

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1972, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

PRESENT:

Strand, K.

Chairman

Aronoff, S.
Beirne, B. P.
Birch, D. R.
Bradley, R. D.
Brown, R. C.
Cote, P. T.
Dawson, A. J.
Doherty, P. M.
Gilbert, K. L.
Hollibaugh, A. L.
Jamieson, D. H.
Kissner, R. F.
Lardner, R. W.
MacPherson, A.
Mugridge, I.
Munro, J. M.
O'Connell, M. S.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Robinson, N.
Salter, J. H.
Seager, J. W.
Sullivan, D. H.
Sutherland, G. A.
Swangard, E. M.
Wagner, P. L.
Weinberg, H.

Representing B. G. Wilson

Evans, H. M.
Meyers, D. A.
Norsworthy, R.

Secretary

Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Baird, D. A.
Caple, K. P.
Copes, P.
Eliot Hurst, M. E.
Emmott, A. H.
Hodge, F. D.
Nair, K. K.
Reid, W. D.
Wheatley, J.
Williams, W. E.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Session of September 11, 1972 were approved as circulated.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Papers S.72-113 and S.72-113a - Report on Special Topics and Directed Studies Courses, Fall Semester 72-3

The Chairman read the motion which had been passed at the August 1972 meeting of Senate, viz:

"That Deans of Faculties and Divisions report on topics being covered under Special Topics and Directed Studies courses during the Fall semester 72-3, with report to be available at the October meeting of Senate."

He noted that an additional paper, S.72-113a, submitted by the PSA Department, had been distributed to the assembly. The Deans were then asked to comment on the Report.

K. Rieckhoff felt that there was considerable confusion in the use of the terms Directed Readings, Directed Studies, Special Studies, and Special Topics, noting that courses with identical descriptions are sometimes numbered differently, and suggested that a consistent pattern would be useful. D. Sullivan explained the utilization of the various expressions in the Department of English to meet the individual requirements of students, but stated that most of the questions were answered in the paper, and any problems that might arise through abuse would be resolved by the Faculty.

H. Weinberg enquired whether there is a uniform policy on the matter of contact hour teaching credit for faculty, to which I. Mugridge responded that with a few exceptions the situation was as described in the paper, the normal procedure being not to count these as part of teaching load.

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by A. MacPherson,

"That Papers S. 72-113 and S.72-113a be referred to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies for its analysis, comments, and recommendations, if any, to Senate."

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

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

S. Aronoff enquired if it was possible for a student, having taken a directed studies course, to then request and obtain a substitution for a required course as outlined in the calendar. The Chairman indicated that this was similar to other questions recently raised at Senate, and the questions are under consideration for report.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

1. Paper S.72-114 - Division of General Studies - New Course Proposals - Computer Science CMPT 100-3, CMPT 102-2

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

"That Senate approve the new course proposals of the Division of General Studies, as set forth in Paper S.72-114 for Computer Science 100-3 - Introduction to Concepts and Procedures in Computer Science, and Computer Science 102-2 - Introduction to PL/1 Programming."

K. Rieckhoff commented that there was overlap between the new course 100-3 and Math 106, and R. Brown explained that the Mathematics Department had agreed to revise the overlapping portion of Math 106. R. Lardner confirmed that the revision would be submitted to Senate.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

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

"That Senate waive the normal two semester time lag requirement to permit offering of Computer Science 100-3 commencing in the Spring Semester 1973, and of Computer Science 102-2 commencing in the Summer Semester 1973."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Paper S.72-115 - Division of General Studies - New Course Proposal - GS 101-3 - Formal Development of the Symphony

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

1. "That Senate approve the new course proposal of the Division of General Studies, as set forth in S.72-115 for General Studies 101-3 - Formal Development of the Symphony."

K. Rieckhoff objected to Fine Arts courses being brought forward in piece meal fashion in advance of the establishment of a complete program in Fine Arts, noting that the current proposal would represent a third course in Fine Arts. He was concerned that approval could lead to a de facto situation which might be prejudicial to the best development of a program and did not consider this an appropriate procedure.

R. Brown referred to Motion 2, noting that the matter had been discussed at some length at SCUS, with the result that the Committee had proposed a motion calling for review of the currently proposed course as and when the Fine Arts program and courses were under consideration. He was concerned that there was considerable demand for this particular course and that it would probably be some two years before a comprehensive Fine Arts program could be introduced. He believed the proposal would satisfy the current situation and would not necessarily prejudice appropriate program development.

K. Rieckhoff felt that this was circumventing the activities of the Academic Planning Committee for appropriate overall planning. Introduction of the course would call for commitment of teaching resources with some shift in current utilization of that teaching resource. There had been no priority assessment as would normally be undertaken through the Academic Planning Committee, and he was concerned that such priority assessment in relation to other proposed courses might give different results.

R. Brown responded that the Division of General Studies has two main functions, one of which is to house programs not properly housed elsewhere, and the other is to provide for courses not clearly fitting in other areas. This course fell in the latter category.

D. Sullivan expressed his belief that many of the courses of this type were to be offered on a one-time basis only. He believed that General Studies could look annually at such offerings and establish priorities within the offerings. He wished the matter of one-time offerings considered.

R. Brown noted that in the courses already approved by Senate there had been only one course specified to be a one-time offering only. He felt there was need for clarification on this matter. He was not strongly opposed to the suggestion, but noted that there were some problems relating to clearing followup approvals in sufficient time for the offering of courses where demand was obvious and success of the course was not in doubt.

D. Sullivan and D. Birch were of the opinion that, pending establishment of the proposed new program, the course should be offered once only to avoid a long term commitment of teaching resources. An amendment was proposed by K. Rieckhoff, "That to Motion 1 there be added, 'this course to be offered once in the Spring semester 1973,'" but the amendment failed for lack of a seconder.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

2. "That the course GS 101-3 - Formal Development of the Symphony be reviewed when any proposal for a Fine and Performing Arts program and courses is under consideration for approval."

A substitute motion was moved by D. Birch, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That GS 101-3 not be offered a second time prior to a review by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and Senate."

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

SUBSTITUTE MOTION CARRIED

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

3. "That Senate waive the normal two semester time lag requirement to permit the offering of GS 101-3 commencing in the Spring Semester 1973."

K. Rieckhoff requested that the word "commencing" be deleted from Motion 3. As there was no objection, the word was removed and the motion then read as follows:

"That Senate waive the normal two semester time lag requirement to permit the offering of GS 101-3 in the Spring Semester 1973."

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. Paper S.72-116 - Faculty of Education - Retitling Recently Approved Courses, Ed.220-3, Ed.230-3, Ed.240-3

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That Senate approve the request of the Faculty of Education, as set forth in S.72-116, to re-title recently approved courses as follows:

Education 220-3 - Psychological Issues in Education
Education 230-3 - Philosophical Issues in Education
Education 240-3 - Social Issues in Education."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES AND DIVISIONS

There were no reports from Faculties or Divisions.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

2. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 1972, at 7:30 p.m.

3. Other Items

K. Rieckhoff noted that Senators had received a report submitted by the Division of Continuing Education, but the item had not been included on the agenda. The Chairman advised that the paper had not been submitted to the Secretary or to the Senate Agenda Committee, but that it would appear on the agenda for the November 6, 1972 meeting of Senate.

H. Weinberg enquired about development of University policy in connection with certification of the ethics of research proposals submitted to the National Research Council. I. Mugridge indicated establishment of a committee but it was not the intention to involve Senate in discussions.

E. Swangard asked for the policy governing the Division of General Studies, and was advised that the paper approved by Senate was numbered S.424 Revised. The Chairman added that it was his intention to review that document in view of the earlier discussion.

R. Kissner enquired if Senators could be provided with a list of faculty members holding tenure, and the Chairman responded that the matter was not within the terms of reference of Senate.

4. Confidential Matters

The Open Session of Senate recessed briefly at 8:50 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary