

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1994 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.
OPEN SESSION

Present: Stubbs, J.O., Chair

Alderson, E.
~~Amason, K.~~ Bacani, J.
Beattie, S.
Blaney, J.
Boland, L.
Bowman, M.
Bullock, D.
Cavers, J.
Chunn, D.
Ciria, A.
Clayman, B.
Crawford, C.
D'Auria, J.
Dean, C.
Dill, L.
Dunsterville, V.
Eaton, C.
Etherington, L.
Hafer, L.
Heinrich, K.
Hoeflich, K.
Hoegg, J.L.
Jahn, R.
Jones, C.H.W.
LeMare, L.
Lord, T.
Marteniuk, R.
Mauser, G.
McAskill, I.
McInnes, D.
Morrison, T.
Munro, J.
Naef, B.A.
Osborne, J.
Palmer, E.
Palmer, L.
Percival, P.
Sanghera, B.
Shapiro, S.
Stewart, M.L.
Swartz, N.
Wade, S.
Wong, L.
Wrenn, P.

Absent: Barrow, R.
Carlson, R.
Dhir, R.
Dobb, T.
Driver, J.
Giffen, K.
Jespersen, J.
Luk, W.S.
Mamchur, C.
McKeown, B.
Mezei, K.
Pinfield, L.
Segal, J.
Waite, K.
Warsh, M.
Wickstrom, N.
Wideen, M.

In attendance:
Wattamaniuk, W.

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

On behalf of Senate, the Chair welcomed newly elected Senator, C. Dean, Department of Mathematics & Statistics, and newly appointed Order-In-Council Senator B. Sanghera.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Referring to the paper distributed prior to the start of the meeting, Senators were informed that to allow this paper to be added to the agenda it was necessary to suspend the Rules. The motion to suspend the rules required an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the voting members present.

Moved by S. Wade, seconded by D. Bullock

"that the Rules of Senate be suspended to allow consideration of the motion to change the composition of the Search Committee for the Vice-President, Research with the attached paper (S.94-24) to be added under Item 6 - Other Business"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Following this amendment, the Agenda was approved.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF FEBRUARY 14, 1994

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) Provincial Budget

The Chair reported that the budget announcement for British Columbia will be made on March 22, 1994 and that universities have traditionally received news of their grant allocations shortly thereafter.

ii) Federal Budget

The Chair briefly summarized some of the issues effecting higher education by referring to the cancellation of the KAON project and to concerns about whether or not there will be adequate funds for TRIUMF to continue its activities. Referring to the closure of Royal Roads, the Chair advised that it is hoped that the facilities will be made available to the Province of British Columbia for use by post-secondary education. Funding for the Research Councils will increase 1.5% a year from now, and transfer payments for post-secondary education will not be any higher than 93/94 levels.

iii) University Reorganization and Planning

The Chair advised Senate that the reorganization of the senior administrative structure effected a significant reduction in costs. The Chair wished to acknowledge those individuals who have assumed additional burdens

in the University to make this restructuring possible, and indicated his awareness that with fewer resources, everyone in the University will be under more pressure.

The Chair announced that Professor David Boal, Department of Physics, has accepted the position of Planning Coordinator, and that it is hoped that the composition of the three committees - the Presidential Committee on University Planning, the Working Group on Services for Students, and the Working Group on Instructional Technology and Academic Computing - will be finalized in the near future.

iv) Honorary Degrees

The Chair reported that all of the individuals recommended by Senate for honorary degrees have now accepted the University's invitation. The degrees will be awarded at either the June or October Convocation.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

a) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING/SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

i) Paper S.94-17 - New Student Intake Targets for 1994/95

Motion #1:

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by S. Wade

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors the admission targets as outlined in Dr. Wattamaniuk's memo of January 31, 1994, and further, that SCAP be delegated authority to adjust these targets based on the enrolment experience in the Summer 1994 and Fall 1994 semesters, consistent with the University's overall enrolment target".

W. Wattamaniuk, Director of Analytical Studies was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Senate was provided with brief background information, and discussion ensued with respect to the rationale and reasons for increasing enrolments, course availability, and funding from the Access program. Discussion also took place with respect to the correlation between admission qualifications and performance at the University, and Senate was provided with statistical data in this regard.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #2:

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by C. Jones

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors the admission targets for admission to the Faculty of Science as outlined in Dr. Wattamaniuk's memo of January 31, 1994."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.94-18 - International Student Intake Targets for 1994/95

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by S. Wade

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors that the maximum percentage of international students to be admitted into undergraduate programs at SFU in 1994/95 be set at 7%."

Senate's attention was drawn to the introductory memorandum, and it was pointed out that this motion maintains the status quo and recommends the same limit which was established by Senate and the Board of Governors in 1982.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.94-19 - Limited Enrollment Programs and International Students

Motion #1:

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by S. Wade

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors that limited enrolment programs may request approval to limit enrolment of undergraduate international students to 10%."

Senate was provided with brief background information with respect to motion #1 and motion #2. In response to a request for clarification, Senate was advised that the 10% limit, in both motions, applied to the number of declared majors in a program.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #2:

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by S. Shapiro

"that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that the restriction that enrollment of undergraduate international students in the Faculty of Business Administration be limited to 10% of the total undergraduate enrollment be extended for a period of three years."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

b) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING/SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

i) Paper S.94-20 - Vectors

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by S. Wade

"that in S.73-125, section c) be revised

from: "That within the total number of contact hours assigned to a course, and subject to the approval of the departmental undergraduate curriculum committee, the Chair be permitted to vary the vector pattern. Such vector patterns to reflect only the in-class requirements and the calendar description of the course.

to: That the vector pattern approved by the Senate when a course is initiated may be changed with the approval of the Chair and the Faculty. The vector pattern shall reflect the in-class requirements and the calendar description of the course. The Faculty decision shall be reported to SCUS for information."

Brief discussion took place with respect to the meaning, value, and reasons for vectors. Discussion also ensued with respect to the publication of vectors in course timetables, course outlines, and in the University Calendar. Concerns were expressed about the possible erosion of the present-day tutorial system, but it was pointed out that this recommendation tightens up the regulations by requiring departments and schools to bring forward changes in vector to the Faculty for approval and for report to SCUS so there is in fact more control over such changes.

ii) Paper S.94-21 - New Course - Department of Mathematics & Statistics

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by S. Wade

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.94-21 the proposed new course - MATH 339-3 Groups and Symmetry."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

c) SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

i) Paper S.94-22 - Annual Report - For Information

Following very brief discussion, the Annual Report of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee was received by Senate.

d) SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULESi) Paper S.94-23 - Senate Membership - Non-faculty sessional teaching staff - For Information

The recommendation of SCAR as outlined in Paper S.94-23 was received by Senate.

6. OTHER BUSINESSi) Paper S.94-24 - Vice-President Research Search Committee

Moved by S. Wade, seconded by A. Ciria

"that the composition of the membership of the search committee for the Vice-President, Research as set out in S.94-24 be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Senate Membership

Clarification was requested with respect to the recent announcement of the reduction in Senate membership. Senate was advised that in order to comply with the provisions of the University Act relating to the ratio of Senate membership, since the number of named administrators on Senate has been reduced by two as a result of the restructuring of the senior administration, the number of positions elected by and from faculty members jointly has to be decreased by four, and the number of elected student positions has to be decreased by two.

iii) Women's Basketball

Senate was advised that the Women's Basketball team play their last playoff game on February 15th and if successful go on to the NAIA finals in Jackson, Tennessee. Senate expressed commendation and good wishes for their success.

iv) Summer Course Offerings

The importance of publications for upcoming semesters accurately reflecting Departmental course offerings was stressed. It was noted that students need to be able to plan their semesters well in advance, especially during summer semesters when there are generally fewer courses available, and the importance of departments adhering to their published offerings was pointed out. It was noted that some departments are not offering a sufficient number of upper division courses in the summer and it has been difficult for students to plan their programs.

Senate was advised that each semester the Vice-President, Academic and the Director of Analytical Studies review course schedules and watch for unusual patterns to reductions in the number of courses offered at lower and

upper divisions. J. Munro acknowledged the need for the university to do a better job of planning future course offerings, and Senators were invited to advise him should they have concerns in this area about particular departments.

v) Course Outlines

Senate was advised that as of the first day of registration for the Summer 94-2 semester, approximately 80% of upper level course outlines were available. The importance of having course outlines available well in advance of the start of registration was stressed, as students needed this information in order to register in the correct courses, especially in light of the current financial consequences associated with dropping of courses. L. Wong wished to give special thanks and recognition to the School of Kinesiology who had their course outlines available since mid-February.

J. Munro thanked Senator Wong for the information and expressed opinion that the University should do better than 80% availability and indicated he would be re-sending his memo on course outlines to the Deans and Chairs. Senators were invited to advise him should they have specific concerns with particular departments.

7. INFORMATION

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, April 11, 1994.

The Assembly recessed briefly at 8:00 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

W.R. Heath
Secretary of Senate