

Minutes of a meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on Monday,
April 7, 1997 at 7:00 pm in Room 3210 WMC

Open Session

Present: Etherington, Lois, Vice-Chair

Alderson, Evan
Arnason, Kristjan
Barrow, Robin
Baert, Jessica
Berggren, J. Len
Boland, Larry
Clayman, Bruce
Crawford, Charles
D'Auria, John
Dobb, Ted
Dunsterville, Valerie
Emmott, Alan
Hewitt, Kevin
Lewis, Brian
Mathewes, Rolf
McInnes, Dina
Osborne, Judith
Percival, Paul
Peterson, Louis
Pierce, John
Rawicz, Andrew
Sanghera, Balwant
Shapiro, Stanley
Warsh, Michael
Whitbread, Katherine
Wortis, Michael

Absent: Akins, Kathleen
Aujla, Angela
Beattie, Suzan
Blaney, Jack
Blazenko, George
Cellik, Peter
Chan, Albert
Cleveland, William
Coleman, Peter
Dahl, Veronica
Gagan, David
Giffen, Kenneth
Howlett, Michael
Jones, Colin
Kanevsky, Lannie
Kozminuk, Angela
Liu, Susan
Luk, Wo Shun
Marteniuk, Ron
Mauser, Gary
Naef, Barbara
Nip, Harry
Overington, Jennifer
Reed, Clyde
Ross, Douglas
Segal, Joseph
Stubbs, John
Wickstrom, Norm
Winne, Phil

In attendance: Beale, Alison
Heath, Nick
Klymchuk, Kai-Lee
Richmond, Stuart

Heath, Ron, Dean of Student Services and Registrar
Grant, Bobbie, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of the Agenda
The Agenda was approved as distributed.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of March 3, 1997
The Minutes were approved as distributed.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
The Chair advised that Lay Senators had been contacted and had no objections to an early start time of 5:30 pm should SCAR decide that there would be a particularly short agenda.

In response to a request for updated information about the report of the *ad hoc* Committee on Planning Priorities, Senate was advised that the Report had been presented to the Board of Governors for information last month. The Deans and the Vice-President, Academic are currently discussing the implementation of the planning process.

4. Report of the Chair
The Chair advised that John Stubbs was currently in Asia, and announced that the Board of Governors has re-appointed him as President for a second five-year term.

On behalf of Senate, the Chair extended congratulations to John Pierce on his appointment as the new Dean of Arts effective September 1997.

5. Reports of Committees
 - a) Senate Nominating Committee
 - i) Paper S.97-32 - Elections

Senate was advised that two further nominations had been received for SCODA and DQAC. Senate was advised that the following nominees have been elected by acclamation: Albert Chan to the Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA) and Diverse Qualifications Adjudication Committee (DQAC); Jennifer Overington to the Senate Committee on Academic Planning (SCAP)/Senate Committee on University Budget (SCUB) and Senate Library Committee (SLC)/Library Penalties Appeal Committee (LPAC); and Susan Liu to the Senate Committee on Academic Planning (SCAP)/Senate Committee on University Budget (SCUB). All other positions remain vacant.

- b) Senate Appeals Board
 - i) Paper S.97-33 - Annual Report (For Information)

Kai-Lee Klymchuk, Chair, SAB and Nick Heath, Director of Admissions were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Brief discussion took place with respect to the apparent drop in activity on behalf of the Senate Appeals Board. Since CRUA has taken on some of the responsibilities previously handled by SAB, inquiry was made as to whether or not Senate could be given a report on the activities of CRUA. J. Osborne, Chair of CRUA, advised that she would be pleased to prepare a report for presentation to Senate.

K. Arnason noted that when SUAB was dissolved and the SAB was re-organized and CRUA established, Faculties were given the power to deal with retroactive withdrawals. Concern was expressed at that time that individual Faculties might deal with similar cases in different ways. Under the current procedure, since Faculties are not required to report, Senate has no way of knowing what process is being used by various Faculties or the level of activity in this area, and the following Notice of Motion for the next meeting was presented by K. Arnason:

"that henceforth when the Annual Report of the Senate Appeals Board comes to Senate, the Faculty Appeals Committees also present reports for information at that time"

- c) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Graduate Studies Committee
- l) Faculty of Education
- i) Paper S.97-34 - Proposed Ed.D. in Educational Leadership

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.97-34, the proposed Ed.D. in Educational Leadership"

R. Barrow, Dean of Education and S. Richmond, Chair of the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

M. Wortis expressed opinion that programs offered in a distance education mode (or a partial distance education mode) need to maintain the same high quality and meet the same high standards as on campus programs, and he proposed as a friendly amendment that a statement be added to the motion explicitly stating this principle. Although there were no objections to the sentiment of the proposed amendment, objections were raised about the appropriateness of attaching such a statement to a specific program and concerns were expressed about the implications to other distance education offerings. The proposed amendment was not accepted as friendly.

Amendment moved by M. Wortis, seconded by C. Crawford

"that the following phrase be added to the end of the motion:
with the understanding that (a) this program is expected to provide an educational experience of the same quality as that of full time on campus degree programs in Education, and (b) the standard of work expected for completion of this degree will be the same as that of on campus PhD programs in Education"

Senate was advised that the proposed program will be offered in a different venue but otherwise it is no different from on campus programs in Education in so far as standards, teaching and quality of thesis.

It was also noted that guidelines for delivery of graduate programs in distance education specify that the quality of such programs must be fully comparable to that of on-campus programs and opinion was expressed that the amendment was therefore redundant. It was suggested that the amendment should be reworded so as not to isolate this particular program but still recognize that the program had been developed in accordance with approved policy. Reference was made to the program description and Senate's attention was drawn to the first paragraph on page 9 of the documentation. Opinion was expressed that the issue could be addressed by amending the program description to reflect the sentiment of the proposed amendment prior to the documentation going forward to the Board and the Ministry's Degree Program Review Committee.

Concern was expressed that the amendment, as it stands, implies that what is being proposed is different from previous proposals, and in order to clarify that the program does not deviate from policy, L. Boland suggested that the words '*like all such programs*' be inserted in the amendment. This suggestion was accepted as friendly by the mover and seconder. The result was the following amended motion:

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.97-34, the proposed Ed.D. in Educational Leadership *with the understanding that like all such programs (a) this program is expected to provide an educational experience of the same quality as that of full time on campus degree programs in Education, and (b) the standard of work expected for completion of this degree will be the same as that of on campus PhD programs in Education"* (amendment in italics)

Question was called, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT FAILED

Brief discussion followed with respect to resources required for the offering of the program, and Senate was advised that the Faculty has made a commitment to this program and if necessary will cut back in other areas but will not be seeking any additional funding other than that already committed through the Academic Enhancement Fund.

Inquiry was made as to whether or not the concerns reflected in discussion of the amendment might be addressed by adding a paragraph at the appropriate point on page 9 before the documentation goes forward to the Board or the Ministry's Degree Program Review Committee. R. Barrow advised that he would be willing to include wording to reflect the sentiment of the amendment.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MAIN MOTION CARRIED

II) Faculty of Applied Sciences

i) Paper S.97-35 - Communication - Graduate Curriculum Revision

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.97-35, the curriculum revisions in the School of Communications"

B. Lewis, Director, School of Communication and A. Beale, Chair of the Graduate Program, were in attendance in order to respond to questions.

B. Clayman advised Senate that any of the changes by themselves would not have justified Senate action but taken together, they comprised enough change that he felt they should come to Senate for approval.

In response to an inquiry as to whether these numerous changes imply a particular direction of change for the School, Senate was advised that there was no significant change to the graduate program and that the various changes mainly address housekeeping issues that have arisen over the years.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.97-36 - Resource and Environmental Management - Graduate Curriculum Revisions

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.97-36, the curriculum revisions in the School of Resource and Environmental Management"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

III) Faculty of Arts

i) Paper S.97-37 - Criminology - Graduate Curriculum Revisions

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.97-37, the curriculum revisions in the School of Criminology"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.97-38 - English - Graduate Curriculum Revisions

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.97-38, the curriculum revisions in the Department of English"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.97-39 - Geography - Graduate Curriculum Revisions (For Information)

Senate received information that the SGSC, acting under delegated authority, deleted four courses (GEOG 712, 749, 754, 758) and approved one new course (GEOG 755), and changes to existing courses within the Department of Geography.

iv) Paper S.97-40 - Political Science - Graduate Curriculum Revisions

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.97-40, the curriculum revisions in the Department of Political Science"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

IV) Faculty of Business Administrationi) Paper S.97-41 - Graduate Curriculum Revisions (For Information)

Senate received information that the SGSC, acting under delegated authority, deleted one course (MBA 635) and approved changes to existing courses within the Faculty of Business Administration.

d) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Committee on Enrolment Management and Planningi) Paper S.97-42 - Faculty of Business Administration - International Student Intake Targets for 1997/98 - 1999/2000

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by S. Shapiro

"that Senate approve, as set forth in S.97-42, that the number of international students, excluding exchange students, admitted into the Faculty of Business Administration at SFU in the academic years 1997/98, 1998/99 and 1999/2000 be limited to a maximum of 10% of all admissions into the Faculty"

Senate was advised that the limit has been set at 10% for some time and rather than bring forward the same recommendation each year, SCEMP has framed a motion covering three years. The limit can be reviewed at any time over the course of the three years if necessary.

Brief discussion ensued with respect to how the 10% figure was reached, why the percentage of admissions had decreased over the past several years, and the number (and consequence) of students admitted in this category who go on to receive Permanent Resident status or citizenship.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- e) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies
- i) Paper S.97-43 - Termination of PBD in Aquaculture

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by L. Berggren

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.97-43, termination of the Post Baccalaureate Diploma Program in Aquaculture"

Senate was advised that the graduate Aquaculture Program no longer exists and the requisite courses required for the PBD Program are no longer offered.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) Paper S.97-44 - Faculty of Arts Breadth Requirements (For Information)

Senate received information that SCUS, acting under delegated authority, approved a change in Calendar language to include Science (SCI) courses as a separate 'department' under the Faculty of Arts Breadth Requirements listing.

- f) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules
- i) Paper S.97-45 - Student Representation on Senate Committees

Moved by L. Boland, seconded by L. Berggren

"that Senate approve the revision of the membership of the five Senate committees as set forth in S.97-45"

An amendment put forth by K. Whitbread which would empower the Simon Fraser Student Society to appoint the at-large students to the committees in question was ruled out of order.

It was pointed out that the Student Society could still solicit nominations from the student body and Student Senators would still be able to run for the positions; the motion simply widens the pool of available candidates and takes some of the burden off the group of Student Senators.

In response to an inquiry as to the amount of student input, Senate was advised that the Senate Nominating Committee called a meeting to discuss the issue of student representation on committees and all of the Student Senators were invited to attend. Three Student Senators attended the

meeting and a number of possibilities were discussed before this proposal was put forward.

Brief discussion ensued with respect to the election procedure that would apply to the at-large positions and concern was expressed that students were being elected by Senate whose majority of members were not students. It was noted that the committees in question were committees of Senate. Concern was also expressed that the at large positions were not widely enough advertised and that candidate selection was therefore quite restrictive. It was pointed out that the Student Society is routinely informed of all at large positions and invited to submit nominations, and on occasion advertisements have been placed in The Peak and circulated on e-mail.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Other Business

A. Rawicz drew Senate's attention to an article published by the University of British Columbia which alleges that Simon Fraser University has the third highest administrative costs of universities in Canada. The Chair noted the information.

7. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, May 12, 1997.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 8:10 pm.

W. Ron Heath
Dean of Student Services and Registrar