terms of office are for two years, from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1981.

Ballots cast 38
Ballots spoiled 3

Individual totals: Harrison 23
Kemp 29
Resnick 18

Two individuals receiving the highest numbers of votes and thereby declared re-elected:

J. HARRISON
C. L. KEMP

Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

Four Senators at large to replace G. H. Geen, J. J. Weinkam, J. J. Tuinman and H. Weinberg. Terms of office are for one year, from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1980.

Ballots cast 38
Ballots spoiled 0

Individual totals: Geen 37
Okuda 37
Tuinman 23
Weinberg 25
Weinkam 30

Four individuals receiving the highest numbers of votes and thereby declared elected:

G. H. GEEN
K. OKUDA
H. WEINBERG
J. J. WEINKAM

One Student Senator and one Student Senator Alternate to replace J. Harrison and G. T. McNabb. Terms of office are for one year from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1980.

Ballots cast 38
Ballots spoiled 4

Individual totals: Harrison 28
McNabb 24
Slay 16

Individual receiving the highest number of votes and thereby declared re-elected as the Regular Member:

J. HARRISON

Individual receiving the next highest number of votes and thereby declared re-elected as the Alternate Member:

G. T. McNABB

Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SCSAB)

One Faculty of Arts faculty member to replace M. A. Lebowitz. Term of office is for two years, from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1981.

Elected by acclamation:

H. J. M. JOHNSTON

One Faculty of Education faculty member to replace M. F. Wideen. Term of office is for two years from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1981.

Ballots cast 38
Ballots spoiled 0

Individual totals: Kendall 9
Wideen 29

Individual receiving the higher number of votes and thereby declared re-elected:

M. F. WIDEEN

One Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies faculty member to replace M. L. Benston. Term of office is for two years, from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1981.

Ballots cast 38
Ballots spoiled 1

Individual totals: Dickinson 15
Hindley 22

Individual receiving the higher number of votes and thereby declared elected:

M. P. HINDLEY

One Faculty of Science faculty member to replace C.H.W. Jones. Term of office is for two years, from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1981.

Ballots cast 38
Ballots spoiled 0

Individual totals: Cochran 9
Lachlan 15
Sherwood 14

Individual receiving the highest number of votes and thereby declared elected:

A. H. LACHLAN

One Lay Senator to replace D. C. Moffatt. Term of office is for two years, from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1981.

NO NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

One Lay Senator to replace W.J.A. Rowe. Balance term of office is from September 1, 1979 to September 30, 1980.

NO NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board (SUAB)

Two Student Senators and one Student Senator Alternate to replace J. Harrison, B. M. Wideen and J. Fisher. Terms of office are for one year, from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1980.

Ballots cast 38
Ballots spoiled 6

Individual totals: Fisher 25
Hinchcliffe 13
Wideen 26

Two individuals receiving the highest numbers of votes and thereby declared elected as the Regular Members:

B. M. WIDEEN
J. FISHER

Individual receiving the least number of votes and elected as the Alternate Member:

S. HINCHCLIFFE

ii) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

a) Paper S.79-82 - Faculty of Arts - Change in Group Requirements

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by M. Slay,

1. "That Senate approve change in the Faculty of Arts Group Requirements as follows:

That all Physical Geography courses (and courses which transfer as Physical Geography or Geology) be included under Group C only. The current SFU courses are GEOG 111, 112, 313, 314, 315, 317, 318, 413, 414, 415, 416, 418 and 419. These courses can NOT be used towards fulfilling Group B requirements.

Students may count a maximum total of 9 Geography credit hours towards fulfilling Arts Faculty Group B and C requirements.

That, if a student counts any Physical Geography course as Group C, the credit hours (up to a maximum of 6) will not be considered as Arts courses, and, therefore, will not count towards the 70 hours in Arts required for majors or the 82 hours required for honors. This applies only to Physical Geography courses used towards fulfilling Group C requirements."

2. (Subject to the approval of Motion 1)

"That the change in Faculty of Arts Group Requirements be applied commencing September 1979."

It was announced that S. Roberts was in attendance as the resource person from the Faculty of Arts.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTIONS 1 and 2 CARRIED

- b) Paper S.79-83 - GEOG 383-3 - Regional Planning I

Senate received a paper from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies providing information that SCUS has approved waiver of the time lag requirement to permit the offering of GEOG 383-3 in the Spring semester 80-1.

- c) Paper S.79-84 - New Course Proposal: CMPT 393-4 - Systems Software for Minicomputers and Microcomputers

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by T. Calvert,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors of the introduction of the new course CMPT 393-4 - Systems Software for Minicomputers and Microcomputers, as outlined in Paper S.79-84."

Note: SCUS has approved the waiver of the two semester time limit on the offering of new courses for CMPT 393-4, subject to the approval of the course by Senate and the Board of Governors.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Paper S.79-85 - CMNS 470-5 - Book Publishing in Canada

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by T. Calvert,

"That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, the proposed new course CMNS 470-5 - Book Publishing in Canada, as set forth in Paper S.79-85."

Note: Subject to approval of the course by Senate and the Board, SCUS has waived the time lag requirement to permit first offering in the Spring semester 1980.

Dr. R. Lorimer, the proposer of the course, was in attendance to respond to questions.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

e) Paper S.79-86 - Proposed Curriculum Changes, Department of Mathematics

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by J. Webster,

1. "That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, the proposed new courses and discontinuance of existing courses as specified in Paper S.79-86 and outlined below:

New Course Proposals	and	Discontinuance of Courses
MATH 251-3 - Calculus III	"	MATH 253-4
MATH 252-3 - Vector Calculus I	"	MATH 312-4
MATH 272-3 - Introduction to Probability and Statistics	"	MATH 371-3
MATH 313-3 - Vector Calculus II	"	(MATH 312-4)
MATH 314-3 - Boundary Value Problems	"	(MATH 413-4)
MATH 322-3 - Complex Variables	"	MATH 422-4*
MATH 342-3 - Elementary Number Theory	"	MATH 442-4
MATH 372-3 - Mathematical Statistics I	"	MATH 490-4
MATH 375-3 - Mathematical Statistics II	"	MATH 489-4
MATH 387-3 - Introduction to Stochastic Processes	"	MATH 486-4
MATH 415-3 - Ordinary Differential Equa- tions	"	MATH 413-4
MATH 418-3 - Partial Differential Equa- tions	"	MATH 414-4
MATH 419-3 - Linear Analysis	"	MATH 420-4
MATH 424-3 - Applications of Complex Analysis	"	MATH 422-4*
MATH 425-3 - Introduction to Metric Spaces	"	MATH 421-4
MATH 426-3 - Introduction to Lebesgue Theory	"	MATH 423-4
MATH 438-3 - Linear Algebra	"	MATH 431-4
MATH 439-3 - Introduction to Algebraic Systems	"	MATH 432-4

New Course Proposals	and	Discontinuanace of Courses
MATH 440-3 - Galois Theory		" MATH 433-4
MATH 444-3 - Topology		" MATH 441-4
MATH 472-3 - Linear Models in Stats.		" MATH 490-4
MATH 479-3 - Selected Topics: Stats.		
MATH 487-3 - Probability		(MATH 486-4)

Note: The Mathematics Department has presented a number of reasons for its proposed curriculum revisions. Among these are the following:

1. To facilitate transfer credit to and from colleges and other universities (by offering three rather than four semester hour courses and by arranging lower division sequences to consist of six semester hours in each of the 100 and 200 divisions)
2. To strengthen slightly the lower division requirements for Majors and Honors
3. To strengthen and extend the "service" functions of the Mathematics curriculum
4. To reduce overlap where it has developed in related courses
5. In a few instances to extend an "overcrowded" courses to two
6. To improve the transition from lower division to 400 division courses
7. On the basis of experience, student interest, and current faculty strengths to increase the coherence in several course sequences.

Professor C. Graham, representing the Department of Mathematics, was in attendance to respond to questions.

The Chairman noted that the presentation represented a considerable amount of effort.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION 1 CARRIED

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by J. Webster,

2. "That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, the proposed changes in requirements for a Major and for Honors in Mathematics, as set forth in Paper S.79-86."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION 2 CARRIED

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by J. Webster,

3. "That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, the proposed revisions to existing courses as set forth in Paper S.79-86 and specified below:

Revisions to Existing Courses; change in Prerequisites for:

1. Number, vector, prerequisite - MATH 480-3
2. Title and prerequisite - MATH 320-3
3. Description, syllabus, vector, prerequisite - MATH 467-3
4. Description and prerequisite - MATH 310-3
5. Vector - MATH 443-4
6. Change in prerequisites for MATH 242-3, 302-3, 361-3, 404-3, 466-4,

Note: Subject to approval of the new courses by Senate and the Board, SCUS has approved a waiver of the time lag to permit scheduling of the following courses in the Spring and Summer semesters of 1980:

Spring 80-1:

Summer 80-2:

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| MATH 251-3 - Calculus III | MATH 251-3 - Calculus III |
| MATH 426-3 - Intro. to Lebesgue Theory | MATH 252-3 - Vector Calculus I |
| MATH 439-3 - Intro. to Algebraic Systems | MATH 272-3 - Intro. to Prob. & Stats. |
| MATH 444-3 - Topology | MATH 314-3 - Boundary Value Problems |
| | MATH 342-3 - Elementary Number Theory |
| | MATH 440-3 - Galois Theory |

Members of SCUS were concerned that some students might possibly be disadvantaged by the offering of three credit courses in the Spring semester, particularly if they had been planning to take the four semester hour predecessor course or courses. Should this be the case it might be particularly awkward for a student very close to graduation. However, it was ascertained that in providing advance information about course offerings for this Spring semester 1980 the department has not listed any of the predecessor courses in the handbook and, therefore, the four courses for which a waiver has been granted will be offered in addition to those already listed and not as replacement for any course or courses a student could have been counting on. On this basis SCUS had no difficulty in granting the waiver.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION 3 CARRIED

- f) Paper S.79-87 - Changes in Science Curricula Requirements Resulting from Mathematics Curricula Changes

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by J. Webster,

"That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, changes in curriculum requirements in the Faculty of Science resulting from curriculum revisions in Mathematics and specified in Paper S.79-87:

Science Departments and Programs - Effects from Changes in Mathematics

- i) Biochemistry
1. Change to Major Program
 2. Change to Honors Program
 3. BICH 403-3 - Physical Chemistry, prerequisite change

- ii) Biophysics
 - 1. Change to Major Program
 - 2. Change to Honors Program
- iii) Chemistry
 - 1. Change to Major Program
 - 2. Change to Honors Program
- iv) Chemical Physics
 - 1. Change to Major Program
 - 2. Change to Honors Program
- v) Mathematical Physics
 - 1. Change to Honors Program
- vi) Physics
 - 1. Change to Major Program
 - 2. Change to Honors Program
 - 3. Prerequisite changes for PHYS 211-3, 221-3, 325-3, 344-3, 345-3, 355-3, 384-3, 385-3, 413-3, 425-3, 484-3, NUSC 485-3."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

g) Paper S.79-88 - Recommendations - Policy Guidelines for Grading Practices

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by A. Lachlan,

"That Senate approve, as set forth in S.79-88, the proposed Policy Guidelines for Grading Practices."

D. Birch commended the Secretary of Senate for his efforts in the preparation of the general background information contained on the covering sheet of Paper S.79-88.

Amendment was moved by T. McNabb, seconded by B. Holweg,

"That there be added to page 3, Section B. 4, 'Departments may have guidelines on expected distributions in particular types of courses; if so they will be made public prior to the beginning of the course and will be accompanied by a rationale for the expected distribution. Instructors may be required to justify major deviations from these norms.'"

T. McNabb explained that the amendment was intended to replace a statement which had been deleted from an earlier version of the proposed Guidelines to ensure that the intended practice is known in advance by the students. Following considerable discussion, the amendment was revised as follows:

"Should departments have guidelines on expected distributions in particular types of courses they will be made public prior to the beginning of the courses and be accompanied by a rationale for the expected distribution."

Extensive debate followed on this item concerning, in various ways:- ambiguity, meaning and intent; appropriateness of point of placement of the item in the document; the relationship of the item to the general tone of the document; the matter of to whom the instructor would provide justification for deviations; what constitutes rationale or justification; a variety of items.

Moved by A. Lachlan, seconded by M. Slay,

"That this item be referred back to SCUS for further consideration."

The intent was to refer back but to try to move the paper forward.

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

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

Following further debate, it was moved by F. Einstein, seconded by M. Slay,

"That this paper be referred back to the Committee with understanding there will be opportunity to raise issues on which there is concern."

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

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

Moved by F. Einstein, seconded by A. Lachlan,

"That Senate move into a committee of the whole."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CARRIED

Informal discussion was undertaken at 8:15 p.m. and at 8:27 p.m. it was moved by F. Einstein, seconded by A. Lachlan,

"That Senate move out of the committee of the whole."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

The Secretary provided a summary of the items, before and after motion to refer the whole paper back was made, noting that there was not necessarily consensus on these items:

The proposed original amendment and related questions as described in some detail previously; the possibility of requiring an instructor to provide feedback to students on grading; are the procedures/guidelines useful/or necessary; separating out clearly the responsibilities of the Dean - or not to separate; possible additional focus on refinements later on practicum courses; why is so much power with the Chairman or Dean; a suggestion for rephrasing of section IV.4 to give more power to the Chairman to make a decision on the grade without involving further re-evaluation by other than the instructor, with the student if not satisfied to then proceed to the Dean; a rewriting of the document for clarity and brevity (style) but making more clear the Dean's position; a request for decision making as close as possible to the source rather than up the line; satisfaction with the greater clarity of the responsibility of the Chairman in approving grade sheets; request that if instructors must return marked materials promptly students must submit assignments promptly. There was also some clear indication of support for the general paper as presented.

h) Paper S.79-89 - Extended Studies Diploma - Proposed Changes and Adjustments

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by J. Blaney,

"That Senate approve the proposed changes and adjustments for the Extended Studies Diploma as reflected on the document, page 6, revision approved by SCUS September 11, 1979 (S.79-89)."

A motion proposed by N. Swartz, "That the words 'in a person's lifetime' be stricken from the general requirements, as specified in section (c)(1) of the revision, was accepted as a friendly amendment.

D. Foth was asked to join the assembly to provide information required in connection with the submission. K. Okuda expressed concern relating to the amount of external work that might be applied towards the diploma requirements, and he was informed that of the 12 hours of transfer credit allowable, only six may be in the student's area of concentration, but a limit below that maximum was at the discretion of the faculty advisory committee. It was also explained that the faculty advisory committee is responsible for the approval of courses undertaken for a diploma program.

J. Blaney reported that the program has been operating successfully for two years and during that time only two problems have been encountered:

transfer credit before and after admission, and the amount of credit earned at SFU prior to admission to the diploma program. He stated that the proposed changes and adjustments contained in S.79-89 addressed those principles.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

a) Paper S.79-90 - Report to Senate - Special Topics Courses

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by R. Brown,

"That Senate delegate to SCUS the responsibility to receive, on a semester basis, reports from Deans of Faculties on topics covered under Special Topics."

J. Munro drew attention to the rationale contained on the covering page of S.79-90 and mentioned that approval of the motion would reduce the distribution of paper considerably.

N. Swartz and T. Arrott objected to being deprived of information regarding special topic offerings, and J. Munro countered that any interested Senator could ask to be placed on the SCUS distribution list at the time the reports are circulated.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees

a) Paper S.79-104 - Distinguished Visitor, Convocation Address, Honorary Degrees

Moved by M. Wideen, seconded by T. Calvert,

1. "That the present practice of having one person identified to be Distinguished Visitor, to receive an honorary degree, to deliver a Convocation address, be discontinued."
2. "That Senate continue to award honorary degrees to selected British Columbians and others."
3. "That the number of honorary degrees normally awarded annually at the Convocation ceremonies be from zero to six, with not more than two to be awarded to persons who are not British Columbians."

For information:

- (1) If this motion is approved members of the university community will be asked to submit nominations for honorary degree recipients for

1979/80 immediately to the Secretary of Senate, with intent to bring recommendations from the Committee to Senate at the November meeting. Nominations will be due not later than October 12.

- (2) The intent is to hold the Convocation ceremonies on campus in 1980.
- (3) The Committee has approved date of Saturday, June 7, 1980.

G. Bursill-Hall suggested that the custom of offering honorary degrees should be abandoned. T. Arrott felt there were advantages in the concept of a distinguished visitor especially when that person participates in various ways on campus in advance of Convocation day. J. Munro and M. Roberts believed a speech by a distinguished visitor improved the ceremony. A. Lachlan favored a Convocation address but opposed the awarding of honorary degrees.

There was general consent to proceed with the motions seriatim.

Moved by M. Wideen, seconded by T. Calvert,

1. "That the present practice of having one person identified to be Distinguished Visitor, to receive an honorary degree, to deliver a Convocation address, be discontinued."

T. Calvert suggested that the first motion would meet the interests of all. D. Birch proposed an amendment to delete the word "Distinguished" but to continue with "one or two persons," but this was not accepted by the Chair. D. Birch then gave notice that he would move a substitute motion if Motion 1 failed.

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

MOTION 1 FAILED

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by J. Webster,

"That the present practice be amended to allow one or two persons identified to be Distinguished Visitors, to receive honorary degrees, to deliver Convocation addresses."

K. Okuda suggested that it would be well to encourage greater faculty participation in the commencement exercises if two distinguished visitors are to be invited.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by M. Wideen, seconded by T. Calvert,

2. "That Senate continue to award honorary degrees to selected British Columbians and others."

A. Lachlan asked for reasons others saw for continuing to award honorary degrees, and T. Arrott offered educational, advertising, and monetary benefits. T. Calvert was convinced there were real benefits, such as better integration with the B.C. community, if recipients are carefully chosen, and he observed that past recipients have returned to walk in the processions. It was suggested that a full stop be placed after the words "honorary degrees," but it was agreed that the first motion clarified Senate policy.

In response to a question raised by N. Swartz the Secretary confirmed that "... and others" could be interpreted as "... and/or others."

Question was called on Motion 2, and a vote taken.

MOTION 2 CARRIED

Moved by M. Wideen, seconded by T. Calvert,

3. "That the number of honorary degrees normally awarded annually at the Convocation ceremonies be from zero to six with not more than two to be awarded to persons who are not British Columbians."

The Secretary explained that inasmuch as the Distinguished Visitor could be a British Columbian or from anywhere in the world the intent of the motion was to ensure that this provincial institution would include British Columbians in those selected for honorary degrees.

Question was called on Motion 3, and a vote taken.

MOTION 3 CARRIED

19 in favor

13 opposed

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

1) Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies

a) Paper S.79-91 - Special Topics Courses, 79-1, 79-2

Although the submission was presented to Senate for information, L. Resnick enquired as to the duties and responsibilities of the body in its perusal of such data. The Secretary explained that most departments utilize special topics courses to assess the appeal and demand of possible new course proposals, and to meet special interests. If the proposal proves to be successful, the course will then be formally presented to Senate for its approval of regular offering. Under current Senate regulations the special topics courses which have been scheduled in each Faculty are presented to Senate for information on a semester basis.

Attention was drawn to G.S. 410-3 - The Scientific Investigation of Psychic Phenomena, which L. Resnick said appeared to be a subject beyond the jurisdiction of any specific department. T. Calvert gave assurance that the proposal had been reviewed by the Faculty curriculum committee

with the intention of eventual regular offering in continuation of the 200 level proposal which is currently being reviewed by a sub-committee of SCAP/SCUS.

ii) Faculty of Arts

a) Paper S.79-103 - Proposed Change of Name - School of Economics and Commerce

Moved by R. Brown, seconded by K. Okuda,

"That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that the name of the 'School of Economics and Commerce' be changed to the 'School of Business Administration and Economics.'"

L. Pinfield joined the assembly to respond to any queries raised. It was confirmed that the change proposed in the title of the School had received overwhelming majority support at a departmental meeting. The Chairman commented that there was no problem anticipated in Universities Council accepting the revision.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by R. Brown, seconded by K. Okuda,

"That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that the name of the 'Department of Commerce' be changed to the 'Department of Business Administration.'"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

M. Slay asked that a by-election be put in flow immediately to replace student Senators who had become ineligible to continue in office, and the Secretary gave assurance that the necessary actions would be undertaken.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

T. Arrott gave notice of motion, "That no three hour lectures be scheduled for a Monday at this university," with the motion to be clarified.

9. INFORMATION

It was noted that the next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, November 5, 1979.

The assembly recessed briefly at 9:45 p.m., prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary