

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD  
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1988 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W., Chairman

Almassy, E.  
Arnold, T.  
Berggren, J.L.  
Brown, R.C.  
Carr, S.  
Cercone, N.  
Clayman, B.  
Cleveland, W.  
D'Auria, J.  
Dobb, T.C.  
Fowler, T.  
Freedman, A.  
George, D.  
Goodman, D.  
Heinrich, K.  
Ivany, G.  
Jones, C.(representing J. Webster)  
Kennedy, P.  
Mathewes, R.  
Mauser, G.  
Milton, S.  
Nielsen, V.  
Rieckhoff, K.  
Salter, L.  
Schierer, A.  
Strate, G.  
Swartz, N.  
Tuinman, J.  
Vining, A.  
Warsh, M.  
Winne, P.

Absent: Barn, P.  
Barrow, R.  
Busch, P.  
Cooper, A.  
Hoegg, J.L.  
Irvine, R.  
Kazepides, A.C.  
Love, E.  
Magid, S.  
Osborne, J.  
Rae, B.  
Rielly, N.  
Roberts, M.  
Saunders, R.  
Shapiro, S.  
Singh, M.  
Slanz, P.  
Webster, J.  
Weinberg, H.  
Wotherspoon, A.

Heath, W.R., 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 DECEMBER 14, 1987

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

- a) The Chairman reported the resignation of Student Senator Brenda Salter, Faculty of Education and announced that a by-election for an at-large student to replace Ms. Salter on Senate would take place simultaneously with the regular student elections to the Board and Senate held in February and March.
- b) The Chairman reported that the fundraising, while progressing slowly, was going relatively well and provided a good opportunity to inform people about Simon Fraser University.
- c) The Chairman announced that he had met with the Premier and the Minister to discuss some of the concerns and issues effecting SFU, and in particular the enrolment pressures facing the University. He had reported that SFU had experienced an excessive enrolment growth compared to the rest of the system and, as much as Simon Fraser wished to accommodate as many qualified students as possible, limits on resources and space will restrain the University's ability to deliver quality education. Although no specific commitments were made by the Premier and the Minister, the Chairman felt that they were at least responsive in mood and he hoped that the Government will respond in an appropriate way.
- d) The Chairman announced the following changes and new members to the Board of Governors: Chairman - Mr. Don Hudson, President of the Vancouver Stock Exchange and a member of the Board since 1984. New members - Mr. Jack Croll, Chartered Accountant and Vice President Finance of Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd.; Mr. William Melville, Principal, Centennial Secondary School; Mr. James Lornie, Walcan Seafood Ltd., Quadra Island; Ms. Jennifer Simons, President of the Simons Foundation; and Mr. Fred Wright, President and CEO of Pemberton Securities Ltd.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING

i) Paper S.88-1 - Enrolment Limitations for 1988/89

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

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.88-1, that the Registrar be empowered to limit the admission of new students by year level, based on their admission G.P.A.s, so that the number of students registered does not exceed a defined limit: that limit shall be based on an analysis of resources, including any potential additional funding"

G. Ivany introduced the motion by providing brief background information as to the rationale for the proposal. He pointed out that the Task Force on University Size is conducting a detailed examination as to what the resource capacity of the University is and intends to come back to Senate with a much more precise proposal about what ought to be done in the future in terms of enrolments and quotas. However, the Task Force felt that a mechanism had to be put in place to meet the current enrolment crisis and has recommended that, if it becomes necessary to limit admission to the university, the mechanism to be used should be based on competence as measured by GPA in high school and college achievement. The Task Force felt it would be irresponsible to allow the quality of education to decline by allowing more students in than resources will permit. Senate's attention was drawn to the fact that the authority of the Registrar to limit access was already spelled out in the Calendar; this motion specifies the mechanism to be used in the event limitations are necessary. G.Ivany also pointed out that it was the responsibility of the University to signal potential new students, parents, high school teachers and counsellors, of the possibility that instead of our historic openness, enrolments may be restricted. Senate was reminded that the enrolment limitation procedure was a short term solution recommended for one year and intent was that the Task Force would bring a precise report back to Senate for full debate

In reply to a query as to how the public would be made aware of this change in procedures, G. Ivany advised that all the admission advisors as well as all high schools and colleges that are traditional feeder schools, would be informed through their counselling departments.

K. Rieckhoff expressed opinion that the question of accessibility was the responsibility of the Government, not the University, but that it was up to the University to provide and maintain quality of education.

G. Ivany informed Senate that the Government was currently setting up a committee to look at accessibility and participation province-wide in which the universities, colleges, institutes, the Open Learning Authorities and lay public will be involved and many of the concerns expressed will be addressed in this forum.

As a member of the Task Force on University Size, L. Salter stressed how important it was for the Committee to consider a variety of proposals and invited submissions from the University community.

Discussion then turned to the actual implementation of the proposal and the time frame involved.

Given that the Government had already committed extra resources for the Downtown campus, a question was raised as to any implications of applying restrictions and the Downtown campus. G. Ivany indicated that the Task Force will be addressing that issue but that the Downtown campus was not considered to be an answer to the pressures on the hill.

Question was called, and a vote taken

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY  
CARRIED

ii) Paper S.88-2 - Statement of Cooperation between SFU and Emily Carr College of Art and Design

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

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.88-2, the statement of cooperation between Simon Fraser University and the Emily Carr College of Art and Design"

G. Ivany introduced the paper by explaining that SFU has used the studio facilities at Emily Carr on an informal basis and this formalized an arrangement which benefits both institutions and provides students with an innovative program at no cost to SFU.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.88-3 - Downtown Planning Committee

Following a request, which was accepted as a friendly amendment to change the term Chairman to Chair, the report was accepted by Senate for information.

b) SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY BUDGET  
Paper S.88-4 - Annual Report

Following a very brief discussion, the Annual Report of the Senate Committee on University Budget was accepted by Senate for information.

c) SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

i) Paper S.88-5 - Communication

Moved by G. Ivany, seconded by L. Salter

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.88-5

New courses:

CMNS 346-4	International Communication
CMNS 422-4	Media and Ideology"

In reply to a concern expressed that the proposed new courses had not gone through the normal approval channels, G. Ivany indicated that these courses had been referred by SCAP back to SCUS following a lengthy discussion with regard to the reporting relationship between SCUS and SCAP in which it was decided that SCAP approval was not a necessary condition for approval of new courses. There had been overlap concerns at SCUS; the courses were referred back to the appropriate departments and all concerns were resolved to the satisfaction of SCUS.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.88-6 - Certificate Program in Literacy Instruction

Senate received information that acting under delegated authority SCUS approved the addition of Philosophy 001 to the list of elective courses from within the Faculty of Arts for the Certificate in Literacy Instruction.

d)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULES

Paper S.88-7 - (i) Proposed Changes to Procedures and Rules of Senate relating to election of students to Senate and Board of Governors; (ii) Recommendation re by-election balloting on the floor of Senate

MOTION #1:

Moved by N. Swartz, seconded by K. Rieckhoff

"that Senate approve a change to the Rules of Senate relating to student elections to Senate and to the Board of Governors as follows:

*i) that Section IV(F) be replaced by:*

F. Students: Student Association

'Student' means a person who is currently enrolled in Simon Fraser University in a credit course or who is designated by resolution of the Senate as a Student.

At Simon Fraser University the Student Society is the alma mater society (See University Act, Part 1, Section 1).

1. For the purposes of nominating, voting and standing for office in the election of students to the Senate and Board, the following categories shall be recognized:

Undergraduate students

- i) Those registered in at least one credit course in the semester in which nominations are due, or
- ii) Those in good academic standing who were registered in at least one credit course in either of the two previous semesters, or
- iii) Those registered in a co-op work term in the semester in which nominations are due.

Graduate students

Any duly registered graduate student who is not 'on leave' in the semester in which nominations are due.

*ii) that Section IV (F) (as amended above) continue as follows:*

2. Students eligibility to hold office:

Undergraduate Students during their one-year term of office:

- i) Must maintain registered status for at least two semesters
- ii) Must not withdraw, or be required to withdraw, from the

**University**

- iii) Must register in a minimum (total over the one-year term of office) of 18 credit hours. For the purposes of satisfying this regulation, students in the Co-operative Education Program may count one registered co-op work semester during the one-year term of office as equivalent to 9 credit hours.

**Graduate students**

Must not be 'on leave' and must be registered as a graduate student throughout the one-year term of office.

- iii) *that in Section IV (Elections), the following subsection N be added:*

- N. There is to be a standing committee of Senate to oversee the conduct of elections to the Senate and the Board.
1. This committee shall be known as the Electoral Standing Committee.
  2. Its membership shall be
    - i. The Registrar, who will be chair
    - ii. Three senators, one of whom must be a student, to be elected by and from Senate
  3. Term of office of each member will be to the end of that person's term on Senate. Members may be re-elected to this Committee. However, any member of this Committee who is running for a seat on Senate or the Board must resign his/her seat on the Committee.
  4. The purpose of this Committee will be to supervise the conduct of elections to the Senate and Board. The Committee will
    - i. Serve in an advisory capacity to the Registrar concerning the conduct of, and the regulations governing, elections.
    - ii. Set the limit of the services to be made available to candidates for election to the Senate and Board, and will ensure that all candidates be informed, in writing, of the nature and extent of such services available to them.
    - iii. Approve scrutineers for the Burnaby campus and off-campus programs.
    - iv. Receive all complaints concerning the conduct of, and the regulations governing, elections.
    - v. Hear all appeals on the Registrar's decisions concerning eligibility to vote and eligibility to stand for office. The Registrar will not vote in these appeals.
    - vi. Have available to it a variety of sanctions, including (but not limited to): imposing monetary fines, removing a candidate, declaring an election null and void, and

recommending to the President such measures as censure, suspension, or the laying of criminal charges

5. Decisions of the Electoral Standing Committee are final.

6. Once a year, the Electoral Standing Committee will make a report to Senate.

*iv) that the last sentence of Sections IV (K)(5) and IV(M)(4) be deleted, and that the following be substituted:*

The names of all candidates are to be recorded in the Minutes of Senate along with a list of those declared elected. The Registrar is to inform all candidates, by letter, of the number of votes cast for each candidate. These tallies are also to be publicly posted by the Registrar.

*v) that a further paragraph, (c), be added to Section IV(K)(1) as follows:*

Candidates may not run for a seat on Senate from more than one constituency; similarly candidates may not run for a seat on the Board from more than one constituency. Candidates may, however, run for seats on both the Board and Senate.

*vi) that the following paragraphs replace similarly numbered ones in Section IV(G) (Faculty Members; Full-Time Employees who are not Faculty Members):*

IV(G)(2)(h) It shall not include Faculty Associates in the Faculty of Education appointed under Academic Policy 20, Section A [May 27, 1986, rev.F]

IV(G)(2)(i) It shall not include Program Coordinators in the Faculty of Education appointed under Academic Policy 20, Section B [May 27, 1986, rev.F]

IV(G)(3)(c) It shall include Program Coordinators in the Faculty of Education appointed under Academic Policy 20, Section B [May 27, 1986, rev.F]

IV(G)(3)(d) It shall not include Faculty Associates in the Faculty of Education appointed under Academic Policy 20, Section A [May 27, 1986, rev.F]

In reply to a question raised about the implementation of imposing a monetary fine and whether or not such action was legal, N. Swartz expressed belief that procedures would follow those applied to library fines. It was pointed out, however, that the imposition of monetary fines are not within the jurisdiction of Senate and would have to be proposed by Senate for approval by the Board of Governors



It was pointed out that the University Act specifies that students on the Board and Senate shall be 'full-time students' and concern was expressed that the document suggests a definition of a 'full-time' student, and inquiry was made as to whether such definition may be suitable in other contexts. N. Swartz indicated that the Committee resisted such a definition and in fact simply established a set of criteria by which students would be eligible to serve on Senate and the Board. It was suggested that it might be advisable to check the wording out with the University's lawyers to see if there are any legal implications. The Chair indicated that the University administration would take the suggestion under advisement.

M. Warsh wondered why the Committee had not dealt with the issue of the election of convocation members to Senate and went on to remind Senate that the previous two elections were conducted in entirely different manners and he felt the issue should be addressed. R. Heath replied that the intent of the policy before Senate sets in place the policy under which elections will operate but does not address procedures, even for the student elections to Senate. The Electoral Committee will set out procedures and the issue will be addressed before the next election of Convocation members.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

b) BY-ELECTION BALLOTING ON THE FLOOR OF SENATE

MOTION #2:

Moved by N. Swartz, seconded by P. Winne

"That each member of Senate be invited to provide the Secretary of Senate with a one-page resumé, including a brief academic CV and a statement of that person's major interests on Senate. When a by-election is to be held on the floor of Senate, the Secretary is to provide to the members present at the meeting copies of the resumé of the candidates, and the Chair is to declare a brief recess to allow members of Senate an opportunity to read these resumé"

N. Swartz drew Senate's attention to the fact that this proposal was not a change to the Rules of Senate; it recommended a new procedure to be tried by Senate on an experimental basis for one year.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.88-8 - Proposal to expand the eligibility of all S F U Undergraduate Scholarships

Moved by M. Warsh, seconded by P. Winne

"that Senate expand the eligibility for all undergraduate scholarships to include those students enrolled in diploma programs"

Providing a brief background summary, M. Warsh indicated that although a lot of his concerns from April of 1987 had been dealt with, there is still a small group of students, i.e. diploma students, who are not eligible for entrance scholarships. He was not satisfied with the reply given by the SPCSAB that students possessing a degree have had adequate opportunity and should not expect society to offer them a second chance, and he wished Senate to consider the issue. He explained entrance scholarships had been set up as a recruitment policy and felt that the SPCSAB does not have the authority to decide which programs can or cannot use this recruitment policy. He argued that to be consistent with University practice of trying to provide the appropriate recruitment to get the best students to the university, Senate should pass the motion.

K. Rieckhoff indicated that although he was sympathetic to the motion he was opposed to it because it was his belief that the academic commitment expected of an undergraduate or graduate student undertaking a full degree program is very different from the kind of commitment a student has while undertaking a relatively short term diploma program. It was his opinion that the degree student with the strong academic commitment should be given priority for this class of scholarship in order to use the scholarship money most effectively. He felt perhaps the problem could be solved by creating a separate smaller scholarship but he was opposed to simply opening up the entrance scholarship to recruit people for a minor short term program.

N. Swartz agreed that M. Warsh had raised some substantive issues and questions about equity in his letter that had not been addressed by the Committee, but he felt Senate was not well enough informed as to the issues.

Moved by N. Swartz, seconded by G. Ivany

"that the motion be referred back to the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries for a

written report replying specifically to the points raised  
in Senator Warsh's letter"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

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,  
February 1, 1988.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 8:35 p.m.

W.R. Heath  
Secretary of the Senate