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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
IN THE BOARD AND SENATE ROOM ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1966 at 1:30 PM

FOR
ACTION

PRESENT:

D. Baird
R.J. Baker
M. Bawtree
T.H. Brose
P.C. Copes (for A.B. Cunningham)
J. F. Ellis
C. J. Frederickson
G. Kirchner
P.D. McTaggart-Cowan
A.R. MacKinnon
R. Maud
C.D. Nelson
K.E. Rieckhoff
D.P. Robertson
E.M. Shoemaker
G.M. Shrum
D.H. Sullivan
A.M. Unrau
W. Vidaver
T.B. Bottomore

ABSENT:

G.L. Bursill-Hall
A.B. Cunningham
Arnold F.C. Hean
C.H. McLean
G.N. Perry

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R.N. Maud objected to the use of the word "agreed" in the minutes, stating that the degree of unanimity on any point was important and should be reflected in the minutes. The Chairman advised that if the majority were in favour of the point under discussion the term "agreed" was a proper statement for the minutes. The Chancellor advised that minutes should be restricted to the very minimum of explanation and not summarize discussion. R.N. Maud asked that future minutes state motions lost as well as passed.

On page 3, item 7. should read: "It was moved, seconded and agreed that the first sentence only be retained under this heading, namely: 'The University does not assume parental obligations or responsibilities, but relies on the good sense and home training of the student in matters of personal conduct.'"

On page 4, item 10. should read: "It was moved, seconded and agreed that students objecting to membership in the Student Society be advised that they must pay the equivalent of the fee but that they need not be members."

With the foregoing changes the minutes were approved.

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2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The question of time of future meetings was discussed. It was agreed that until the new members were present the time of meeting would remain at 1:30 in the afternoon.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) Request from the Associated Boards of Health for special courses -

The Chairman reported that this had been brought directly to Senate as it appeared to be relevant only to a university that had a medical faculty and if this was the opinion of the Senate the matter could be referred to UBC and there would be no reason to have the faculty study the question in detail. There was a suggestion that the matter be referred to the Department of Psychology for advice on whether it was necessarily tied to the medical area. The President suggested that he correspond with the Associated Boards of Health and with the University of British Columbia, saying that the Senate has noted this letter, endorses the urgency of the matter, but is of the opinion that this could best be taken up at the University of British Columbia; and if they decide not to do so, this University would be prepared to give the matter further consideration. After some discussion it was agreed that the President should proceed along these lines.

3. b), c) and d) Proposals to establish Senate Committees on Graduate Studies, on Graduate Admissions, and Graduate Studies in the Faculties-

Dean Nelson pointed out that it had been agreed at the Committee of Heads on January 11, 1966, that these matters should go to faculties before proceeding to Senate and moved that the procedure set up by the Committee of Heads be followed. The motion was seconded by W. Vidaver.

MOTION CARRIED

The faculties will report back before the next meeting of Senate as these three items will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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3. e) Proposal to establish a Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings -

The Chairman briefly outlined the work done by the Admissions Committee under Dr. Haering. The Registrar advised that the paper to be discussed had been reviewed by the present Admissions Committee and by the Committee of Heads.

✓ The section under "Purpose - Admissions" was discussed. It was agreed that in item 1. the sentence in parenthesis be deleted and the first sentence read: "To determine the eligibility of applicants for admission to the University in the light of the Senate's policy on admissions."

✓ Under "Standings", item 1. should read: "To determine the eligibility of students to proceed in their studies at the University in the light of the Senate's policy on scholastic standings."

Under "Operation", item 1. should be: "The Committee shall have a quorum of three." Item 1. under this heading should become item 3.

It was agreed that the Chairman of the Committee should be a full member with a vote.

The question of submitting information to the Senate on the Committee's decisions was discussed and the Registrar advised that the Registrar's Report, which would be submitted to Senate each semester, would contain this information.

Under "Appeals" there was considerable discussion on the right of students to appeal against decisions of the Committee. It was moved, and seconded that item 2. be adopted as written. It was then suggested that in advising an applicant of rejection the applicant also be advised of his or her right to have the judgment reviewed if additional information is received to justify such action. This would not be applicable to those who do not meet published requirements. The President suggested that a paragraph be added under "Admissions" indicating that the applicant learns of the decision of the Committee from the Registrar and is acquainted with the fact that he or she has the right to have the decision reviewed upon presentation of additional material. There was general agreement to this suggestion. The Registrar will add such a paragraph.

Under "Standings", item 2. should read: "There will be no appeal to a higher authority against decisions of the Committee where such decisions have been based solely on the published regulations." It was then agreed that the balance of page 2. be deleted and that the following be added under item 3.: "In other cases an appeal to Senate may be made. If this results in a large number of appeals Senate will review its policy."

With the foregoing changes the submission was passed.

3. f) Proposal to establish a Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees -

There was general agreement that this paper be accepted as submitted. The President then proposed the following membership for this Committee: R. J. Baker, J.F. Ellis, K.E. Rieckhoff, Cyrus H. McLean, T.H. Brose, A.M. Unrau. *A.R. MacKinnon*

Those present were asked if they were agreeable to serving on the Committee and if they agreed on the suggested membership. Both questions were answered in the affirmative. The President will contact Mr. McLean on this question.

3. g) A Proposal to establish a Senate Library Committee -

It was moved and seconded that the membership of the Committee, in addition to the Librarian, the President, and two Assistant Librarians, be made up of three members of Senate and three members of Faculty, one to be nominated by each faculty.

MOION CARRIED

It was further agreed that the appointment of members from Senate be held until all members are present, but that the faculty members should be appointed immediately, and the Librarian could hold a meeting as soon as faculty members were appointed.

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3. h) A Proposal to establish a Senate Committee for Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries -

R. J. Baker objected to item 3. The President advised that consideration of applicants for athletic and other awards seemed to embrace to a large extent non-academic considerations and therefore Presidents' committees should first consider such applications. The Senate Committee would then review the proposals after the preliminary screening had been accomplished. If this was agreed to the President would move to set up one committee to administer University awards and a similar committee for athletic awards. Both committees would have the same membership. It was then moved, seconded and agreed that item 3. be changed to read: "To review the athletic awards and University awards proposed by the President's committees to be established for that purpose."

After some discussion the Membership as submitted was adopted. The President will consult with the individual faculties and submit a proposal for membership for the next meeting.

The question of terms of appointment was discussed and the President requested the Registrar to look into the question of whether a rule stating that an individual may succeed himself once, but not twice, would produce a workable arrangement.

REGISTRAR

(ELLIS requested and the Chairman promised that arrangements would be made in future to serve coffee at the Senate meetings.)

REGISTRAR

3. i) Regulations Governing the Conduct of Examinations -

T. H. Brose asked if this subject should not be for decision by faculty rather than Senate and the Chairman advised that it was a matter of timing: the regulations must be in being for the examinations next month. The Registrar advised that the regulations had been reviewed by the Committee of Heads and would not be published in this calendar. T.H. Brose suggested the regulations under discussion be marked "Provisional" and then be adopted in faculty, in joint faculty, modifications made, and come back to Senate.

The Chairman stated it would be noted in the minutes that the regulations had not been discussed by faculty and recorded as being subject to amendment at a later date as a result of such discussion.

The paper was then discussed item by item and the following changes made:

2. Examination Timetable - line one, change to: "Examinations normally shall be of 1, 2, or 3 hours duration."

5. Invigilation - Paragraph three to read: "The Presiding Officer chosen by the Registrar from the roster of invigilators shall be of faculty rank."

6. Physical Arrangements for Examinations - The third paragraph in this section to be moved to become the first paragraph under section 8.

9. Course Grades - Insert "Wherever possible" at the beginning of the second sentence.

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The Chancellor recommended that examination results should be released only by Senate or some committee of Senate and the fact noted on the regulations. After some discussion it was agreed that an additional paragraph, marked "10." be added, stating that course grades at the end of a semester are not to be released until approved by the Committee on Admissions and Standings.

3. j) Draft Code of Conduct -

R.N. Maud asked if it was in order to ask for a report on what Faculty Council had been doing. The Chairman reported that the draft from the Student Council for the Constitution of the Student Society has just been transmitted. It will be considered at the coming meeting of the Faculty Council and in due course will be transmitted to Senate. As far as the Student Court is concerned, the judgment of the Faculty Council was that the original concept was a long way from what was desired and the draft was returned to the students.

The Chairman advised that the Faculty Council felt it would be wise to have this simple code of conduct issued now so the students would have some guidelines. It was then moved and seconded that the Senate endorse the paper.

It was then moved and seconded that sections 3. to 8. be accepted as "Regulations of the University", with suitable redrafting by the Faculty Council. Sections 1. and 2. are to be deleted and a preamble suitable to the new title redrafted. An amendment was then made to the motion that the revised paper be returned to Senate for discussion.

The amended motion was CARRIED.

The Faculty Council was asked to consult with the students on the re-draft.

3. k) Sororities and Fraternities -

The Chairman advised that this matter was on the agenda for the Faculty Council and would be referred to Senate by the Council.

C. J. Frederickson moved that the Senate endorse the principles outlined in the paper presented by A.M. Unrau.

The Chairman advised that Delta Upsilon International had addressed a petition to the Student Council and had written to the President asking about the views of the University on fraternities. The subject is also on the agenda of the Student Council and the Chairman asked if the matter should be deferred pending advice on what was decided by the Student Council. He then suggested that in the light of what is going on in the student body the paper be referred to Faculty Council, to come back to Senate.

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The Chairman then referred to the motion to endorse the principles of the paper. He further stated that such a motion could only be accepted as a statement of opinion to the Faculty Council.

T. B. Bottomore moved the following amendment:

1. Senate at this time should not make a definite ruling on the question of the recognition of fraternities and sororities, but
2. Senate express to Faculty Council that its sympathies are not in favour of fraternities and sororities at Simon Fraser University.

The Chairman ruled that this was a contradiction of the motion itself and called for a vote on the motion by C.J. Frederickson.

MOTION LOST.

The motion proposed by T. B. Bottomore was then seconded and put to vote. *divided*

T.H. Brose requested that he be recorded in the minutes as being opposed.

4. OTHER BUSINESS -

The question arose as to whether papers 3. b), c) and d), which had been referred back to the faculty, would be referred back to the Committee of Heads and a report was requested from the President on the status of the Committee of Heads. The Chairman advised that he would prepare an outline on the workings of the Committee of Heads if the Senate so wished.

The Registrar suggested the advisability of preparing a Rules Committee for the Senate and pointed that rather than spending time redrafting a paper from the Faculty Council, such as had been done on the "Code of Conduct for Students" paper, the paper could have been returned quickly to the Council with pointed comments from the Senate. *D. Robertson*

The Chairman then congratulated the Chairmen and members of the Admissions and the Scholarship committees for their work in piloting these committees during the first year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

P.D. McTaggart-Cowan, Chairman

D. P. Robertson, Secretary