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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1987 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W. G, Chair

Arnold, T.	Barn, P.	Berggren, J.L.
Brown, R.	Busch, P.	Carr, S.
Cercone, N.	Clayman, B.	Cleveland, W.
Dobb, T.C.	Freedman, A.	George, D.
Goodman, D.	Heinrich, K.	Hoegg, J.L.
Irvine, R.	Ivany, G.	Kazepides, A.C.
Kennedy, P.	LeBon, C.	Love, E.
Mathewes, R.	Mauser, G.	Milton, S.
Nielsen, V.	Osborne, J.	Rae, B.
Salter, B.	Salter, L.	Schierer, A.
Slanz, P.	Strate, G.	Swartz, N.
Vining, A.	Warsh, M.	Weinberg, H.
Winne, P.	Wotherspoon, A.	

Heath, W.R., Secretary
Grant, B., Recording Secretary

In attendance:

Calvert, T. W.

Absent:	Almassy, E.	Barrow, R.	Cooper, A.
	D'Auria, J.	Magid, S.	Rieckhoff, K.
	Roberts, M.	Saunders, R.	Singh, M.
	Webster, J.		

The Chair introduced the the new Chancellor, Ms. B. Rae, welcomed new Senators and expressed appreciation to the retiring members for their efforts on behalf of Senate.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF MAY 11, 1987

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) The Chairman advised that votes were recorded in Senate Minutes in accordance with the Rules of Senate, Section IV, K.5. However, as a result of the concerns expressed at the last meeting, this issue has been referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Elections for consideration.

b) Referring of the status of reports presented to Senate for information, it was the view of the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules that Senate may accept or reject such a report. SCAR felt that Senate could make minor factual and editorial changes to the report but if the report was found to be unsatisfactory it should be referred back to committee with stated reasons and clear guidance as to the concerns of Senate. It was also the opinion of SCAR that the acceptance of a report for information does not necessarily mean that all recommendations or motions in the report are accepted. Individual items of concern or motions should be addressed on the floor of Senate and identified in the report.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

a) The Chairman advised that the University Advisory Council which was formed following the dissolution of UCBC has had an initial meeting but it is still unclear as to how the committee will operate. Senators were reminded that the Vice-President Academic, Dr. G. Ivany, is the University's representative on this new committee.

b) As a result of the financial crisis over the past several years, the three Provincial universities have joined together and identified common ground with the Government on issues of general concern such as the basic budget and core funding. This has resulted in monthly meetings of the three Presidents, Vice-Presidents of Finance and Vice-Presidents, Academic.

c) The Chairman reported that Simon Fraser University's representative on the Premier's Council on Science is Dr. John Borden of Biological Sciences.

d) The Chairman expressed his pleasure on the return of S. Hagen to his portfolio as Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training. He felt Mr. Hagen had demonstrated an extraordinary level of accessibility and willingness to respond to the concerns of the University and the university system as a whole, and he expressed optimism for continued support from that office.

e) Senate was informed that SFU's national fundraising campaign "Bridge to the Future" was officially off the ground. A national committee of 33 outstanding community leaders from across Canada, headed by Sam Belzberg in Vancouver, has been established and the quiet solicitation of major donors has begun. The Chairman indicated that, as President, the campaign will have to take priority on his time and, since a good proportion of the funds will be raised from eastern Canada, he expected to spend considerable time off campus with organizations and individuals trying to raise the 33 million dollars which has been set as the target. The Chairman noted that the Alumni Association has done an outstanding job of fundraising in their recent solicitation of funds.

f) Senate was informed that Simon Fraser University had received "in principle" approval from Burnaby Council to proceed with a feasibility study for the SFU Village which would be combination of student housing, a small conference hotel facility and market housing. Once the results of this feasibility study are known, broader planning would take place.

g) Referring to the public announcement about the distribution of the Funds for Excellence money to the three universities, the Chairman wished to clarify for Senate that although it appeared in the press that UBC had received a disproportionate amount, if viewed over the two years that the funds have been in existence, the combined average works out to the historical portion of the operating grants that have been given to the universities.

h) Senate was informed that enrolment both in head count and FTE has increased by approximately 7%. The Chairman indicated this increase has caused a lot of problems in and out the classroom and it was his intent to raise the issue at his next meeting with the Minister.

i) Senate was informed of the following administrative changes: (i) Dr. J. Webster, Acting Dean of Science; (ii) resignation of Dr. C. LeBon as Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration, effective November 1, 1987; (iii) the Dean of Arts' term of office comes to an end on August 31, 1988. Search committees will be established in these three areas and a call for election to these committees has been initiated.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEESa) SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEEi) Paper S.87-14 - Elections

The following are the results of elections to fill vacancies on the undernoted Senate Committees:

Senate Committee on Academic Discipline (SCAD)

One Senator at-large to replace J. Osborne, as Chair, for one-year term of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988.

Elected by acclamation: A. Vining

One Faculty member to replace M. Roberts for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation: P. Warwick

One Faculty Member (Alternate) to replace P. Kennedy for one-year term of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988.

Elected by acclamation: G. Mauser

Senate Committee on Academic Planning (SCAP)/Senate Committee on University Budget (SCUB)

Two Senators at-large to replace D. Goodman and K. Rieckhoff for two-year terms of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation: D. Goodman
L. Salter

One Senator at-large to replace S. Verdun-Jones for term of office from September 1, 1987 to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation: G. Strate

One Lay Senator to replace V. Nielsen for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation: M. Warsh

One Student Senator to replace R. Irvine for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1989.

Ballots cast: 38

Ballots spoiled: 2

Individual totals: P. Busch 15
R. Irvine 21

Individual receiving the higher number of votes and declared elected: R. Irvine

Senate Committee on Agenda & Rules (SCAR)

One Senator at-large to replace M. Singh for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation:

A.C. Kazepides

One Student Senator to replace S. Magid for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation:

A. Schierer

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

Two Senators at-large to replace P. Winne and E. Love for terms of office from September 1, 1987 to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation:

K. Heinrich

M. Roberts

One Lay Senator to replace M. Warsh for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation:

V. Nielsen

One Faculty Senator to replace J. Dickinson for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1988.

No nominations received

(vacant)

Senate Committee on Honorary Degree (SCHD)

One Student Senator to fill an existing vacancy for no specified term of office.

Elected by acclamation:

S. Magid

Senate Library Committee (SLC)

Two Senators at-large to replace J. Osborne and L. Salter for two-year terms of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation:

A. Freedman

M. Roberts

Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

Three Senators at-large to replace R. Barrow, M. Roberts and J.L. Berggren for one-year terms of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988.

Elected by acclamation:

R. Barrow

J.L. Berggren

Insufficient nominations received

(vacant)

One Senator at-large to replace S. Verdun-Jones for term of office, from September 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988.

Elected by acclamation:

D. Goodman

One Student Senator to replace P. Slanz for one-year term of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988.

No nominations received

(vacant)

One Student Senator Alternate to replace S. Wright for one-year term of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988.

No nominations received

(vacant)

Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries (SPCSAB)

One Faculty Senator, as Chair, to replace P. Kennedy for three-year term of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1990.

Elected by acclamation: P. Kennedy

Three Faculty Members at-large to replace C.E. Love, R. Marx and M. Singh for two year terms of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation: K. Heinrich
E. Love

Insufficient nominations received (vacant)

One Lay Senator to replace V. Nielsen for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation: V. Nielsen

One Student at-large to replace M. Hollingshead for one-year term of office from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988. (Nominations for this position will be provided by the Student Society and forwarded to the SNC by the Registrar's Office)

No nominations received (vacant)

Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee (SUAAC)

One Faculty Member at-large to replace J. Osborne for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation: J. Osborne

Two Students at-large to replace D. Thomson and to fill an existing vacancy for one-year terms of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988. (Nominations for these positions will be provided by the Student Society and forwarded to the SNC by the Registrar's Office).

No nominations received (vacant)

Senate Graduate Awards Adjudication Committee (SGAAC)

One Faculty Member at-large to replace E. Boyanowsky for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation: B. Thomson

Two Students at-large to replace E. Balka and A. Cadavid for one-year terms of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988. (Nominations for these positions will be provided by the Student Society and forwarded to the SNC by the Registrar's Office).

No nominations received (vacant)

Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board (SUAB)

Two Student Senators to replace B. Salter and S. Wright for one-year terms of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988.

Elected by acclamation: P. Slanz
A. Schierer

One Student Senator Alternate to replace P. Slanz for one-year term of office, from October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988.

No nominations received

(vacant)

b) SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

i) Paper S.87-15 - Graduate Grade Deferrals

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by N. Cercone,

"That the Graduate Regulation 1.5.1, paragraph four, be changed to: In exceptional circumstances, the grade for a course may be deferred. This shall be entered as DE in the student's record. If the grade is not received by the Supervisor of Graduate Studies by the end of the third week of the next semester, the DE grade will automatically be converted to an F. When the grade for a course is not deferred and no grade is received by the Supervisor-Graduate Studies, the notation N will be placed in the student's record. For the purposes of calculating the CGPA, N counts for 0 points."

B. Clayman introduced the paper by providing information with respect to grade deferral policies at other B.C. universities and a brief rationale for the proposed change.

Amendment moved by N. Swartz, seconded by R. Brown

"That the revised regulation include provision for grades to be extended beyond the three week period with the concurrence of the Dean of Graduate Studies"

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

In opposition to the motion, concerns were expressed that the proposed change did not address inequities in the present grading system and would not improve the quality of the graduate programs at Simon Fraser. It was felt that the length of a grade deferral should be negotiated on an individual basis between a professor and a student and thus there was no need to change the present policy.

Speaking in favour of the motion, it was pointed out that the University operates on a semester system and courses should be designed to be completed within that time frame. In the current system, many students with deferred grades from one semester end up with a double load of courses to complete at the end of the next

semester, and it was pointed out that the proposed three week period allowed a student the opportunity to do some concentrated work during a semester break without adding to their course load in the next semester.

With the consent of Senate, Mr. N. Quiroqa, President of the Student Society, addressed the assembly and pointed out that the Student Society was strongly opposed to the motion and felt that the issue should be left with individual departments.

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

MOTION AS AMENDED
FAILED

ii) Paper S.87-16 -Change in General Reulations 1.4.2 (Registration) and 1.8.3 (Withdrawal from Courses and from the University)

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by S. Carr,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.87-16, the proposed changes to the General Regulations - Graduate Studies:

Change 1.4.2 to -
Registration

All students should arrive on campus one week before the beginning of classes in each semester. Registration takes place during that week. The course or thesis work for which the student registers must have the approval of the Chairman of his Graduate Program Committee and of his Senior Supervisor once the Senior Supervisor is appointed. Students who are going on leave are required to register.

Change 1.8.3 to -

Withdrawal from Courses and from the University

Permission of the Senior Supervisor and the Chairman of the Graduate Program Committee is required to withdraw from a course. If the Senior Supervisor is not yet appointed, permission of the Chairman of the Graduate Program Committee is required. If such permission is granted, a student may withdraw from a course without academic penalty up to the end of the ninth week of classes in any semester."

T. Arnold, speaking on behalf of E. Almassy who was unable to attend the

meeting, expressed concerns about the discriminatory language contained in the document, i.e. "he/his", "Chairman" etc., and proposed a friendly amendment to eliminate such language. There were no objections to the proposal. The Chairman expressed it was his hope that the University, as a whole, would make every effort to ensure that such language was eliminated from the Calendar and other publications as new editions were published.

Concern was expressed that the proposed change allowed the Chair of a Graduate Program to act on his/her own without the approval of the Graduate Program Committee. A brief discussion followed.

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

MOTION AS AMENDED
CARRIED

iii) Paper S.87-17 - Revised Terms of Reference for Special Arrangements for Graduate Studies

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by A. Wotherspoon,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.87-17, the revised Terms of Reference for Special Arrangements for Graduate Studies as outlined in the attached paper"

A suggestion by H. Weinberg to delete Section 3.(g) of the Terms of Reference was accepted as a friendly amendment.

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

MOTION AS AMENDED
CARRIED

iv) Paper S.87-18 - History - Curriculum Revision - Change to the second language requirement

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by J. Osborne,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.87-18, the proposed change in the Department of History:

Delete: The Department will require a reading knowledge of any language relevant to the student's research. Students proposing to study Canadian History must demonstrate an ability to read French.

Add: Students will be required to demonstrate a reading ability in one language, other than English, that is acceptable to the Supervisory Committee. Students proposing to study Canadian History must demonstrate an ability to read French. Ability will be determined by a time-limited examination consisting of the translation of a passage of history in the particular language. A dictionary will be permitted"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

c) SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

i) Paper S.87-19 - Revised Library Loan Policy (For Information)

The Chairman indicated that the Report of the Senate Library Committee was before Senate for information and a motion to receive the Paper was moved and seconded.

Upon approval of Senate, T. Calvert, Vice-President, Research and Information Systems joined the meeting and, at the request of the Chairman, presented a brief update on the activities of the Library. Senate was informed that the Senate Library Committee was in the process of reviewing the external review report of the Library that was conducted several years ago and hoped to present Senate with an evaluation at a later meeting. It was noted that the primary collection which includes monographs has been doing quite well and all special requests have been met over the past year. However, there are concerns with the serial collection as it is difficult to add new subscriptions due to budget constraints and therefore many journals that should be in the Library, are not. It is hoped the report of the SLC will address alternatives in this regard. T. Calvert reported that the catalogue and loans system is now available on computer and it is hoped that the ability to access the catalogue from home/office computers will be in operation some time in October. He was pleased to report that statistics indicate that Simon Fraser is one of major users in Canada of electronic resources.

H. Weinberg expressed frustration about the Bookstore's policy of reducing departmental orders for the number of books required for courses and asked the Vice-President to comment on this. T. Calvert responded that there had been a major turnover in staff and that completely new procedures have been put in place. Regular meetings between Departmental Assistants and the Manager of the Bookstore seem to be working out quite well. He noted that the Canadian book publishing industry is not easy to deal with and suggested that frustrations and complaints should be brought to the attention of the appropriate person(s) as soon

as possible. He also indicated that he, T. Dobb and the Manager of the Bookstore would be happy to meet with departments to discuss their concerns.

Discussion then turned to Senate Paper S.87-19 and concerns were expressed with the wording of Point 10 on page 3 which appeared to place responsibility on the borrower to ensure that there were no outstanding recall requests and to obtain information regarding return procedures during disruptions of normal Library services. Point 2 had been modified to eliminate this responsibility from the borrower under regular circumstances but Point 10 had not been clarified in the same way. It was suggested that users of the Library should accept some responsibility and during service disruptions this procedure did not seem unreasonable. A notice would be published at the time of disruption reminding Library users of their obligations.

Moved by E. Love, seconded by N. Swartz

"That the report be referred back to the Senate Library Committee in order to have the wording of Point 10 made clearer in its intent"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER
FAILED

The Chair interpreted the defeat of the motion to mean acceptance of the report by Senate but urged the Senate Library Committee to consider Senate's concerns on this issue.

d) SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

i) Paper S.87-20 - Transfer Credit for Bachelor of Applied Sciences

Moved by D. George, seconded by N. Cercone,

"That Senate approve, as set out in S.87-20, that students in the B.A.Sc. program be permitted to transfer a further 20 semester hours of credit in Engineering Science in addition to the normal limit of 60 semester hours of course credit"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

8. INFORMATION

- a) The date of the next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 1987.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 8:40 p.m.

W. R. Heath
Secretary of the Senate