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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 1987 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Ivany, J.W.G., Acting Chairman

Almassy, E.
Arnold, T.
Bateman, F.
Berggren, L.
Boyanowsky, E.
Brown, R.C.
Carr, S.
Clayman, B.
D'Auria, J.
Dobb, T.
Geen, G.
George, D.
Goodman, D.
Kennedy, P.
LeBon, C.
Love, E.
Mathewes, R.
Nielsen, V.
Osborne, J.
Pinfield, L.
Rainey, R.
Salter, B.
Saunders, R.
Singh, M.
Strate, G.
Swartz, N.
Tuinman, J.
Verdun-Jones, S.
Warsh, M.
Weinberg, H.
Winne, P.

Absent: Barrow, R.
Basham, G.
Cleveland, W.
Custodinho, S.
Dickinson, J.
Everton, R.
Frindt, R.
Hamilton, W.
Hoegg, J.L.
Holweg, B.
Marx, R.
Pattison, S.
Rieckhoff, K.
Roberts, M.
Salter, L.
Saran, C.
Saywell, W.
Strutt, S.
Vining, A.

Heath, N., Acting 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 APRIL 6, 1987

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Referring to the election results as reported on pages 9 and 10, N. Swartz wondered if the actual votes had always been recorded as he felt somewhat uncomfortable having the numbers appear in the Minutes. Brief discussion ensued in which there appeared to be no consensus of opinion. The Acting Chairman indicated he would present this issue to the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules for consideration.

b) Senate was informed that the notice of motion as presented by M. Warsh at the last meeting with regard to undergraduate scholarships was referred by SCAR to the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries for report back to Senate no later than September, 1987.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

a) As a follow-up to the President's budget report at the last meeting, Senate was informed that there were no further developments and that the final budget could not be put in place until all outstanding allocations were resolved.

b) The Acting Chairman reported that the University's attention had been drawn to the fact that the reciprocal arrangement between UBC and SFU with regard to library borrowing privileges was not completely symmetric. SFU faculty and students do not have the same privileges at UBC's Library as they have at their own Library whereas UBC students and faculty enjoy the same library privileges at SFU as they do at UBC. The President has therefore written to the President of UBC requesting that the matter be looked at, pointing out that SFU has been very supportive in UBC's contention that its Library is the major provincial resource for research. The President has requested that UBC extend to SFU members the same privileges at UBC as they have in the SFU Library.

c) In response to an inquiry with regard to the status of reports from the Sexual Harrassment Committee and the Clean Air Committee, the Acting Chairman reported that the Sexual Harrassment Committee's report was being looked at in a broader perspective involving human rights in general which would include such issues as sexual harrassment, ethnic relations and racism. The Report from the Clean Air Committee is under discussion and has been sent to the Physical Plant personnel to look at the implications and consequences of air flow in rooms, etc.

d) In response to a query about the restructuring of UCBC, the Acting Chairman indicated that at the moment he was the University's representative on the new Committee. He reported that the first meeting was scheduled to take place in June and that no formal terms of reference for the Committee had been established. He explained that since it was not known whether or not the new Committee would be influential in determining how the provincial grant would be allocated among the universities, the President had wanted SFU's representative to be someone thoroughly familiar with the financial and academic operations of the University.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING

i) Paper S.87-9 - Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning was accepted by Senate for information.

b) SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

i) Paper S.87-10 - Curriculum Changes - History

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

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.87-10, the proposed change to the History Graduate Program:

Page 248, Programs of Study - 2. A thesis of 10 semester hours. Add to this sentence "The thesis should not be more than 100 pages in length"

Page 248, Programs of Study - Delete "Under certain circumstances, the Department may consent to the awarding of the M.A. degree on the basis of course work and extended essays only. In place of the thesis, the candidate must complete an additional ten semester hours in course work and must submit to the Examining Committee three extended essays, based on course work"

Concerns were expressed about specifying the number of pages for a thesis and a friendly amendment to remove the reference to page numbers was ruled out of order as being contrary to the sense of the original motion. A motion moved by

R. Brown and seconded by H. Weinberg to deal with the issues seriatim was accepted.

MOTION #1:

Page 248, Programs of Study - 2. A thesis of 10 semester hours. Add to this sentence "The thesis should not be more than 100 pages in length"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION #1 DEFEATED

MOTION #2:

Page 248, Programs of Study - Delete "Under certain circumstances, the Department may consent to the awarding of the M.A. degree on the basis of course work and extended essays only. In place of the thesis, the candidate must complete an additional ten semester hours in course work and must submit to the Examining Committee three extended essays, based on course work"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION #2 CARRIED

ii) Paper S.87-11 - Change in General Reulations for Graduate Students - Thesis Defence Outcomes

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

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.87-11, the proposed change in the General Regulations for Graduate Students: Delete 1.10.2 and replace with:

1.10.2 Classification of the Thesis

There are four possible outcomes of the thesis defence:

- 1) The thesis may be passed as submitted.
- 2) The thesis may be passed on the condition that minor revisions be completed to the satisfaction of the Senior Supervisor.
- 3) The Examining Committee may defer making judgement if it judges that the thesis could pass after additional work by the candidate. A Thesis upon which judgement is deferred shall come forward for re-examination within a period specified by the Examining Committee. The Examining Committee may require formal re-examination under Section 1.10.1 or may reach its decision by examination of the revised

thesis. The Examining Committee may not defer judgement a second time.

- 4) The thesis may be failed. In this case, the candidate is required to withdraw from the University.

The decision of the Examining Committee is by simple majority vote except that the Committee may not pass a thesis or defer its judgement on a thesis without the concurrence of the External Examiner.

Add to the old section 1.10.3: The title of the thesis shall be recorded on the student's transcript"

Referring to Part 4, R. Mathewes noted an inconsistency in the 2nd last paragraph. Since there are no external examiners for Master's thesis, he felt that the statement should be clarified by specifying that a PhD thesis may not be passed without the concurrence of an External Examiner. B. Clayman advised that External Examiners are only used at the Master's Level under Special Arrangement programs and suggested since the spirit of the motion is clear, this concern could be handled as an editorial revision.

P. Winne raised the possibility of an Examining Committee composed of an even number of members reaching a split decision with no majority vote. B. Clayman advised the present regulations do not address this possibility and although this has not been a problem thus far, there are no satisfactory solutions at the present time to deal with such a situation but pointed out that this is not a new problem introduced by this proposed change.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

c) SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

i) Paper S.87-12 - Revisions to the Library Loan Policy

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

Referring to Policy Section, Point #2 (underlined section), D. Goodman wanted to know if this change transferred responsibility from the Library to the borrower to determine whether materials have been recalled and should be returned. T. Dobb noted that under the new system it would be possible for borrowers to access files through terminals to determine if materials have been recalled but pointed out that borrowers had always been expected to contact the Library in this regard during disruptions of service. D. Goodman expressed opinion that there was a

difference between making the service available and expecting the borrower to access it and suggested an amendment to clarify the intent. J. Osborne, speaking as a member of the SLC, indicated that it was her understanding that this proposed change was in fact a transfer of responsibility to the borrower given that it was easy to check the status of items on line on the new system. D. Goodman considered such a change to be very substantive and was concerned about the covering memo which indicated that none of the revisions were felt to be substantive.

Moved by R. Brown, seconded by J. D'Auria,

"That the report be referred back to the Senate Library Committee for clarification of the points raised by Senate"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER
CARRIED

H. Weinberg raised the issue about the reporting procedures for different Senate Committees. He noted some committees report for the purpose of endorsement while others report for the purpose of information and he felt it was not clear how Senate evokes its will with respect to such reports. He therefore requested that the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules clarify the specific reporting structure to Senate of each of the committees of Senate such that Senate clearly knows what it is expected to do with each report. The Acting Chairman indicated he would present this to the next meeting of SCAR.

d) SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

- i) Paper S.87-13 - Deletion of the 30 semester hour limit from the Transfer Credit Regulations

Moved by R. Saunders, seconded by C. LeBon,

"That Senate approve deletion of the following regulation:
'Normally no more than 30 semester hours of transfer credit are permitted after initial registration at SFU (p.17, SFU Calendar)"

R. Saunders provided brief background rationale for the proposed change. H. Weinberg questioned why the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board was involved with regulations for continuance. N. Heath advised that SUAB is charged with responsibility for the transfer credit policy of the University which related mostly to students entering first time on admission but also relates to students who are already here and wish to add transfer credit towards their degree.

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, June 1, 1987.

b) The following are the results of elections to Senate and the Board of Governors which were outstanding when the report was given at the last meeting:

1. FACULTY ELECTIONS TO SENATEi) Faculty of Applied Sciences

One faculty member to Senate elected by and from the Faculty of Applied Sciences to replace D. Goodman. Term of office is for three years, from June 1, 1987 to May 31, 1990.

Elected by acclamation: D. Goodman

ii) Faculty of Science

One faculty member to Senate elected by and from the Faculty of Science to replace R. Frindt. Term of office is for three years, from June 1, 1987 to May 31, 1990.

Ballots Cast: 85

Ballots Spoiled: 1

Individual totals: A. R. Freedman 45

Michael J. Smith 39

Elected: A. R. Freedman

iii) Joint Faculty By-election

One faculty member (who must be from the Faculty of Business Administration) elected by and from faculty members jointly to replace L. Pinfield during his leave for term of office from July 1, 1987 to August 31, 1988.

Elected by acclamation: G. Mauser

2. CONVOCAATION ELECTIONS

Total ballots cast: 1,360

Total ballots spoiled: 29

i) Chancellor

Election of the Chancellor of Simon Fraser University for term of office from June 5, 1987 to June, 1990.

Ballots Cast: 1,307

Individual Totals: F. Moonen 578

B. Rae 729

Elected:

B. Rae

ii) Convocation Senators

Election of four Convocation members to Senate for terms of office from June 1, 1987 to May 31, 1990.

Ballots Cast: 1,262

Individual Totals: A. Cooper 559

V. Nielsen 954

D. Shannon 470

T. Spring 315

M. Trainer 481

M. Warsh 919

A. Wotherspoon 725

Elected:

V. Nielsen

M. Warsh

A. Wotherspoon

A. Cooper

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 7:55 p.m.

N. Heath

Acting Secretary of the Senate