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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1989 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.
OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W.G., Chair

Barrow, R.
Berggren, J.L.
Blaney, J.
Brown, R.
Clayman, B.
Covell, M.
Dickinson, J.
Di Fonzo, R.
Djwa, S.
Dobb, T.
Freedman, A.
George, D.
Giffen, K.
Goodman, D.
Hoechsmann, M.
Hoegg, J.L.
Ivany, G.
Jones, C.
Kazepides, A.
Kennedy, P.
Mauser, G.
Mathewes, R.
Nielsen, V.
Nyvik, S.
Palmer, L.H.
Pinfield, L.
Rieckhoff, K.
Rudrum, A.
Saunders, R.
Shannon, D.
Shapiro, S.
Swartz, N.
Verdun-Jones, S.
Warsh, M.
Weinberg, H.
Weldon, L.
Wotherspoon, A.

Absent: Bedford, B.
Beedie, R.
Carlson, R.
Cerccone, N.
Cleveland, W.
D'Auria, J.
Fitzsimmons, C.
Gill, P.
Khosla, S.
Maaske, R.
McGivern, R.
Nicol, I.
Rae, B.
Rashed, S.
Reilly, N.
Salter, L.
Shickele, J.
Strate, G.
Tjosvold, D.
Tuinman, J.
Winne, P.

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF MARCH 6, 1989

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

i) Senate Membership

On behalf of Senate, the Chair welcomed new Senator M. Hoechsmann to the meeting.

ii) Report on Government Initiatives

The Chair reported that the Government intended, over the next six years, beginning in the 89-90 fiscal year, to initiate a policy with appropriate capital and operating support funding to increase participation rates in post-secondary education in British Columbia. At the undergraduate level, this initiative would add 15,000 full-time equivalent positions in the colleges and the universities; at the graduate level, approximately 1,800 full-time equivalent positions would be added to the universities. To achieve this aim at the undergraduate level over such a short time frame, the Government has announced a university-college program in connection with three colleges - Cariboo at Kamloops, Okanagan at Kelowna, and Malaspina in Nanaimo. This new university-college program will create an academic stream in those colleges with third year university courses being offered as early as September 1989 and fourth year courses the following year. Students will then be able to obtain a full Bachelor's degree in those colleges in certain disciplines. The designated colleges will form a partnership with one or more of the three public institutions in which the universities will attempt to assist the colleges in the hiring of new faculty, the development of new curriculum, and the maintenance of academic standards. However, faculty members will be employees of the colleges rather than the universities. The ultimate degree attained by a student in a university-college program will have a distinctive designation that will clearly indicate the partnership that has been involved. The co-operating universities will acquire some financial assistance in terms of the overhead and extra costs associated with the partnership and, in due course, other colleges may be designated to this kind of status.

With regard to the Prince George area and the possible creation of a fourth independent university, the Government has not yet made a final recommendation in this regard. A committee has been established to determine the exact designation with decision expected by the end of the calendar year.

In the case of Simon Fraser University, the demands from our own demographical area have convinced the Government to explicitly mandate Simon Fraser University to focus on the immediate geographic vicinity, to grow much more rapidly than the other two universities, and to collaborate with Douglas College, Kwantlen College and Fraser Valley College in order to plan ways in which this University can independently and ^{in collaboration} ~~collaborately~~ deal with the growth and demand for post-secondary education anticipated from this area over the next six years. The Government has requested a detailed plan relating to that mandate by the end of the calendar year from the University. Discussions in this regard will begin with the Colleges in question as soon as possible.

One possibility open to Simon Fraser University is to recognize its limitations and grow modestly on this campus but develop a full Simon Fraser University satellite campus somewhere to the east of Burnaby. In meetings with the University community, the Chair indicated that there has been a positive feeling that the University has traditionally been responsive to the issue of accessibility and that it ought to do its best to continue to meet public demands.

Referring to the proposed 15,000 new full-time equivalent positions at the undergraduate level, the Chair indicated that about one-third of that total are expected to fall within the jurisdiction of the three universities. This would represent a level of growth of approximately 35-40% to Simon Fraser University. It is expected that SFU will also have increased placements at the graduate level. It is expected that resources in terms of faculty members, support staff, and other resources needed to operate the University would increase roughly in ratio to the anticipated growth over the next five or six year period.

The Chair expressed opinion that Minister Hagen had done an outstanding job in taking the concerns of the universities to Cabinet and persuading the Cabinet to give such high priority to post-secondary education. He felt the Government's response was a positive move and looked forward to exploring and planning the possibilities and options available to the University in the future.

In response to an inquiry with regard to plant expansion on campus, the Chair reported that the Applied Sciences building will open this September and the move of Engineering Science and Computing Science into the new building will create space for other moves on campus. The second building which has been approved is the Institute of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry. Planning money is available and it is expected that the facility will be ready by September 1991. The next building priority is the Management Sciences

Building which is essentially for Business and Economics and will create the largest single bulk of new space on campus. With regard to residential space, the Chair reported that the only way for universities to achieve additional residential space is through self-funding. Simon Fraser has not been able to develop such a fund from existing rents because of the decrease in demand of residential space over the summer months and the lack of conference trade due to Simon Fraser University's location and poor conference facilities. Should the project be finalized, it is conceived that the income from the creation of Simon Fraser University Village could be used to develop further student housing but negotiations are still in progress between the University and Burnaby with regard to that project. Even though the universities have succeeded in changing Government policy to allow the inclusion of student housing in capital requests, the demand for additional classroom space, laboratory space, etc. has to take priority at the present time. One alternative open to the University is to dispose of some of its land which is extraneous to main campus life. The use of Harbour Centre facilities was also being considered as another possible way of absorbing some of the growth on a temporary basis.

In response to an inquiry concerning recently approved restrictions on enrolment, G. Ivany indicated that in light of the current increase in resources, the recommendations would have to be re-examined and brought back to Senate. However, because admissions for Fall are currently in progress, a recommendation to retain the same level of enrolment as previous Fall Semesters will likely come forward to the next meeting of Senate for consideration.

It was noted that the original architectural design of Simon Fraser University had encapsulated a certain educational philosophy with small classrooms and small tutorial rooms, and inquiry was made as to whether there are plans to shift that design philosophy into larger lecture theatres. R. Saunders indicated that larger lecture theatres were needed because the existing ones are currently taken up by block scheduling and that the University will determine the mix required for other size rooms and will build accordingly. The Chair added that the planning process will be determined to a large extent by individual Departments, Schools and Faculties to best fit their own disciplines. Even though these individual plans will then be looked at in a broader context, there will be some flexibility within disciplines to design programming changes.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEESa) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNINGi) Paper S.89-15 - Memorandum of Cooperation: Cariboo College and Simon Fraser University

Moved by G. Ivany, seconded by T. Kazepides

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as outlined in S.89-15 the memorandum of cooperation between Cariboo College and Simon Fraser University"

G. Ivany introduced the paper by pointing out that, other than some minor editorial changes, the only significant change from the previous draft discussed by Senate was the addition of Item 5 which specifies the expectation of scholarly work from the instructors teaching university third and fourth year level work in the colleges.

In opposition to the proposal, opinion was expressed that the University main responsibility was in the Fraser Valley and efforts should be concentrated in this area rather than stretching resources in order to expand in many different directions at the same time. S. Shapiro informed Senate that the Faculty of Business Administration felt it made a good deal of political sense to become involved in the university-college program, and that this particular format is an appropriate way for SFU to become involved in a carefully structured and fairly limited way which would be beneficial to both Cariboo College and the University.

In reply to a question as to whether or not Item 7 was within the jurisdiction of Senate, G. Ivany explained that this item had been agreed upon by Cariboo College and the Faculty of Business Administration but he could not assure Senate that the Ministry would agree to it. However, he assured Senate that the University would not enter into any agreement not financially beneficial to the Faculty of Business Administration or to the University and indicated that this item basically signalled a mechanism by which the University can retreat from the agreement if appropriate funding is not made available.

Since the document does not stipulate any conditions with regard to the maintenance of faculty hired by Cariboo to teach university level courses, concerns were expressed about renewal of contract, tenure, and promotion for these individuals. G. Ivany reminded Senate that this was a five-year agreement with the expectation being that Simon Fraser University will not have a continued role with regard to faculty matters or with regard to the

awarding of degrees beyond the five-year period. Brief discussion followed with regard to the recruitment of faculty.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.89-16 - Registration Priority Number (RPN)

Moved by G. Ivany, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, the proposal for a new definition of RPN, as outlined in the attached paper S.89-16"

G. Ivany explained that the Registration Priority Number was redefined in order to put greater emphasis on the cumulative grade point average during the first part of a student's program and greater emphasis on credit hours as the student approaches the end of the program. Concern was expressed that this new approach would encourage students to select courses on the basis of maximizing grades.

In reply to an inquiry as to whether or not the current formula for calculating the RPN is published in the Calendar, R. Heath explained that the Registration Priority Number is not carried in the Calendar but appears in the Registration Handbook which is produced each semester. He indicated if Senate so wished a statement to the effect that the Registration Priority Number is used could be included in the Calendar.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.89-17 - External Review of the Department of English - For Information

S. Djwa, Chair of the English Department introduced the paper by explaining that the review had taken place two years ago and that many of the concerns expressed by the assessors had been addressed. However, she felt that some of the assessors' remarks should be interpreted in the context of the University as a whole rather than the English Department specifically and referred Senate to the remarks about teaching load and graduate faculty. She pointed out that the English Department sets its teaching load in accordance with Senate approved regulation and that it was impractical for a Department of 30 members to institute a graduate faculty.

Concern was expressed with regard to comments in the report about unqualified people teaching graduate courses and inquiry was made as to what kind of control the Dean of Graduate Studies has over such situations. B.

Clayman indicated that the University has no official mechanism for controlling the quality of personnel teaching graduate courses other than the wisdom and judgement of the Departmental Chairs/Directors who are responsible for assigning teaching loads. S. Djwa assured Senate that the English Department does not have inappropriately qualified people teaching graduate courses and expressed opinion that the assessors in fact erred in their evaluation of the calibre of the English Department. She pointed out that the English Department of 30 members had published some ten books in the past year; had received two Killam Awards and two Governor General Awards while, in comparison, the English Department at UBC with 130 members had received only one Killam Award in the last decade.

It was suggested that a recommendation of the assessors to initiate "a coordinated writing program and more courses in composition which would serve the larger needs of the university more effectively" should be focussed on in planning future initiatives.

Following this discussion, the External Review Report of the Department of English was received by Senate for information.

b) SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

i) Paper S.89-18 - Annual Report - For Information

The Annual Report of the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board was received by Senate for information.

c) SENATE APPEALS BOARD

i) Paper S.89-19 - Annual Report - For Information

The Annual Report of the Senate Appeals Board was received by Senate for information.

d) SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES

i) Paper S.89-20 - Annual Report - For Information

The Annual Report of the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries was received by Senate for information.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There was no notices of motion.

8. INFORMATION

The date of next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, May 15, 1989. Referring to the traditional practice of inviting new Senators to attend the May meeting of Senate and a reception following the meeting, the Chair expressed his regret that he will be out of town on that date and suggested that the reception be deferred until the first meeting of Senate in the Fall semester.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 8:25 p.m.

W.R. Heath
Registrar and Secretary of Senate