

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1968, IN THE FACULTY LOUNGE AT 7:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present:

Strand, K.T.
Baird, D.A.
Baker, R.J.
Boland, L.A.
Burststein, K.R.
Dampier, J.L.
D'Aoust, B.
Foulds, J.S.
Funt, B.L.
Gibson, E.M.
Haering, R.
Hamilton, W.M.
Harper, R.J.C.
Hean, A.F.C.
Hutchinson, J.F.
Korbin, D.
MacKinnon, A.R.
McLean, C.H.
Okuda, K.
Rieckhoff, K.E.
Sperling, G.B.
Shrum, G.M.
Stratton, S.T.
Sullivan, D.H.
Tuck, D.G.
Vidaver, W.
Walkley, J.
Williams, W.E.
Wong, S.

Chairman

Evans, H.M.
Meyers, D.A.
Roberts, D.
Smedley, J.

Secretary

Recording Secretary

Mackie, M.

Assistant Registrar (Admissions)

Absent:

Branca, A.E.
Collins, M.
Ellis, A.J.
Koerner, Mrs. Otto
Lett, Mrs. Sherwood
Perry, G.N.
Prock, Mrs. L.

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1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting came to order at 7:40 p.m. and it was suggested by G. Sperling that items 6(C) and 6(D) become items 6(A) and 6(B). S. Wong suggested that 6(A), 6(B), 6(C), 6(D) and 5(A) were interrelated and that they should be considered together. On understanding from the Chairman that at that point Senate would go into committee of the whole or informal discussion and that a number of items would be considered, decision on the agenda was made.

Moved by W. Vidaver, seconded by A. MacKinnon,

"that the Agenda be approved following the principles suggested"

MOTION CARRIED

W. Williams indicated that in view of the large audience and the difficulty of hearing microphones be utilized. G. Sperling requested that the Chairman rule, and the Chairman ruled that two or three microphones be obtained. Debate ensued and R. Baker challenged the ruling of the Chair.

Vote was taken on the ruling with thirteen in favour of the Chair, ten opposed and six abstaining. The ruling of the Chair was upheld, and arrangements to install microphones were undertaken on the understanding that they likely could not be available for some time.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF NOVEMBER 12, 1968

B. D'Aoust referred to page 8 of the Minutes at the top of the page and indicated that he had requested that his vote against the motion be recorded, whereas the Minutes indicated that his vote had been in favour of the motion. It was agreed that the necessary change be made.

The Minutes were ruled approved, subject to the change noted.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER, 12, 1968

- (A) Requirements for graduation and the calculation of the Grade Point Average for Honours and Honours First Class - Paper S177A. The secretary was requested to speak to Paper S177A, and following discussion it was agreed that the interpretations being followed in the Registrar's office in respect of calculating averages for graduation for Honours Degree standing and for First Class Honours Degree standing were correct, and in keeping with Senate regulations and policy. Concurrence was given on the motions passed at the Senate meeting of October 7th, items 1(A) and (B) of Paper S177A, with the understanding that only courses required for the General Degree, or for the Honours Degree, or for the Honours First Class Degree would be considered, and that gradings of 'N' and 'F' would not be utilized in calculating the average. Average would be based on courses passed, and in those instances in which a higher grading pertained, the higher grading would be utilized, (subject always to completion of the specific major courses, honours courses, and electives needed to fulfil degree requirements).

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by G. Sperling,

- "(1) that the working mechanism described in Paper S177A for calculating the average for graduation purposes be applied for the First Class Honours Degree, for the Honours Degree, and for the General Degree, but
- (2) that a student's cumulative Grade Point Average be specifically used in the determination of average for internal scholarship and bursary purposes."

It was noted that in calculating the average for graduation purposes gradings of 'N' and 'F' would not be included, but that only passing gradings would be included, with the highest passing grading in a particular course being utilized (subject always to completion of the minimum requirements for the degree in terms of majors, electives or honours requirements), — but that for internal scholarship and bursary purposes the accumulative Grade Point Average would be utilized which would include gradings of 'N' and 'F' and all work undertaken.

D. Sullivan indicated that the intent of his motion was to provide also for persons working on a General Degree to have opportunity to have his graduation average calculated either on the 120 semester hours needed for the degree, or alternatively on the 60 hours of work undertaken in the final two years, including the normal 45 semester hours of work at the upper division level.

Debate continued with individuals speaking for and against the motion.

Amendment was moved by W. Williams, seconded by G. Sperling,

"that no student be permitted to graduate with a Grade Point Average of less than 2.0 in the courses comprising his major studies."

Debate followed with strong opinions being voiced for and against the amendment.

The secretary indicated that under present arrangements it would not be possible to produce data processing material which could indicate the average based on subjects utilized for a major, but that this should not prejudice the decision made by Senate. Calculation of such average would have to remain with individual departments and faculty.

Extended debate was undertaken.

Moved by L. Boland, seconded by S. Wong,

"that this matter be postponed until the next meeting of the Senate."

MOTION TO POSTPONE DEFEATED
3 in favour
19 opposed

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*Approved by
G. M. G.*

Further debate was undertaken with some disagreement.

Vote on the main motion as amended was then undertaken.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

20 in favour

2 opposed

5 abstained

For consolidation and convenience purposes the substance of these motions is summarized below.

(A) "that (1) for the First Class Honours Degree a Grade Point Average of 3.5 be required, and that the 3.5 Grade Point Average be calculated from the cumulative Grade Point Average based on the entire 132 semester hours required for the degree, or on the 60 semester hours of 300 and 400 level courses included in the degree requirements, whichever is the higher grade point, and

(2) that the same procedure be followed for calculating the cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 required for an Honours Degree as pertains in calculating the 3.5 Grade Point Average for the First Class Honours Degree.

(B) "that for the General Degree the Grade Point Average of 2.0 be required based on the entire 120 semester hours required for the degree, or on the 60 semester hours of the final two years of work including the normal 45 semester hours of work in upper division courses, whichever is the higher grade point and

(C) "that no student be permitted to graduate with a Grade Point Average of less than 2.0 in the courses comprising the major studies.

(D) "that the cumulative Grade Point Average be utilized for determining internal scholarships and bursaries.

"Under these conditions a student would be permitted to fulfil General degree requirements, or Honours Degree requirements, or First Class Honours Degree requirements by completing the minimum major studies, or honours studies, with necessary electives, utilizing only the passing grades in such courses, with the highest passing grade being utilized for any individual course, thereby excluding grades of 'N' and 'F' in such calculation; but that for internal scholarship and bursary calculations the cumulative Grade Point Average would be utilized which would include grades of 'N' and 'F' and all work taken."

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University of
Deferred Grades
Bureau
The University of
Admission*

The question was raised as to the effective date of the regulations and it was noted that at the recent meeting of the Senate it had been agreed that a student could utilize the benefit of former regulations or of the new regulations, whichever led to the student's advantage. The secretary indicated that under current Senate and calendar requirements a student was permitted to complete graduation requirements under the terms of the calendar under which he registered, for a period of five years thereafter. He explained further that under current regulations if a student declared or changed his major, the regulations then pertaining would be those which would apply, subject to a further five year period after the time of declaration or change. It was further understood that the current regulations would become effective immediately subject to the general regulations as described.

(B) DEFERRED GRADES - PAPER S177B

The secretary was requested to comment and indicated that the paper had been prepared in response to questions raised by B. D'Aoust. Some additional questions were raised, and following discussion it was agreed that additional data be prepared through a paper to be presented at the next meeting of the Senate.

(C) OTHER ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) A question was raised concerning the notice of motion by K. Burstein on page 3 of the minutes of November 12th. The Chairman indicated that it would be up to the Senate Agenda Committee to consider the matter and whether or not it should indeed appear on an agenda, and if it so appears it could then be considered.

(ii) A question was raised concerning the recommendations which may have been made in terms of search for a President. The Chairman indicated that a further meeting of the Board would be considering the report which had been presented at the November 21st meeting but had not been acted upon.

(iii) A question was raised pertaining to the Perry Committee, and the Chairman indicated that he had met with the Perry Committee for a period in excess of an hour, and that he had requested that additional hearings be held, but that no further specific response had been received, and that he would investigate the matter further.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF NOVEMBER 20, 1968

(i) S. Wong referred to page 6, third to last line, requesting correction to read "University, and stated that certain students who had been required to withdraw and who were asking to apply for re-admission had been informed that it would be easier for a student to be admitted in the summer semester".

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*Admission
Openness of Senate
Student discipline*

- (ii) R. Baker indicated that he had been in attendance and wished it so recorded.

The Chairman ruled the minutes approved as corrected.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 1968

S. Foulds rose on a point of privilege.

Moved by S. Foulds, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"that Mr. Korbin, in view of his behaviour at the meeting of November 20, 1968, make formal apology to Senate."

Various members spoke for and against the motion, with references to the previous meeting. The Chairman was requested to rule the motion out-of-order, but indicated that the substance of debate was important. He referred to the matter of openness of Senate meetings, the difficulty of conducting business in the presence of large numbers of people, to the similar large numbers of people at the present meeting, who were relatively quiet and attentive, and that he considered the debate should continue. D. Korbin indicated that he could not apologize to a body which he considered was refusing to rectify grievances, and that he considered student problems more important than the sensitivity of Senate.

Serious debate continued. R. Baker spoke at length, referring to his previous stand on similar motions, and expressed the view that the concern of Senate had been adequately expressed.

Moved by R. Baker, seconded by A. MacKinnon,

"that the motion be tabled".

MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED
14 in favour
5 opposed
8 abstained

Microphones which had been requested were now available, and a recess was declared, extending from 9:25 p.m. to 9:45 p.m., with installation of three microphones.

Moved by S. Wong, seconded by L. Bolland,

"that Senate consider informally agenda items 5(A), 5(B), 6(A), 6(B), 6(C), 6(D), 6(E)".

The Chairman indicated that in order that this could be structured adequately, Senate might consider firstly the admissions policies consisting of freedom of transfer and the committees suggested, then consider appeals, consider financing, consider the question of openness of files, and that it then consider the Review Committee.

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Student Representative

Extensive informal discussion was undertaken. S. Wong and L. Boland referred to Paper S179, items 1 and 3 on page 1; E. Gibson referred to Paper S181, items 1 to 10 inclusive, S. Wong spoke to Paper S179, item 2, page 1, and to Paper S179, items 1, 2 and 3 on pages 1 and 2. R. Baker raised questions concerning SACU and College Entrance Board tests asking for specific data. Other members spoke on these aspects with pros and cons and considerable questioning. K. Rieckhoff spoke at length in opposition to a number of suggestions. Comments were made concerning the Academic Board and R. Baker, a member of the Board, spoke at length. Most Senate members commented on a number of items raised. E. Gibson spoke to Paper S180 and to Paper S182 and others commented.

Notice of motion was given by D. Korbin "that the R.C.M.P. not be allowed in the files of this university without the express permission of the students".

Further informal discussion on the various items was undertaken.

Moved by K. Burstein, seconded by D. Tuck,

"that Senate move out of informal session"

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by K. Burstein, seconded by D. Tuck,

"that Senate refer the papers which had been under discussion to the appropriate Senate Committees, (6(B), 6(C), 6(D), 6(E)), and that Senate move on to papers S178A, B, C."

Debate was undertaken with individuals speaking for and against the motion with disagreement.

MOTION DEFEATED

12 in favour

16 opposed

S. Wong requested that his vote in opposition be recorded.

Debate continued.

Moved by W. Williams, seconded by R. Haering,

"that Senate consider items 5(A), 5(B), 6(A), etc. in that order".

MOTION CARRIED

19 in favour

J. Walkley, member of the Appeals Committee, reported that the Committee had met and that R. Walsh temporarily was acting as the Student Representative, and also as Chairman. Reference was made to paper S178(A), (B), (C).

Reference was made to page 12 of the minutes of November 20, 1968,

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Student Society*

and to paper S178(C) concerning individuals who might be heard by the Senate Appeal Committee at the request of an applicant.

Questions were raised pertaining to paper S178(A) in terms of the intent of item 1 and item 3.

Discussion was held on paper S178(A) (1) appeal in the first instance to the Senate Committee and Undergraduate Admissions and Standings, and to item 3 "the full committee shall constitute a quorum".

Explanation was provided by J. Walkley and J. Hutchinson, members of the Appeal Committee. It was noted that the intent of these recommendations was to ensure that in those instances where a ruling had been made by the Registrar's office with appeal being made by an applicant, where the case had not been considered by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings that the matter would first be referred to that committee for consideration. Further appeal, if necessary, would then go to the Appeal Committee. In those instances where a case had already been reviewed by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings, the appeal would go directly to the Appeal Committee. Following discussion the procedure was accepted.

D. Sullivan raised questions concerning the temporary student member, and S. Foulds indicated that the President of the Student Society is an ex-officio member on all student committees. D. Sullivan noted that this was not a student committee but a Senate committee.

Further questions were raised on paper S17C in terms of individuals who might be heard by the Appeal Committee at the request of the applicant.

B. D'Aoust suggested that demand that a quorum be the full committee could lead to difficulties in the case of illness or for similar reasons.

Moved by J. Walkley, seconded by R. Harper,

"that Senate accept the recommendations of the Appeal Committee to extend the individuals who could assist an applicant in the appeal by adding the words 'and/or any other person that the applicant deems relevant to his appeal'".

Moved by D. Korbin, seconded by K. Burstein,

"that this matter be tabled".

MOTION TO TABLE DEFEATED

Vote on the main motion was undertaken.

MOTION CARRIED

21 in favour

2 opposed

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Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by K. Burstein,

"that item no. 2 on page 11 of the minutes of the meeting of November 20, 1968 be rescinded."

Debate was undertaken.

MOTION CARRIED
19 in favour
4 opposed

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by L. Boland,

"that item no. 2 on page 11 of the minutes of the meeting of November 20, 1968 be changed to read 'two faculty Senators to be named by Senate and two students to be determined by the Student Society' ".

MOTION CARRIED
21 in favour
3 opposed

The Chairman ruled that the two Faculty Senators who had been elected at the November 20th meeting of the Senate would continue to be members of the Appeals Committee.

Moved by J. Hutchinson, seconded by D. Sullivan,

"that Senate accept, in principle, the recommendations of this Committee, Papers S-178 (a), (b) and (c).

MOTION CARRIED

Notice of motion was given by D. Korbin "that Senate request the Attorney General's office to enter a stay of proceedings against the 114 students arrested during the occupation".

Moved by J. Hutchison, seconded by D. Sullivan,

"that Senate accept in principle the recommendation that the full Appeal Committee constitute a quorum".

MOTION CARRIED
22 in favour
2 opposed

Moved by J. Hutchison, seconded by W. Williams,

"that Senate accept in principle the wording of paper S178C adding 'and/or any other person the applicant deems relevant to his appeal' ".

MOTION CARRIED
20 in favour
2 opposed
1 abstained

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Admissions & Standings

Discussion was undertaken on item 5(B) to the effect that Senate name one member of Faculty to study the matter of admissions and standings.

Moved by R. Haering, seconded by K. Burstein,

"that Senate instruct the Nominating Committee to come forward with names and that Senate consider them at the next meeting".

MOTION CARRIED

19 in favour

1 opposed

Moved by L. Boland, seconded by E. Gibson,

"that Senate adopt the motion as outlined in paper S179, pages 1 and 2, items 1, 2 and 3 pertaining to the Senate Undergraduate Admissions and Standings Committee".

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

"that a date be set for completion of the open agenda and that the open session be now adjourned".

Questions were raised concerning the appropriateness of the motion. The Chairman ruled that this was a privileged motion and should be now considered, with the date to be December 9th.

E. Gibson challenged the ruling of the Chair, and vote was taken with 17 in favour of the Chair and 7 opposed.

Debate was undertaken. D. Korbin indicated he considered it essential that his notice of motion pertaining to introduction of a stay of proceedings be considered before adjournment. A number of members spoke for and against the motion to adjourn the open session.

Moved by R. Baker, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"that the previous question now be put".

MOTION CARRIED

19 in favour

4 opposed

Vote was then taken on the motion to adjourn the open session to the December 9th meeting.

MAIN MOTION TO ADJOURN THE
OPEN SESSION CARRIED

15 in favour

9 opposed

The open session adjourned at 1.45 a.m. to December 9th.

H.M. Evans

Secretary