

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1969, FACULTY LOUNGE, 7:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

PRESENT: / Strand, K.T.

Chairman

/ Baird, D.A.
/ Boland, L.A.
/ Burstein, K.R.
/ Conway, J.
/ D'Aoust, B.
/ Funt, B.L.
/ Haering, R.R.
/ Hamilton, W.M.
/ Harper, R.J.C.
/ Hean, A.F.C.
/ Hutchinson, J.
/ Koerner, Mrs. Otto
/ Lachlan, A.H.
/ Korbin, D.G.
/ MacKinnon, A.R.
/ Okuda, K.
/ Rieckhoff, K.E.
/ Sperling, G.B.
/ Prock, Mrs. L.
/ Stratton, S.
/ Sullivan, D.
/ Tuck, D.G.
/ Vidaver, W.
/ Wong, S.
/ Williams, W.E.

/ Evans, H.M.
/ Perriment, B.

Secretary
Recording Secretary

ABSENT: / Branca, A.E.
/ Collins, M.
/ Dampier, J.L.
/ Ellis, A.J.
/ Lett, Mrs. Sherwood
/ McLean, C.H.
/ Perry, G.N.
/ Shrum, G.M.
/ Walkley, J.

As difficulties had occurred because of the entry of individuals to the Senate Chamber without passes, and with overflow beyond the seating capacity available, the Chairman requested that those who had entered without passes please leave but there was no response. The Chairman indicated that he would attempt to continue the meeting of Senate but that if this proved to be unsuccessful it would be necessary that the meeting be terminated.

ELECTION RESULTS

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*Election
JACK SEAN*

In the election for a student representative to Senate to replace S.Foulds for a term of office to May 31, 1969, J. Conway polled the highest number of votes and was declared elected.

Moved by B.D'Aoust, seconded by D.Korbin,

"that J.Conway be seated on Senate."

MOTION CARRIED

In the election by Joint Faculty of a replacement for R.J.Baker, A.H.Lachlan polled the highest number of votes and was declared elected.

Moved by S.Wong, seconded by B.D'Aoust,

"that A.H.Lachlan be seated on Senate."

MOTION CARRIED

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by K.Rieckhoff, seconded by B.D'Aoust, the Agenda was approved.

S.Wong noted that Paper S-209, 209A had not been reviewed by the Senate Agenda Committee and questioned its inclusion on the Agenda. Explanation was made by R.Haering and H.Evans covering the inclusion and inclusion was accepted.

J.Conway indicated that he wished to raise two points of privilege in that it was his desire to make a statement to Senate and also that he had wished to move an amendment to the motion to approve the Agenda but that events had moved too quickly. He made enquiry as to the method whereby notices of motion could be placed before Senate and the Chairman indicated that this could be done under Item 7A where previous papers had been presented or under Item 7C - Other Items. Following discussion the Chairman indicated that notice of motion would be accepted under Item 7C.

J.Conway requested permission to give a maiden speech and the Chairman ruled that he could so do. K.Burstein challenged the ruling of the Chair, vote was taken with 9 in favour of the Chair and 11 opposed, with the decision of the Chair being overruled by the assembly. D.Korbin indicated that he believed it unfair to make the student audience wait for a protracted time for such statement, but in view of the ruling of the assembly Senate proceeded to the next order of business.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OPEN SESSION - FEBRUARY 3, 1969

S.Wong indicated that on Page 5 Item B following the carrying of the motion there should be inserted the sentence "the above motion is to be drawn to the attention of Senate".

S.Wong referred to the section of the Minutes pertaining to separation of archaeology studies from the Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology with request for changes in wording but with opposition from.

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Arch. Sec. 11
Notice of Motion
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D.Sullivan as to the nature of debate and wording at the previous meeting.
D.Sullivan referred to the difficulty of the secretariat in situations of this type and suggested the need for transcripts through tapes. Following further discussion it was agreed that decision would be held in abeyance until check was made of the recording secretary's minutes with discussion to be held by S.Wong, D.Sullivan and the secretary.

Error was noted to the motion at the top of Page 8 in that it was moved by D.Korbin and seconded by S.Wong.

Similarly, on Page 10 Line 5 the first sentence requires change to read "Challenge on the ruling was made by S.Wong, seconded by L.Boland, with reference to Page 144 of Robert's Rules of Order".

S.Wong requested that addition be made at the top of Page 12 following the amendment, with inclusion of the following:

"S.Wong argued that since all members are regarded as equal, students and lay members should be eligible to serve on this committee. He said that since lay members felt able to decide on such academic questions as the administrative separation of archaeology from P.S.A., they should be quite capable to implement these decisions".

This statement is to appear between the amendment and the results of the vote.

D.Sullivan gave notice of motion that in future the secretary arrange for the procedures of Senate to be taped.

Change was required on Page 13 second to last motion with replacement of the word "by" with the word "be".

D.Korbin indicated that on Page 11 Line 12 there was needed insertion of the word "utterly" before the word "mobile".

With the exception of the item involving disagreement between S.Wong and D.Sullivan which still required resolution, the Chairman ruled the Minutes of February 3 approved including the corrections noted above.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

(a) Notice of Motion of B.D'Aoust - "N" and "DEF" Grades - Paper S.208

Moved by B.D'Aoust, seconded by G.Sperling,

"Whereas there is no direction by Senate to the Registrar regarding the handling of "N" and "DEF" grades for purposes of calculating either cumulative or semester grade point averages, and

Whereas the present practice (1) may penalize the student - he may not get a bursary or scholarship for which he is qualified by his other marks - and (2) since the computing of an average which includes an "N" or "DEF" grade carrying a

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zero value in fact results in an erroneous reflection of a student's achievement and (3) since the trouble involved in re-programming the computer to calculate averages accurately is easily offset by the reliability of the information printed out,

Moved, (1) that where grades of "N" and "DEF" are awarded by an instructor, these be left intact on the student's record unless changed according to present University policy, and (2) that in calculating grade point averages, computation be based only on passing or failing grades awarded by instructors.

Comment - Motion No.1 intends to record academic evaluation of a student's performance more accurately, Motion No.2 is intended to arrive at averages on the basis of academic rather than administrative judgments."

Discussion was undertaken. Amendment to Part 2 of the motion was made by K.Okuda, seconded by D.Tuck,

"that in calculating grade point averages, computation be based only on "N", passing or failing grades awarded by instructors."

Debate on the amendment was undertaken and the Chair ruled the amendment in order. G.Sperling and D.Korbin challenged the ruling. Vote on the ruling was undertaken and the Chair was upheld.

Discussion continued with individuals speaking for and against the motion and amendment. D.Sullivan suggested that all "F" and "N" grades be left off a student's transcript and only passing grades shown. K.Burstein suggested that use be made of the notations "withdrawing passing", "withdrawing failing", and "withdrew".

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

"that the previous question now be put."

MOTION CARRIED

Vote was then taken on the amendment.

AMENDMENT FAILED

7 in favour
14 opposed
1 abstained

Discussion on the main motion continued. J.Conway spoke against the main motion in terms of the whole grading system and was opposed by K.Burstein on a point of order that the motion pertained to "N" and "DEF" grades only. The Chairman indicated that he accepted the argument of K.Burstein and ruled the comments of J.Conway not in order. The ruling of the Chair was challenged by D.Sullivan, seconded by G.Sperling. Vote on the ruling of

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*Grading System
Notice of Motion
Grade Changes
Deferred Grades*

the Chair was undertaken with 12 voting in favour of the ruling, 7 opposed to the ruling and 5 abstained. The ruling of the Chair was upheld.

Debate continued. Amendment was moved by J.Conway, seconded by D.Korbin,

"that Senate in principle adopt the abolition of the present grading system and introduce a pass/fail grading system."

The Chairman ruled the motion out of order.

Discussion was held and J.Conway, seconded by D.Korbin, challenged the ruling of the Chair. Vote on the ruling was undertaken with 19 in favour of the Chair and 3 opposed. The ruling of the Chair was upheld.

Debate continued with individuals speaking for and against the main motion. K.Rieckhoff opposed the motion on the ground that the utilization of gradings of "N" and "DEF" are useful and clear so long as definitions are understood.

K.Burstein stated that if B.D'Aoust would withdraw his motion he would introduce a notice of motion to the effect "that the following letter grades be added to the present grading system:- W - Withdrew, WP - Withdrew Passing, WF - Withdrew Failing".

Moved
Ruled by B.D'Aoust, seconded by K.Burstein,

"that the motion be tabled."

MOTION CARRIED
19 in favour
3 opposed

(b) Notice of Motion of W.Williams - Grade Changes - Paper S.208

W.Williams indicated that he wished to change the notice of motion previously given and it was agreed that this could be done.

Moved by W.Williams, seconded by G.Sperling,

"that the time for conversion of deferred grades to letter grades be extended until the end of the seventh week in the semester following the awarding of the grade."

Debate was undertaken with a number of individuals speaking for and against the motion. K.Rieckhoff indicated opposition in that the system proposed would provide unfair privileges for some but not for others. J.Conway spoke in favour of the motion as he believed that it would be in the interests of students as a welfare motion relieving pressures and tensions on students. K.Okuda expressed opposition and supported the present "DEF" system. A number of individuals spoke for and against the motion.

Amendment to the motion was moved by D.Korbin, seconded by J.Conway,

"that students be given a deferred grade at their own request."

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Deferred Grades
Reading section
notice of motion
Arch. Section

D.Korbin stated that the purpose of the motion was to allow all students to manipulate the grading system in their favour rather than to have the system manipulate them.

Vote on the amendment was undertaken.

AMENDMENT FAILED
5 in favour
17 opposed

Debate on the main motion continued. Ruled by K.Okuda, seconded by K.Burstein,

"that debate on the motion be postponed until the next meeting of Senate and that the Registrar be requested to prepare data on the number of deferred grades given and by which department and the time necessary for the conversion of these grades."

Discussion was undertaken. D.Korbin requested that record be made in the Minutes that the Chairman is quick to cut off points of order raised by students but not so quick to cut off administrators and others for whom the Senate exists. Further discussion was held. Vote on the motion to postpone was undertaken.

MOTION FAILED
3 in favour
18 opposed
3 abstained

Debate on the main motion resumed. S.Wong indicated that he was in favour of the motion but for reasons other than those which had already been expressed. He drew attention to Paper S.208, the comments of the Registrar and the summary statement emphasizing that if such change be made there would indeed be major impact, but that he felt that passage of the motion would help to erode current difficulties. A number of Senators continued the debate speaking for and against the motion.

Vote on the main motion was undertaken.

MOTION FAILED
8 in favour
15 opposed
2 abstained

Enquiry was made as to whether there were other items arising from the Minutes. S.Wong asked the Dean of Arts how the administrative separation of archaeology from the P.S.A. Department will appear in the next calendar, and the Dean replied that in the next calendar there would be no change but that following that it would appear in the same fashion as the Reading and Study section now appears under the Faculty of Arts.

L.Boland requested that the Chairman present a paper to Senate on what to do with inter-departmental matters of the P.S.A. separation type so that when other cases come before Senate there will be guidance as to how to deal with the matter.

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Notice of Motion
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Nominating Committee

J.Conway gave notice of motion that regarding the separation of archaeology from the P.S.A. Department that the matter be put to the student plenum of the P.S.A. Department and that it be subject to their ratification or rejection.

The Chairman ruled that the motion would be out of order. The ruling of the Chair was challenged by S.Wong, seconded by D.Korbin. Vote on the ruling was undertaken with 18 in favour of the Chair, and 4 opposed. The ruling of the Chair was upheld.

4. REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN

- (a) K.Strand reported that E.Gibson had resigned from Senate and that replacement election was being held.
- (b) The Chairman indicated that consideration was being given the matter of academic planning, and that he hoped to have a paper for the next Senate Agenda Committee Meeting and then potentially for the next Senate meeting. Consideration was being given priorities, including physical, budget and academic, with the conclusion that academic priorities should be first considered. He referred to a number of problems and difficulties which arose from the present situation.

G.Sperling requested that a report be made on the growing malaise of the Centre for the Communications and the Arts and referred to certain materials. The Chairman indicated that if this proved to be appropriate he would include comments.

D.Korbin requested that the paper be made available in the Library and available to students before the Senate meeting so that students can know the contents and respond appropriately. The Chairman indicated that the paper would be referred to the Senate Agenda Committee if ready, and decision as to whether it would then go before Senate would depend upon recommendation of the Senate Agenda Committee and that he could not comment further.

J.Conway asked the Chairman to include in the report how the P.S.A. split can be taken care of in academic planning, the part the students can play, and detail as to how implementation can be carried out.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- (a) Report of Senate Nominating Committee - Paper S:207

D.G.Tuck referred to Paper S.207 Section 1 pertaining to the Committee on Examination Gradings and Practices, and requested that Senate move to a vote.

Moved by D.G.Tuck, seconded by K.Rieckhoff,

"that Senate rules on nominations and voting be suspended."

MOTION CARRIED
17 in favour
5 opposed
1 abstained

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Nominations from the floor were considered in addition to the names of those provided by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee had suggested that the committee have five members, and the nominees of the Nominating Committee were J.F.Cochran, J.F.Hutchinson, M.Gibbons, L.M.Kendall, L.Prock, P.L.Wagner, J.M.Webster. From the floor names were added: S.Wong, D.Korbin, L.Boland.

D.Korbin requested that all present be asked to address the meeting regarding their perspective on examination and grading practices, but the discussion was ruled out of order.

Moved by D.Tuck, seconded by D.Sullivan,

"that nominations close."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"that the committee consist of five members."

Amendment to the motion was made by G.Sperling, seconded by D.Korbin,

"that the committee consist of five members to be composed of three faculty and two students."

It was noted that nominations had been made prior to determination of the numbers of members and the nature of the members of the committee and it was therefore decided to set aside the nominations which had already been made and to reconsider as the first item the composition of the committee.

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

"that the committee consist of five members elected by Senate at large."

Amendment to the motion was moved by G.Sperling, seconded by D.Korbin,

"that the size of the committee be increased to six members composed of three faculty members and three students to be elected by the student society by whatever manner they desire."

Discussion was undertaken and the Chair ruled the amendment in order. Reference was made to Pages 143 and 144 of Robert's Rules of Order.

W.Vidaver, seconded by L.Boland, challenged the ruling of the Chair. Vote on the ruling was undertaken with 12 in favour of the ruling, 8 opposed to the ruling and 2 abstained. The ruling of the Chair was upheld.

Amendment to the amendment was moved by J.Conway, seconded by D.Korbin,

"that the amendment include the specific manner in which the

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Library*

three faculty members will be chosen, namely that the three faculty members be elected in a manner to be determined by Joint Faculty and the three student members to be elected in a manner decided by the student society."

Discussion was undertaken with disagreement.

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

"that the question of the composition and constitution of the committee be referred back to the Senate Nominating Committee."

Debate was undertaken on the motion to refer with some individuals speaking for and against the motion.

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

"that the previous question now be put."

MOTION CARRIED
19 in favour
2 opposed
1 abstained

Vote was then undertaken on the motion to refer.

MOTION CARRIED
12 in favour
10 opposed
2 abstained

Senate then considered Paper S.207 Item 2 pertaining to a vacancy in the Senate Agenda Committee.

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

"that Senate elect W.Vidaver to the vacancy existing on the Senate Agenda Committee."

Nominations from the floor were then accepted and L.Boland was nominated.

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

"that nominations close."

MOTION CARRIED

Ballot vote was then taken to elect one member to the Senate Agenda Committee, replacing E.Gibson, with the candidates being L.Boland and W.Vidaver. Following balloting, W.Vidaver was declared elected.

(b) Report of Senate Library Committee - Paper S.206

Moved by S.Stratton, seconded by A.Hean,

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Library Cte
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"that the report of the Senate Library Committee,
Paper S.206, be accepted."

J.Conway enquired as to the rationale behind the paper and further enquired as to the income from library fines secured in the last semester. The President agreed to obtain the data and provide it later.

MOTION CARRIED
17 in favour
2 opposed
2 abstained

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

(a) (i) Undergraduate Calendar Items - Faculty of Arts

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

"that the wording of the general requirements of
the Faculty of Arts as given in the precis be
approved."

Discussion was undertaken. S.Wong drew attention to Page 65 and queried the requirement that for the Honors Degree 132 semester hours would be required of which at least 72 semester hours must be in Arts. He stated that he did not believe this to be a ruling earlier passed. Further points were raised.

Moved by G.Sperling, seconded by S.Wong,

"that this item be referred back to the Faculty of
Arts."

MOTION FAILED
3 in favour
18 opposed
2 abstained

D.Sullivan gave assurance that a thorough check would be made in the Faculty of Arts and with the Registrar and that only those items which had received approval would indeed appear in the next calendar.

Vote on the main motion was undertaken.

MOTION CARRIED
17 in favour
2 opposed
3 abstained

Attention was drawn to the requirements of the Department of Psychology pertaining to overall average in major subject and D.Sullivan indicated that the wording submitted had not been approved within the Faculty of Arts.

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

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"that the 3.0 overall average in the major subject required by the Department of Psychology be deleted."

MOTION CARRIED
16 in favour
4 abstained

Attention was given to the submission of the Department of Modern Languages and the Dean of Arts indicated that this was being reworked with expectation that it would come before the next meeting of Senate. In view of this the old wording would appear in the next calendar issue.

(ii) Undergraduate Calendar Items - Faculty of Education - Paper S.213

A.MacKinnon referred to Paper S.213 and noted that Education 403 which had carried no credit would be renumbered and called Education 405-15. Further clarification was given.

Moved by A.MacKinnon, seconded by S.Stratton,

"that Paper S.213 be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

A.MacKinnon referred to Education 499 which had been approved to carry 15 semester hours of credit or alternatively 18 semester hours of credit for those undertaking Honors. It was noted that change was needed.

Moved by A.MacKinnon, seconded by G.Sperling,

"that Senate approve the offerings of Education 499-15 and the offerings of Education 498-18 in the various departments of the faculty."

MOTION CARRIED

A.MacKinnon noted that some of the departments had not previously included Education 499 and 498 and that it was desired that Professional Foundations be permitted to include such offerings, and this was accepted.

(iii) Undergraduate Calendar Items - Faculty of Science - Papers S.209, 209A

Moved by B.Funt, seconded by K.Rieckhoff,

"that Senate approve Papers S.209, 209A."

Discussion was undertaken with a number of individuals speaking for and against the proposal. It was noted that the proposal was a step in the direction of specifying more items in programs and therefore

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restricting the opportunity for students to choose more broadly. Further information was provided by the Dean of Science and by A.Lachlan.

Moved by R.Harper, seconded by S.Stratton,

"that the previous question now be put."

MOTION FAILED
9 in favour
9 opposed
2 abstained

Discussion continued with many Senators speaking in support of the proposal and many Senators speaking against the motion.

Vote on the main motion was undertaken.

MOTION CARRIED
11 in favour
7 opposed
1 abstained

Moved by J.Conway, seconded by G.Sperling,

"that the change be implemented only if the students in the Department of Mathematics agree that it should be implemented."

MOTION FAILED
2 in favour
13 opposed
4 abstained

7. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Notices of Motions (No papers received).

(b) Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next regular meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 8, as Monday, April 7, is Easter Monday.

(c) Other Items

(i) Tape Recording of Senate Meetings

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

"that all meetings be tape-recorded in order that the secretariat can check adequately, and that the tapes be kept until the Minutes of the Meeting are approved."

MOTION CARRIED

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(ii) Notice of Motion - J.Conway, D.Korbin

J.Conway read notice of motion which would be seconded by D.Korbin, indicating that the motion was not in final form but that submission would be made of final form later. He read from an initial draft as follows: "Whereas Senate accepts in principle the concept of a critical, open, free university, Senate approves the following:-

(A) Policy of Open Enrolment

- (1)(a) All ethnic minorities will be admitted upon application;
 - (b) All high school students in the so-called "non-academic streams" will be admitted upon application;
 - (c) All junior and regional college students will be admitted upon application;
 - (d) All those who have not completed the normal high school program including both mature students and "drop-outs" will be admitted upon application;
 - (e) All American political refugees will be admitted upon application;
 - (f) All those who have met the minimum standards of high school graduation will be admitted upon application.
 - (2) Special programs will be established and developed for the above categories of students. Participation in such programs will imply no loss of time and credit period.
 - (3) No applicant will be turned away for reasons of inadequate facilities.
- (B) Senate agrees to immediately implement the Korbin-Sperling motion presented at the November 20 meeting of Senate.
- (C) Whereas the grading system is an institutionalized means of oppression and whereas it serves the needs of corporate channelling and not the educational needs of the students, be it resolved:
- (1) Senate commit itself in principle to the complete abolition of the grading system.
 - (a) As an interim step Senate will immediately implement a Pass/Fail system of gradings.
 - (b) Senate immediately authorizes that non-graded full credit courses can begin in any department on an experimental basis.

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- (c) Senate accept immediately the change in credits for lower-level courses from three to five credits. The purpose is to undercut the course fragmentation of learning; and not to increase the academic workload in any particular course.
- (D) Whereas the most immediate barrier to universal accessibility in the system of tuition fees and grade competition for scholarships, bursaries and awards, be it resolved:
 - (1) Senate call for the abolition of tuition fees, and for the abolition of the present system of bursaries, scholarships, and awards based on grades.
 - (2) The present system of scholarships, bursaries, and awards be replaced in the interim with a system based upon need.
 - (3) Senate call for a universal system of student stipends.
- (E) Whereas Senate is concerned about the drift of SFU towards a multiversity model, where knowledge is seen as a commodity and where academic and research programs are subordinated to the needs of the corporate system, be it resolved:
 - (1) There will be no major changes in the curriculum, program nor departmental structure; nor will there be any formation of new entities within the university, without full and open debate throughout the university and without the express approval of the students and faculty in the concerned department or area.
- (F) Whereas administrative and bureaucratic decisions are being proposed and made by Senate, senior faculty, and administrators, in isolation from the whole university community, which by extension and implication are redefining the character and direction of SFU;

And whereas such decisions are being made without full and open discussion, as well as without the participation and control of the majority of students in faculty;

And whereas the character and direction of SFU in all its aspects should be freely, openly, and democratically determined by the whole university community as well as representatives of the people;

Be it resolved that the Senate suspend all normal academic programs for the Fall 1969 Semester, without loss of credit to students or loss of salary to faculty, in order that wide-ranging and full discussions can be carried out throughout each department, each faculty, and the university as a whole concerning the character and direction of SFU; and that such discussions include representatives of the people of B.C.; and that concrete restructuring, as well as curricular, teaching methods, and educational philosophy, proposals will be democratically arrived

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at to be immediately implemented by the appropriate bodies."

J.Conway indicated further that he was giving notice of a motion which would condemn the use of police, a notice of motion requiring that the provision of data to the police be ceased, and a notice of motion to have files opened only on the specific statements of students.

He indicated that appropriate documents would be filed.

(iii) Notice of Motion - R.Harper

R.Harper indicated that he was giving notice of motion "that Senate abandon the trimester system on the grounds that this system is unsound academically, unworkable administratively, and financially expensive, and that the university adopt a year system similar to that of the University of British Columbia and the University of Victoria."

- (iv) G.Sperling noted that the University of British Columbia is giving consideration to raising standards of admission and wished to know whether or not this would affect Simon Fraser University. He wished to know if the matter was being considered and, if so, by whom. He requested that the President include this information in the paper he proposed to present.

(d) Confidential Matters

Moved by D.Tuck, seconded by A.Hean,

"that the Open Session of Senate now adjourn."

MOTION CARRIED

The Open Session was adjourned at 12:55 a.m.

H. M. Evans
Secretary.