

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE  
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD ON  
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1996 IN ROOM 3210 WMX, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Stubbs, J., Chair

Alderson, E.  
Arnason, K.  
Aujla, A.  
Barrow, R.  
Beattie, S.  
Berggren, J.L.  
Blazenko, G.  
Boland, L.  
Cellik, P.  
Clayman, B.  
Cleveland, W.  
Dahl, V.  
Emmott, A.  
Etherington, L.  
Gagan, D.  
Hansen, J.  
Jones, C.  
Kanevsky, L.  
Kozminuk, A.  
Marteniuk, R.  
Mathewes, R.  
McInnes, D.  
Morrison, T.  
Osborne, J.  
Percival, P.  
Peterson, L.  
Rawicz, A.  
Reed, C.  
Roth, W.M.  
Sanghera, B.  
Shapiro, S.  
Ukrainetz, M.  
Whitbread, K.  
Wortis, M.

Absent: Akins, K.  
Blaney, J.  
Crawford, C.  
D'Auria, J.  
Dobb, T.  
Dunsterville, V.  
Giffen, K.  
Hewitt, K.  
Howlett, M.  
Lewis, B.  
Luk, W.S.  
Mauser, G.  
Naef, B.  
Nip, H.  
Pierce, J.  
Ross, D.  
Segal, J.  
Warsh, M.  
Wickstrom, N.  
Winne, P.

In attendance:  
Gobas, F.  
Lebowitz, A.

A. Watt, Director, Secretariat Services  
B. Grant, Recording Secretary

On behalf of Senate, the Chair extended congratulations and welcomed the following newly elected and returning Senators: i) Faculty Senators - K. Akins, Dept of Philosophy; J.L. Berggren, Dept of Mathematics and Statistics; W. Cleveland, Dept of History; L. Kanevsky, Faculty of Education; B. Lewis, School of Communication; P. Percival, Dept of Chemistry; J. Pierce, Dept of Geography; G. Mauser, Faculty of Business Administration; M. Roth, Faculty of Education; M. Wortis, Dept of Physics; ii) Student Senators - K. Arnason, Faculty of Arts; A. Aujla, Faculty of Arts; P. Cellik, Faculty of Applied Sciences; K. Giffen, Faculty of Education; J. Hansen, Faculty of Arts; K. Hewitt, Faculty of Science; A. Kozminuk, Faculty of Arts; T. Morrison, Faculty of Arts; H. Nip, Faculty of Science; M. Ukrainetz, Faculty of Arts; K. Whitbread, Faculty of Arts; iii) Lay Senators - S. Beattie, V. Dunsterville, A. Emmott, N. Wickstrom.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF MAY 13, 1996

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) Reference was made to the re-election of the Government in the recent Provincial election, and Senate was informed that the Premier is expected to announce his Cabinet mid-June. Until then, P. Ramsey will continue to be the Minister responsible for post-secondary education.

ii) Senators, particularly faculty members, were reminded of the Convocation ceremonies scheduled for June 6th and 7th and were encouraged to participate and attend the ceremonies as well as the social events organized for students and their family/friends following each ceremony.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

a) SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

i) Paper S.96-45 - Elections

Senators attention was drawn to the revised version of Paper S.96-45 which showed deleted/additional nominations, and indicated which positions have been elected by acclamation and which positions required

balloting. The following are the results of the elections conducted; outstanding vacancies will be carried forward.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINARY APPEALS (SCODA)

**One Senator (at-large), as Chair**, to replace P. Percival whose term of office expires May 31, 1996. Term of office is for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Elected by acclamation: Paul Percival

**One Faculty Member (at-large)** to replace K. Akins whose term of office expires May 31, 1996. Term of office is for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Elected by acclamation: Kathleen Akins

**Two (Alternate) Faculty Members (at-large)** to replace P. Budra and T. Loo whose terms of office expire May 31, 1996. Terms of office are for one-year, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1997.

Elected by acclamation: Tina Loo

**Three Students (at-large)** to replace V. Finberg, T. Morrison, and M. Shabbits, whose terms of office expire on May 31, 1996. Terms of office are for one year, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1997.

Elected by acclamation: Angela Aujla  
Tom Hakemi

**Two (Alternate) Students (at-large)** to replace R. Jahn and D. Green whose terms of office expire May 31, 1996. Terms of office are for one year, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1997.

Elected by acclamation: Ken Giffen

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING (SCAP) AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY BUDGET (SCUB)

**Two Senators (at-large)** to replace L. Boland and P. Percival whose terms of office expire on May 31, 1996. Terms of office are for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Candidates: L. Berggren, L. Boland, C. Crawford, P. Percival  
Elected: Larry Boland  
Paul Percival

**Two Senators (at-large)** to replace C. Eaton and O. Underhill for balance terms of office, from date of election to May 31, 1997.

Candidates: L. Peterson, C. Reed, M. Wortis  
Elected: Louis Peterson  
Clyde Reed

**One Lay Senator** to replace V. Dunsterville whose term of office expires on May 31, 1996. Term of office is for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Candidates: V. Dunsterville, A. Emmott

Elected:

Valerie Dunsterville

**One Student Senator** to replace R. Jahn for balance term of office, from date of election to May 31, 1997.

Elected by acclamation:

Joey Hansen

**Two Student Senators** to replace K. Whitbread and E. Scharfe whose terms of office expire on May 31, 1996. Terms of office are for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Elected by acclamation:

Kevin Hewitt

#### SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULES (SCAR)

**Two Senators (at-large)** to replace R. Mathewes and K. Arnason whose terms of office expire on May 31, 1996. Terms of office are for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Candidates: L. Boland, C. Crawford, P. Percival

Elected:

Larry Boland  
Paul Percival

**One Senator (at-large)** to replace K. Heinrich for balance term of office, from date of election to May 31, 1997.

Elected by acclamation:

Rolf Mathewes

**One Student Senator** to replace R. Cicone for balance term of office, from date of election to May 31, 1997.

Elected by acclamation:

Kristjan Arnason

#### SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING STUDIES (SCCS)

**Four Faculty Senators** to replace C. Eaton, L. Peterson, M. Howlett and M. Wideen whose terms of office expire on May 31, 1996. Terms of office are for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Elected by acclamation:

Brian Lewis

**One Student Senator** to fill an existing vacancy for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1998.

**One Student Senator (Alternate)** to fill an existing vacancy for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1998.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES (SCHD)

**One Senator (Faculty of Arts)** to replace M.L. Stewart whose membership expires May 31, 1996. Term of office is dependent on Senate membership.  
Elected by acclamation: Charles Crawford

**One Senator (Faculty of Education)** to replace M. Wideen whose membership expires May 31, 1996. Term of office is dependent on Senate membership.  
Elected by acclamation: Lannie Kanevsky

SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE (SLC)

**One Senator (at-large)** to replace M.L. Stewart for balance term of office, from date of election to May 31, 1997.  
Elected by acclamation: Ken Giffen

SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE (SLC) AND LIBRARY PENALTIES APPEAL COMMITTEE (LPAC)

**One Student Senator** to replace R. Jahn whose term of office expires on May 31, 1996. Term of office is for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

**One Student Senator Alternate** to fill an existing vacancy for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1998.

SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (SNC)

**Four Senators (at-large)** to fill an existing vacancy and replace J. D'Auria, L. Peterson, L. Etherington whose terms of office expire on May 31, 1996. Terms of office are for one year, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1997.  
Elected by acclamation:

Charles Crawford  
John D'Auria  
Louis Peterson

**One Student Senator** to replace R. Jahn whose term of office expires on May 31, 1996. Term of office is for one year, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1997.

**One Student Senator (Alternate)** to fill an existing vacancy for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1997.

SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & BURSARIES (SPCSAB)

**One Faculty Senator (as Chair)** to replace K. Heinrich whose term of office expires on May 31, 1996. Term of office is for three years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1999. Please note that membership on the Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee (SUAAC) and the Senate Graduate Awards

Adjudication Committee (SGAAC) is coincidental with membership as Chair of SPCSAB.

Elected by acclamation:

John Pierce

**One Faculty Member (at-large)** to replace S. Roberts whose term of office expires on May 31, 1996. Term of office is for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Candidates: T. Berggren, S. Roberts

Elected:

Sheila Roberts

SENATE UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE (SUAAC)

**One Lay Senator** to replace M. Warsh whose term of office expires on May 31, 1996. Term of office is for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Elected by acclamation:

Michael Warsh

SENATE GRADUATE AWARDS ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE (SGAAC)

**One Lay Senator** to replace V. Dunsterville whose term of office expires on May 31, 1996. Term of office is for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Elected by acclamation:

Suzan Beattie

SENATE APPEALS BOARD (SAB)

**One Student (at-large)** to replace R. Jahn whose term of office expires on May 31, 1996. Term of office is for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Elected by acclamation:

Tom Hakemi

**Two (Alternate) Students (at-large)** to fill an existing vacancy and to replace E. Boun whose term of office expires on May 31, 1996. Terms of office are from date of election to May 31, 1997 and May 31, 1998 respectively.

Elected by acclamation:

Ken Giffen

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS (CRUA)

**One Student (at-large)** to replace R. Jahn for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1997.

Elected by acclamation:

Gevan Mattu

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES (SCUS)

**One Undergraduate Student Senator** to fill an existing vacancy for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1997.

Elected by acclamation:

Angela Kozminuk

ELECTORAL STANDING COMMITTEE (ESC)

**Two Senators (one of whom must be a Student Senator)** to fill existing vacancies. Term of office is dependent on Senate membership.

Elected by acclamation:

Ken Giffen

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES (SCIA)

**Three Faculty Senators** to replace C. Reed, A. Rawicz and D. Ross whose terms of office expire on May 31, 1996. Terms of office are for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Candidates: W. Cleveland, V. Dahl, B. Lewis, D. Ross

Elected: William Cleveland  
Brian Lewis  
Douglas Ross

**One Senator (at-large)** to replace C. Jones whose term of office expires on May 31, 1996. Term of office is for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Candidates: C. Jones, A. Rawicz, C. Reed

Elected: Colin Jones

**One Student Senator** to fill an existing vacancy for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1998.

Candidates: K. Hewitt, M. Ukrainetz

Elected: Kevin Hewitt

INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT EXCHANGE COMMITTEE (IUSEC)

**Three Faculty Members (at-large)** to replace P. McFetridge, H. Pabel and J. Zaslove whose terms of office expire on May 31, 1996. Terms of office are for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Elected by acclamation: Veronica Dahl  
Rosena Davison  
Randy Sitter

**One Undergraduate Student (at-large)** to replace G. Mattu whose term of office expires on May 31, 1996. Term of office is for one year, from date of election to May 31, 1997.

Candidates: P. Cellik, G. Mattu, M. Ukrainetz

Elected: Peter Cellik

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND LEARNING (SCUTL)

**Member (at-large) (as Chair)** to replace E. Gee whose term of office expires on May 31, 1996. Term of office is for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Elected by acclamation: Ellen Gee

**Two Faculty Members (at-large)** to replace C. Banerjee and P. Coleman whose terms of office expire on May 31, 1996. Terms of office are for two years, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1998.

Candidates: L. Berggren, W. Cleveland, L. Kanevsky, D. Ross, O. Underhill

Elected:

Len Berggren

Owen Underhill

**One Undergraduate Student (at-large)** to replace J. Reamer whose term of office expires on May 31, 1996. Term of office is for one year, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1997.

Elected by acclamation:

Angela Aujla

**One Graduate Student (at-large)** to replace D. Boote whose term of office expires on May 31, 1996. Term of office is for one year, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1997.

Candidates: K. Hewitt, M. McGinn

Elected by acclamation:

Michelle McGinn

#### VICE-CHAIR OF SENATE

**One Senator (at-large)** to replace L. Boland whose term as Vice-Chair of Senate expires on May 31, 1996. Term of office is for one year, from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1997. Senate Rules state that "the Vice-Chair of Senate shall be elected annually by and from the members of Senate, and shall sit as an ex-officio member of the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules. In no case shall a Vice-Chair serve more than two consecutive terms."

Elected by acclamation:

Lois Etherington

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

i) Paper S.96-46 - School of Resource and Environmental Management - Undergraduate Program in Resource and Environmental Management

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate give academic approval and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.96-46, the revised and renamed undergraduate program in Resource and Environmental Management, including new courses REM 303, 311, 313, 320, 330, 331, 340, 341, 342, 343, 346, 347, 350, 356, 360, 404, 410, 412, 420, 445, 446, 448, 455, 460, 464, 471, 475, 477"

Note: The degree title has been changed from Bachelor of Science (Environmental Planning and Management) to Bachelor of Resource and Environmental Management.

A suggestion to revise the motion as follows was accepted as a friendly amendment

"that Senate give academic approval *to* and recommend *for* approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.96-46; the revised and renamed undergraduate program in Resource and Environmental Management, including new courses REM 303, 311, 313, 320, 330, 331, 340, 341, 342, 343, 346, 347, 350, 356, 360, 404, 410, 412, 420, 445, 446, 448, 455, 460, 464, 471, 475, 477"

F. Gobas, Director of the School of Resource and Environmental Management was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Senate was provided with a brief history of the proposal, and advised that the Faculty of Applied Sciences fully supports the proposal and believes it to be a comprehensive program of very high quality which will be exceptionally popular with students.

Opinion was expressed that the level of Science was inadequate and concern was raised that the program would serve students poorly because they would not have the requisite skills and Science training required for employment in this area. It was noted that the program is designed to be more of a management program, interdisciplinary in nature, rather than a Science program, and as such, can not contain large concentrations of one discipline. The broad interdisciplinary approach was felt to be the program's strength not its weakness. The undergraduate program has been developed according to the graduate program model which has proven to be very successful, and the amount of Science background of students coming into the graduate program has never proven to be a problem for students in terms of being effective managers or in terms of finding employment in the resource sector. The School of Resource and Environmental Management felt that the proposal represents a good and balanced program, within the credit hour limits for this type of program. It was pointed out that programs naturally evolve and change over time and there would be opportunity to evaluate and, if necessary, address some of the concerns after the program has been in operation.

Opinion was expressed that the University has an obligation to provide its graduates with marketable skills, especially when the high cost of education is taken into consideration, and this proposal opens up an area of study at the entry level which allows students after four years to find employment in the field of resource management.

In response to an inquiry as to how this program compared to other such programs across Canada at the undergraduate level, Senate was advised that

SFU's proposal is unique and differs from other environmental programs currently in existence.

In response to concerns about a perceived lack of exposure of students to alternative views on issues of environmental management from First Nations people and environmentalists, reference was made to REM 340 which introduces students to the range of different public participation and decision-making processes and techniques.

Referring to the projected resources required to implement the program, question was raised about the feasibility of considering such an expensive program in light of the current budget situation. Discussion followed with respect to the issue of faculty workload and whether or not Senate should separate financial concerns from academic concerns.

Senate was reminded that following Senate/BOG approval, the proposal will be subject to review by the Provincial Government's degree program approval process which takes into consideration duplication and competition amongst universities, university-colleges and institutes. Because of the program's unique design, it was felt that it had a much better chance of making it through that process but prioritization of this program within the University's academic priorities and targetted funding will be required before the program can be implemented.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED  
21 in favour, 5 opposed

ii) Paper S.96-47 - Department of Spanish and Latin American Studies

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by E. Alderson

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.96-47, the following recommendations

- 1) that the Department of Spanish and Latin American Studies be dissolved, effective September 1, 1996
- 2) that a Program in Latin American Studies be established, with responsibility for the current graduate and undergraduate programs in Latin American Studies
- 3) that the (LAS) Program Steering Committee will conduct a review of the present undergraduate and graduate curricula within the new administrative context and, within one year, will bring forward the results of that review, together with any recommendations for change, to SCAP through the Faculty Curriculum Committees, SCUS and SGSC

- 4) that responsibility for Spanish language acquisition courses and for Spanish literature courses be moved to the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies. An Academic Steering Committee will conduct a review of the present Spanish programs within the new administrative context and, within one year, will bring forward the results of that review, together with any recommendations for change, to SCAP through the Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee and SCUS"

A. Lebowitz, Acting Chair of the Department of Spanish and Latin American Studies was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

A brief summary of the consultation process that had occurred within the Faculty of Arts was provided, and Senate's attention was directed to the summary of essential issues from E. Alderson, Dean of Arts. Senate was advised that there is no dispute by those close to the Department about the need to dismantle SLAS as it currently exists.

In response to inquiries about students in existing programs being able to finish their studies, it was noted that the proposal before Senate does not create any academic program changes, only that the current academic programs and their disposition should be appropriately reviewed over the next year within their new administrative structure.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- c) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING/SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE
- i) Paper S.96-48 - Geography - Calendar revision to Ph.D. Program

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S. 96-48, revision to Calendar entry for the Ph.D. Program in Geography"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) Paper S.96-49 - Political Science - Change of Title (For Information)  
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a change of title for POL 829-5.

iii-a) Paper S.96-50 - Faculty of Education - Change in Program Requirements - M.Ed. in Arts Education

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by B. Clayman.

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.96-50, changes to the program requirements for the M.Ed. in Arts Education"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a change in title, description and pre-requisite for EDUC 827.

iii-b) Paper S.96-51 - Faculty of Education - Change in requirements - Counselling Psychology Program

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.96-51, change in core courses required for the Counselling Psychology Program and change in credit hours for EDUC 873"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Paper S.96-52 - Physics - New Course

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.96-52, the following new course - PHYS 863-3 Surface Science, Thin Films and Interfaces"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

v) Paper S.96-53 - Change to Graduate Regulation 1.9.4 - Preparation for Examination of Doctoral Thesis

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve, as set forth in S.96-53, revision to General Regulation 1.9.4 - Preparation for Examination of Doctoral Thesis"

In response to a concern expressed that the proposal removes one of the checks and balances that ensures doctoral theses are handled fairly, Senate was advised that experience has shown that Faculty Committees have had virtually no role in the approval of external examiners and that this extra intermediate level of approval has proven to be a bureaucratic hurdle rather than a functional event.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- vi) Paper S.96-54 - Change to Graduate Regulation 1.8.1 - Progress Evaluation

Moved by D. Gagan, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve, as set forth in S.96-54, addition to General Regulation 1.8.1 - Progress Evaluation"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- d) SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULES

- i) Paper S.96-55 - Amendment to the Membership of the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by B. Clayman

"that at the end of an individual's term as Chair of the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, he/she remain as a non-voting member of the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries for one year"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

K. Arnason, President of the Student Society, announced the official opening of the SFSS Pub and cordially invited all Senators to visit the Pub after the Senate meeting for a complimentary drink. The new Pub has yet to be named and the Student Society welcomes suggestions.

T. Morrison announced the election of Christy Clark, former SFU student and President of SFSS, as the new MLA for Burnaby Mountain. She is quite familiar with the campus and is interested in working with the University.

7. INFORMATION

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate will take place on Monday, July 8, 1996.

Secretary's Note: The July and August meetings were cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 8:40 p.m.

A. Watt  
Director, Secretariat Services