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MINUTES OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1968, IN THE FACULTY LOUNGE AT 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present:

K.T. Strand

Chairman

R.J. Baker (left 11:30 P.M.)

D.A. Baird

K.R. Burstein

M. Collins

B. D'Aoust

J.S. Foulds

B.L. Funt

E.M. Gibson

W.M. Hamilton

R.J.C. Harper

D. Korbin

A.R. MacKinnon

K. Okuda

K.E. Rieckhoff

G.A. Rheumer

G.B. Sperling

D.G. Tuck

W. Vidaver

J. Walkley

W.E. Williams

S. Wong

D. Roberts

H.M. Evans

D.A. Meyers

E. Thompson)

J. Smedley)

Secretary

Recording Secretaries

Absent:

A.E. Branca

J.L. Dampier

A.J. Ellis

A.F.C. Hean

R.G. Jones

I. Koerner

M.A. Lebowitz

E.S. Lett

C.H. McLean

G.N. Perry

G.M. Shrum

S. Wasserman

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Procedures
Library Regulation

The Chairman opened the meeting and requested the Secretary to speak on a question pertaining to passes which permit individuals to attend the open sessions. The Secretary referred to precedent and indicated that the passes which had been in use required the placing thereon of an individual's name. The passes are provided only on individual request and not in bulk. A question had arisen in that a request for a bulk issue of passes had been made and this had been refused. Reference was made to the fact that a number of individuals were seated in the audience without passes. Senate was requested to indicate its wishes in this matter.

Discussion followed on the reasons for the original issuing of passes and following discussion, without formal motion, it was agreed that in future passes would not be required for attendance at the open session but that individuals would be admitted so long as there was space available to accommodate them. In the event that difficulties are encountered Senate would again give consideration to the matter of issuing of passes.

The Chairman noted that this was the first meeting at which an Agenda had been prepared in consultation with the Senate Agenda Advisory Committee. The Secretary explained that the length of the Agenda resulted from the fact that a number of items of business had been uncompleted for some time and the Agenda Committee felt it would be in the interests of Senate to have a clear picture of items which had come forward to Senate for decision as early as possible.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Discussion commenced on the matter of placement of items on the open agenda as compared with placement on the closed agenda. The Chairman explained the nature of the decision in regards to one item in respect of having it placed on the closed agenda, thereby leaving it to Senate to determine whether or not it wished such item to be placed on an open agenda at some future meeting. Reference was made to earlier decisions of Senate to the effect that items which appear on an open agenda can be moved to the closed session immediately following by the passing of a motion to that effect at Senate in the open session, and reference was also made to the fact that an item which appears in the closed agenda may be moved to an open session at the next following meeting or any meeting thereafter by decision of Senate. Reference was made to Paper S124 in this connection which had been earlier approved by Senate.

The Chairman indicated that he wished to place before Senate an item dealing with Library Fines as this item had come to attention following issue of the Agenda. Dean MacKinnon indicated that he wished Item 5B under New Business on the Agenda to be withdrawn from the Agenda as there would be a paper forthcoming at a future time which would give broader interpretation than currently indicated, and in accordance with the request the item was withdrawn. The item concerning Library Fines was inserted as Item 5B under New Business.

Senate was requested to indicate its approval of the Agenda and the Chairman ruled the Agenda approved.

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) Approval of Minutes of Open Meeting of May 1st, 1968

As no objections were raised the Chairman ruled that the minutes of May 1st were approved.

(b) Minutes of meeting of August 19th, 1968 (open meeting)

W. Hamilton requested that page 7 of the minutes be amended, deleting paragraph 1 and replacing the item as follows:

"W. Hamilton suggested that the secretary of Senate review Senate minutes from the inception thereof, abstract procedural motions of the type having a continuing effect on Senate procedures, and make such abstracts available to each of the existing and future senators, with provision for periodic updating. The Chairman indicated this would be done in the course of certain activities now underway."

It was agreed this change be made.

It was noted that A. Hean was indicated as having attended the meeting of August 19th, and his name appears in further items of the minutes. Correction is required to replace A. Hean with the name M. Collins. This change was approved.

G. Sperling requested that Page 6, Item 7 be amended with an insertion before the motion to the effect that Professor Cochran pointed out that the new courses in Physics could be offered specifically for non-science majors as there are now two extra faculty in the Physics Department. Considerable discussion followed as to whether or not such insertion should be made, both in terms of the accuracy of the insertion and the matter of the types of minutes to be prepared by the Secretary. The Secretary noted that Senate previously had indicated that minutes primarily would indicate items of business completed or undertaken showing appropriate motions and the decisions thereon. It was further noted that a verbatim report was to be made available in the Registrar's Office for Senators who might wish to have access to same. Guidance from Senate in this connection was requested by the Secretary.

The Chairman ruled that in future if a particular Senator wished comment specifically included in the minutes he should indicate this fact when the comments are made, on the understanding that the ruling would apply to future discussions.

Moved by G. Sperling, seconded by D. Korbin:

"that item 7, page 6 of the minutes of August 19th, 1968 include the statement 'Professor Cochran indicated that these courses could be now offered to non-science majors as there are two

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additional faculty in the Physics Department.

Moved by W. Vidaver, seconded by W. Hamilton:

"that the motion be tabled until Professor Cochran is contacted for information".

MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED
13 in favour
3 against

The Chairman ruled that the minutes of August 19th be approved with the amendments as noted with the exception of the item tabled.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION, May 1st, 1968 and from August 19th, 1968.

(a) Definition of Requirements for Honours Degree and First Class Standing - (S125, S125a refers).

The Secretary explained that at an earlier meeting decision had been made to refer Paper S125, and S125a to the Faculties of Education and Science, but this apparently had not been done. It was noted that the particular topic had been under review and referral to Senate on a number of occasions without decision and instruction was requested as to whether or not the items should be referred to the two faculties noted. Considerable discussion followed and reference was made to Paper S118. It was agreed that reference to Second Class Honours in paper S125 and 125A should be deleted.

Moved by W. Hamilton, seconded by J. Walkley:

"that the previous instructions be rescinded."

MOTION LOST
3 in favour
12 opposed

Noting that the next meeting of Senate is scheduled for October 7th, it was moved by S. Wong, seconded by J. Walkley:

"that faculties be instructed to report action on this matter to Senate by the next meeting."

MOTION CARRIED
13 in favour
7 opposed

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Inter. Relations
Univ Org
Academic Rep.*

It was understood that it would be the intent of Senate to come to a decision on this matter at the October meeting.

(b) Graduate Student Association, referendum required - (Paper S126 refers).

The Secretary indicated that the referendum proposed by Senate had not been held because of the mail strike but would be held early in the Fall Semester, 1968.

(c) Report of Committee to consider representation of specific groups within the student body - interim oral report - W. Williams.

W. Williams gave a brief oral report indicating that he had assumed the Chairmanship of the Committee on the departure of M. Lebowitz, that discussions had taken place but it would be premature to provide a report at the current meeting. It is expected that a report will be presented by the October meeting.

(d) Other Items.

D. Korbin referred to a question raised at the August 19th meeting by M. Lebowitz in connection with the election of a Senator, by Senate, to the Board of Governors, with reference to the expiry date of the term of office a Senator and whether such expiry date would mean termination of the individual's office on the Board of Governors. The Secretary was requested to review this matter, and a progress report was now requested.

The Secretary commented on this item and indicated that legal opinion was being sought.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Report of the Committee to study the constitution and functions of governing bodies of the University - R.J. Baker.

R. Baker gave an oral report outlining the nature of work and divisions of work being considered by the Committee. Reference was made to communications sent by the Committee to Interim Council and the concern of the committee that conflicting recommendations not be forthcoming from a number of bodies.

Moved by K. Burstein, seconded by R. Baker:

"that the report be received as presented, that the committee be thanked and that the committee be dissolved."

Considerable discussion followed. A suggestion was made that a new committee be appointed if necessary.

The Chairman noted that the Perry Committee will be accepting briefs from all interested parties by October 15th, and considered the topics under review by the Committee to be of considerable importance.

MOTION LOST
2 in favour
13 opposed

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The Chairman again emphasized the importance of the particular topics under review by the Committee and necessity of early consideration and action if appropriate briefs are to be provided to the Perry Commission by Simon Fraser University.

Moved by J. Walkley, seconded by K. Burstein:

"that the committee, irrespective of the presentation or non-presentation of the report of Interim Council, circulate its report, not necessarily with recommendations, before the next meeting of Senate, and that this committee then be disbanded."

Amendment to the motion was moved by W. Hamilton, seconded by S. Foulds:

"to strike out the words 'not necessarily with' and replace them with 'including specific'."

AMENDMENT CARRIED
15 in favour

Amendment to the motion was moved by B. D'Aoust, seconded by W. Vidaver:

"strike out the words 'circulate its report' and the words 'for the next meeting of Senate' and replace with the words 'circulate its report by October 7th, and the report to be the sole item of an agenda for a special meeting to be held October 10th.'"

AMENDMENT CARRIED
12 in favour
7 opposed

K. Okuda noted that in the original motion reference was made to disbandment of the committee when its report is presented and it was agreed by the mover and seconder that the final clause "and that this committee then be disbanded" be deleted. Vote on the main motion as amended was then undertaken.

"This committee, irrespective of the presentation or non-presentation of the report of Interim Council, circulate its report, including specific recommendations, by October 7th, and the report to be the sole item of an agenda for a special meeting to be held October 10th."

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED
17 in favour
2 opposed

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(b) Report of the Committee to study the terms of appointment and tenure of members of faculty - Paper S131, S131a - W. Vidaver.

W. Vidaver referred to the report which had been released earlier and spoke to the report. Following discussion, it was ruled by the Chairman that Senate enter Committee of the Whole for discussion.

W. Vidaver indicated that he proposed to have his committee give further consideration to the report to up-date it in view of developments which had taken place within the university.

Moved by W. Williams, seconded by M. Collins:

"that the report be received."

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by D. Tuck, seconded by R. Harper:

"that the open session adjourn."

MOTION CARRIED
12 in favour
6 opposed

Request for recording of negative votes were made by S. Wong, J. Walkley, D. Korbin, B. D'Aoust.

H.M. Evans,
Secretary.

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NOTE: Following the adjournment of the Open Session and movement into the Closed Session it was noted that an urgent item of business on the Agenda of the Open Session had not been considered. It was therefore ruled that this item would be considered in the Closed Session, but that the recording thereof would appear in this note as a part of the items of the Open Session.

Moved by S. Wong, seconded by J. Walkley:

"that the resignation of A. MacPherson as Faculty of Arts representative be accepted with regret and that election for a replacement be called."

MOTION CARRIED.

H.M. Evans,
Secretary.