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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1988 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present:

Saywell, W., Chair

Bains, H.
Barrow, R.
Beedie, R.
Berggren, J.L.
Cercone, N.
Clayman, B.
Covell, M.
Di Fonzo, R.
Djwa, S.
Freedman, A.
George, D.
Goodman, D.
Hoegg, J.L.
Horn, C.
Ivany, G.
Jones, C.
Kazepides, A.C.
Kennedy, P.
Maaske, R.
MacDonald, C. (representing T. Dobb)
Mathewes, R.
McGivern, R.
Nicol, I.
Nielsen, V.
Nyvik, S.
Palmer, L.
Pinfield, L.
Reilly, N.
Rieckhoff, K.
Shannon, D.
Shapiro, S.
Strate, G.
Swartz, N.
Tjosvold, D.
Warsh, M.
Weinberg, H.
Winne, P.
Wotherspoon, A.

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

Absent:

Bralic, V.
Cleveland, W.
D'Auria, J.
Fitzsimmons, C.
Mauser, G.
Rae, B.
Rashed, S.
Salter, L.
Saunders, R.
Shickele, J.
Tuinman, J.
Verdun-Jones, S.

In attendance:

Heath, N.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF OCTOBER 3, 1988

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Referring to Page 3 of the Minutes under the report of the Vice-President of Finance, inquiry was made as to how a separate financial statement with regard to the financial impact of Harbour Centre could be brought before Senate. The Chair felt that it probably was possible for a separate statement to be presented at the same time of year as the Financial Statement for the University was presented to Senate but he would like to consult with P. Boyle, the new Vice-President of Finance and would report back to Senate.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair introduced and welcomed on behalf of Senate, newly elected Convocation Senator, D. Shannon and newly elected Student Senator R. Di Fonzo

The Chair reported that the University had passed the half way mark towards the $32 million dollar goal of its fundraising campaign. He went on to say his energies would continue to be devoted to the campaign until sometime in the new year and expressed opinion that the benefits of this exercise were not only limited to actual donations but could be viewed as a public relations process as it provided a good opportunity to promote the University to the external community.

i) Paper S.88-34 - Membership on Senate - Vice-President Research and Information Systems and Vice-President SFU Harbour Centre

Moved by G. Ivany, seconded by H. Weinberg

> "that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 34(1)(l) of the University Act, the Vice-President, Research and Information Systems hold membership on Senate, with such membership adding two faculty members to be elected under Section 34(1)(g), and one student member to be elected under Section 34(1)(h),
> and, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 34(1)(l) of the University Act, the Vice-President, Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre hold membership on Senate, with such membership adding two faculty members to be elected under Section 34(1)(g), and one student member

to be elected under Section 34(1)(h).
The membership is to be effective November 1, 1988"

The Chair briefly introduced the paper by stating that he felt it was very important that the two areas represented by the offices of the two Vice-Presidents be part of the main legislative body of the University, and he felt the addition of these two positions would not change the personality of Senate.

In opposition to the motion, concerns were expressed that the areas of responsibility of these particular Vice-Presidents do not fall within the jurisdiction of Senate as specified under the University Act and that the addition of these two senior administrators would add to the perception held by some faculty members that there has been an increase in centralization in the decision-making process at the University. It was also noted that by virtue of the University Act, the addition of two administrators required the addition of four faculty members and two students thus increasing Senate's size by approximately fifteen percent and suggestion was made that debate might become cumbersome by the increase in numbers.

In favour of the motion, opinions were expressed that the addition of these two senior administrators provided a good opportunity for individuals on Senate to have their views heard, would assist in improved communication between Senate and the administration, and in fact would provide the Vice-Presidents with an enriched perspective about the University and its various academic programs.

It was stressed that, while the academic responsibility for programs and courses remains with the Deans, Departments and Faculties, the Vice-President of Harbour Centre is totally responsible for the development of the Downtown Centre and the academic planning activities of the Downtown Planning Committee will be influenced by the Vice-President of Harbour Centre as Chair of that Committee. It was also pointed out that in addition to having responsibility for the Library, the Vice-President Research and Development also has a mandate with regard to the establishment of Research Centres and Institutes under Policy AC 35 which involves academic decisions as to whether such proposals should or should not come to Senate. In that sense, it was very important that these two offices should be accountable and part of Senate.

Question was called, and a vote taken. MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.88-41 - Report of the Provincial Access Committee

G. Ivany introduced the paper by providing brief background information. He

explained that what started out as a ten-year planning exercise of the Premier's Office involved setting up a number of committees in the Province, including the creation of the Joint Planning and Articulation Committee (JPAC) as an advisory committee to the Minister. An Access Committee was also set up to provide a special report to JPAC and the Ministry on access. The Access Committee was further broken down into subcommittees created in each of the eight regional Ministries of State with the intent that each regional committee should provide a subcommittee report to be melded into one document called Access to Advanced Education and Job Training in British Columbia. The document on Access is now before each post-secondary institution for input of views and concerns. This input will then be considered by the Joint Planning and Articulation Committee for presentation to the Ministry. An open forum scheduled for November 9th will provide opportunity for the University community to participate in the feedback process.

The Chair expressed opinion that the question of how we are going to improve access to post-secondary education at the degree granting level in particular will be one of the most important issues and concerns of higher education in the province over the next five to ten years. It is his belief that the Province ought to do everything within its power to increase the opportunities for post-secondary education for all individuals regardless of their age or where they live. However, he did not believe the solutions or ideas currently under consideration are necessarily the right ones or that they have been given correct priority. He went on to explain that the creation of a university college component or the creation of a degree granting university must be done in collaboration with the existing universities to ensure that a perception that there are two classes of degree granting institutions does not become a reality. He went on to say he would fully support such opportunities but believed, if it is to be done properly, it is absolutely critical that the current university system is appropriately funded and their financial resources fully restored.

Brief discussion followed with regard to the background of some of the recommendations in the Report.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a) Senate Nominating Committee
Paper S.88-35 - Elections

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

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING STUDIES (SCCS)

One Faculty Senator to replace J. Osborne for two-year term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1990.

No nominations received: VACANT

One Student Senator Alternate to fill an existing vacancy for two-year term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1990.

Elected by acclamation: R. DI FONZO

SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE (SLC)/LIBRARY PENALTIES APPEAL COMMITTEE (LPAC)

One Student Senator Alternate to fill an existing vacancy for two-year term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1990.

Elected by acclamation: R. DI FONZO

SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD (SUAB)

One Student Senator Alternate to fill an existing vacancy for one-year terms of office, from date of election to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation: R. DI FONZO

ELECTORAL STANDING COMMITTEE (ESC)

One Senator at-large to replace A. Vining for no specified term of office.

No nominations received: VACANT

SENATE UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE (SUAAC)

One student at-large to replace S. Carr whose term of office expired on September 30, 1988 for term of office from date of election to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation: R. MAASKE

SENATE GRADUATE AWARDS ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE (SGAAC)

One student at-large to replace R. McGivern whose term of office expired on September 30, 1988 for term of office from date of election to September 30, 1989.

Elected by acclamation: L. BUTT

b) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING

i) Paper S.88-36 - Change of name of the Extended Studies Diploma to Post Baccalaureate Diploma

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by J.L. Hoegg,

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.88-36 the proposal to change the name of the Extended Studies Diploma to

Post Baccalaureate Diploma"

J.L. Hoegg introduced the paper by stating that the proposed name change would more clearly reflect the post baccalaureate nature of the extended studies diploma, would carry a stronger recognition of the type of study involved, and would be more effective in improving the marketing of these programs in the downtown community.

In response to an inquiry, Senate was assured that recognition of the status of the Extended Studies Diploma will be carried on in the Calendar for existing and prior students who have received that credential. A suggestion that students be offered the opportunity to opt for the new Diploma was be taken under advisement.

Question was called, and a vote taken. MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.88-37 - Enrolment Limitation for 1989-1 and 1989-2

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by R. Brown,

> "that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.88-37 that the Registrar set targets of 950 new undergraduate registrants for 1989-1 and 600 for 1989-2. Any resulting reductions will be accomplished following the methodology employed in September 1988"

G. Ivany introduced the paper by informing Senate that the proposal represents the need to register students in January and April prior to the full debate of the report from the Task Force on University Size and that the methodology previously employed would again be used for Spring and Summer 1989. The draft report on enrolment from the Task Force will be distributed to the University community for feedback within the next few days with intent to have a full debate and action by Senate at the January meeting.

In opposition to the motion, the premise that the University does not have the resources for the current number of students represented was questioned.

Question was called, and a vote taken. MOTION CARRIED

c) Senate Committee on Continuing Studies
i) Paper S.88-38 - Annual Report

In response to an inquiry as to why Senate received such a Report, it was

pointed out that its purpose was to inform Senate of events offered under the name of the University that do not necessarily go through individual academic departments and faculties. In response to an inquiry as to why regular undergraduate extension credit courses taught in the evening were labelled as continuing studies, it was noted that extension was not meant in the context of the more restricted view at some other institutions but rather was intended to provide Senate with an overall view of all offerings whether they be credit or non-credit, day or evening courses. Following a brief discussion, the Annual Report was received by Senate for information.

d) Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board
i) Paper S.88-39 - Academic Continuance, Readmission

Moved by G. Ivany, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

> "that Senate approve the changes described in document SUAB 184 (revised) namely:
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> a) elimination of the standing 'On Academic Warning' and its replacement by the standing 'On Academic Probation'; and
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> b) appeals for readmission by students who had been withdrawn for academic reasons (Required to Withdraw etc.) would normally be considered only for the Summer Semester; and
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> c) requests for transfer credit for students who had been withdrawn for academic reasons will be reviewed only after a student has been readmitted and will be granted, subject to the approval of the student's major department or faculty, only if the grades achieved at the transferring institution are well above average and the course content does not overlap with credit previously earned; and
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> d) that these changes be shown in the forthcoming Calendar for implementation in the Fall semester 1989"

N. Heath, Director of Admissions introduced the paper by providing background information and rationale for each section of the proposed changes.

In response to a concern expressed about good students who have had to withdraw because of health or financial reasons and then end up with a low GPA, and whether or not there would be some way to distinguish between

this type of student who applies for readmission and the student who can not perform academically, it was pointed out that the category of withdrawal WE, WD would apply to such students and would not effect the GPA. It was suggested that the regulations for withdrawal under extenuating circumstances be brought more clearly to the attention of faculty and students.

Moved by I. Nicol, seconded by A. Wotherspoon,

> "that the motion be divided to allow Senate to consider Section a) separately from the rest of the document"

Question was called on the motion to divide, and a vote taken. MOTION TO DIVIDE CARRIED

Opinions expressed in opposition to the motion advanced that removal of academic warning was detrimental to students and of no great benefit to those students coming up from high schools or colleges.

Those speaking in favour of the motion felt that given the enrolment pressures, it was of greater benefit to provide spaces to students with the likelihood of success than to retain marginal students for one semester longer.

In response to an inquiry as to whether or not the Task Force on University Size had considered this issue, G. Ivany indicated that the motion actually arises out of considerations by the Task Force, but since it was felt to be an item which could stand alone it was decided to present it to Senate prior to the full report. Inquiry was also made as to the status of a proposal to change the regulation regarding duplication of courses and the continuance standard of 2.0. R. Heath explained the recommendation made by SUAB was referred to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies. The proposal has been circulated to individual Faculty Curriculum Committees and the Student Society for input prior to being placed on a SCUS agenda.

Question was called on Section a) of the Motion, and a vote taken. SECTION A) CARRIED

Moved by G. Ivany, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

> "approval of Section d)"

Question was called, and a vote taken. SECTION D) CARRIED

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

"approval of Section b) and c)"

It was suggested that the phrase "well above average" was too vague and would be open to interpretation. N. Heath pointed out that the support papers specify that well above average means B- or better.

Moved by R. Brown, seconded by A. Wotherspoon,

"that Section c) be amended as follows: requests for transfer credit for students who had been withdrawn for academic reasons will be reviewed only after a student has been readmitted and will be granted, subject to the approval of the student's major department or faculty, if the grades achieved at the transferring institution are B- or better and the course content does not overlap with credit previously earned"

Question was called on the amendment,
and a vote taken. MOTION TO AMEND SECTION C) CARRIED

Moved by A. Wotherspoon, seconded by I. Nicol,

"that motion be divided to allow Senate to consider Sections b) and c) separately"

Question was called on the motion to divide,
and a vote was taken. MOTION TO DIVIDE CARRIED

Discussion turned to Section b) and concerns were expressed about the limitation of course offerings in the Summer and the extra burden placed on many students who work during the summer which is traditionally the period student jobs are available. Suggestion was made that rather than regulate this practice, students could be informed that their chances of readmission would be greater in the summer than in other semester.

Question was called on Section b) of the motion,
and a vote was taken. SECTION B) FAILED

Question was called on Section c) as amended,
and a vote was taken. SECTION C) AS AMENDED CARRIED

e) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules
i) Paper S.88-40 - Student Representatives - SPCSAB, SUAAC, SGAAC

Moved by G. Ivany, seconded by P. Kennedy

"that the memberships of the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, the Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee, and the Senate Graduate Awards Adjudication Committee be changed as follows:

Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Members	Conditions	Term
One Undergraduate Student and One Graduate Student	Named by Student Society	1 year

Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee

Members	Conditions	Term
Undergraduate Student	As on the SPCSAB	1 year
Student	Named by Student Society	1 year

Senate Graduate Awards Adjudication Committee

Members	Conditions	Term
Graduate Student	As on the SPCSAB	1 year
Student	Names by the Student Society	1 year

As a result of a brief discussion the following changes were accepted as friendly amendments:

Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee

Members	Conditions	Term
Undergraduate Student	As on the SPCSAB	1 year
Undergraduate Student	Named by Student Society	1 year

Senate Graduate Awards Adjudication Committee

Members	Conditions	Term
Graduate Student	As on the SPCSAB	1 year
Graduate Student	Named by the Student Society	1 year

Question was called on the amended motion, and a vote taken. MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS
There was no other business.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION
There were no notices of motion.

8. INFORMATION
The date of the next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 1989.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 10:00 p.m.

W. Ronald Heath,
Secretary of the Senate