

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1969, FACULTY LOUNGE, 7:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

PRESENT:

Strand, K. T.

Chairman

Baird, D. A.

Burstein, K. R.

Campbell, M. J.

Caple, K. P.

Carlson, R. L.

Claridge, R. W.

Cole, R. E.

Funt, B. L.

Hamilton, W. M.

Hutchinson, J. F.

Kenward, J. K.

Kirchner, G.

Korbin, D.

Lachlan, A. H.

MacKinnon, A. R.

McDougall, A. H.

Munro, J. M.

Rogow, R.

Sayre, J.

Srivastava, L. M.

Stratton, S. T.

Sullivan, D. H.

Tuck, D. G.

Turnbull, A. L.

Walkley, J.

Wassermann, Mrs. S.

Webster, J. M.

Evans, H. M.

Secretary

Kelsey, I. B.

Barboza, Miss J.

Recording Secretary

Norsworthy, Mrs. R.

Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Collins, M.

Drache, Mrs. S.

Freiman, Mrs. L.

Hean, A.F.C.

Lebowitz, M. A.

McLean, C. H.

Perry, G. N.

Vidaver, W.

C. L. Hamilton was in attendance to speak on Paper S.271.

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1. SEATING OF SENATORS

Senate was informed by the Chairman that J. Munro had been elected to Senate by Joint Faculty to temporarily replace R. C. Brown from September 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969, and that J. Webster had been elected by the Faculty of Science to temporarily replace K. E. Rieckhoff from September 1, 1969 to April 30, 1970. It was moved and carried by Senate that J. M. Munro and J. M. Webster be seated on Senate.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by J. Walkley, seconded by G. Kirchner,

"that the following motion become Item 1 on the Agenda: 'This Senate deplores the action of some faculty members and teaching assistants of the PSA Department in going 'on strike' and considers their action highly irresponsible and unethical towards the students enrolled in their courses.'"

MOTION CARRIED

18 in favour
1 opposed

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

"that the following motion be placed as Item 2 on the Agenda: 'Senate urges the non-suspended faculty of the PSA Department and the President to make an attempt to find a Chairman among the non-suspended members of the PSA Department as a necessary step towards removing the Trusteeship.'"

MOTION CARRIED

21 in favour
2 opposed

Moved by A. Lachlan, seconded by J. Walkley,

"that the Agenda as amended be approved."

MOTION CARRIED

3. ITEMS RELATED TO THE PSA DEPARTMENT

Moved by J. Walkley, seconded by G. Kirchner,

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"this Senate deplores the action of some faculty members and teaching assistants of the PSA Department in going 'on strike' and considers their action highly irresponsible and unethical towards the students enrolled in their courses."

Senator Walkley spoke essentially as follows. He stated that as a teacher in the University he finds strike action such as was taken by some members of the PSA Department to be completely irresponsible and unethical. He pointed out that in his work in England, the United States and Canada this is the first time he has seen this sort of behaviour and he finds it unacceptable. He went on to say that the issue before Senate was clear and important, especially for lay Senators as they had an opportunity here to represent the thoughts and feelings of people outside the University.

D. Korbin stated that it would be improper to adopt this motion without at least making an attempt to invite PSA members to Senate to give their point of view.

Moved by D. Korbin, seconded by A. McDougall,

"that the debate on the motion be postponed for fifteen minutes while efforts are made to contact striking PSA members to address Senate."

MOTION FAILED

2 in favour
21 opposed

M. Campbell asked that his abstention be recorded. He also asked that it be noted that although he strongly disagrees with the strike action, he believes that the strike itself could have resulted only from the "idiocy of an intellectually impoverished environment."

D. Korbin stated that he was surprised Senators would vote on this issue with so little debate. He claimed that Senate needed to look at the events which led up to the strike, including the imposition of a Trusteeship on the PSA Department by the administration, the administration's refusal to explain satisfactorily reasons for the imposition and reasons for refusing to recognize the Department's elected Chairman. He questioned the failure of the University Tenure Committee to give normal renewal of contract to some members of the Department, and stated that in his view evidence indicates a political purge has taken place.

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M. Campbell asked the Chair to direct the speaker to speak to the motion. At this point several Senators claimed that D. Korbin's remarks were not germane to the motion. The Chairman ruled that they were and was challenged on the ruling. In a vote on the ruling the ruling was not sustained, with 9 in favour and 11 opposed.

Brief discussion followed on the main motion of deploring the strike action of the PSA Department. The question was called and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

25 in favour
2 opposed

D. Korbin and A. McDougall requested that their negative votes be recorded.

M. Campbell asked that his vote in favour of the motion be recorded and that it be noted that he was saddened and sickened by the fact that the course of events had left him no ethical alternative but to vote in support of this motion.

Moved by J. Sayre, seconded by A. Lachlan,

"Senate urges the non-suspended faculty of the PSA Department and the President to make an attempt to find a Chairman among the non-suspended members of the PSA Department as a necessary step towards removing the Trusteeship."

A. Lachlan spoke in favour of the motion, stating that he would like to see the PSA Department move into normal operation as far as possible and that the passage of this motion would be a step in this direction.

D. Korbin opposed the motion, stating that he believed the quickest way for the department to move into normal operation would be to conduct negotiations with the Department and to recognize the previously appointed Chairman of the Department.

D. Sullivan pointed out that the Trusteeship provided that at any time a Chairman was brought forward and started on a reorganization of the Department the Trusteeship could be lifted.

At this point M. Campbell asked the Chairman if normal operation of the Department would be possible after dismissal of the suspended members. In other words, could a dismissed faculty member be replaced? The chairman pointed out that he had made no attempt to examine this question.

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Question was called on the motion to find a Chairman among non-suspended members of the faculty and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

22 in favour
3 opposed

M. Campbell, D. Korbin and A. McDougall requested that their negative votes be recorded.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1969

The minutes were approved as circulated.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

D. Sullivan stated that according to the minutes of September 8, 1969 he indicated that he would bring a paper forward to Senate about curriculum matters and that due to circumstances beyond his control he was unable to bring that paper before Senate for this particular meeting. He apologized to Senate and hopes he would have it for the next meeting.

6. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported that he had called for an external examination of the PSA Department and asked that the CAUT and AUCC name individuals to the examining committee. He stated that the committee would be chosen by the CAUT and AUCC and that the committee would report their recommendations to him and he in turn would bring these recommendations before Senate or appropriate bodies. He added that the Executive Secretary of CAUT and the Executive Secretary of AUCC are in the process of finding examiners to assist in this process.

Moved by R. Carlson, seconded by R. Cole,

"that Senate endorse the action of the President in calling for examination of the PSA Department by an external committee."

MOTION CARRIED

25 in favour
1 opposed

D. Korbin requested that his negative vote be recorded.

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The Chairman then called upon L. Srivastava, the Academic Vice-President, to give another report. L. Srivastava brought to the attention of Senate several problems which have resulted from the strike within the PSA Department. He indicated that these matters would have to be dealt with at this meeting or in the very near future.

The Academic Vice-President said that two lists of courses had been compiled, the first showing those courses that are currently being given within the Department and another indicating courses that he suspects are not being given. This latter category includes approximately nine courses at the 300 and 400 level and five courses at the 100 and 200 level. He said that it will be impossible to continue with the 300 and 400 level courses this semester. As far as a number of the 100 and 200 level courses are concerned only tutorials are being held. Senate needs to determine whether or not it will recognize these 100 and 200 level courses where only tutorials are being offered.

Another critical problem area involves students transferring from PSA courses into either other PSA courses or other courses in the University at large. At the moment these students can ask for transfer through the Dean of Arts' office to be processed in the normal manner. The critical problem arises for students who need certain PSA courses in order to graduate. L. Srivastava stated emphatically that Senate will have to decide whether or not degree requirements for these students can be reduced. He pointed out that students need to be advised as soon as possible what is to be done in these areas.

In reply to a question with regard to how many students were affected, L. Srivastava said that in the upper division courses, the 300 and 400 levels, about 200 students would be involved.

Several Senators indicated that the whole problem should be handled by a committee or group and Senate should give it the power to make decisions in these areas. Other Senators disagreed and felt that Senate itself should make the decisions.

M. Campbell stated that it would be a very interesting precedent if Senate agrees to allow courses to be taught by non-faculty members in order to solve some of the problems mentioned by the Acting Academic Vice-President when at the same meeting it considered means of tightening up on faculty requirements.

J. Kenward mentioned that some teaching assistants in the PSA would like it known that they will continue to teach and will teach more tutorials than at present, and that they are prepared to keep up usual standards.

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The Chairman pointed out that the central question involved in the problem is to get prompt action in delegating some body to handle the problems. He stated also that Senate must give guidance to that body in carrying out its duties.

During the discussion a question arose with regard to proper use of a Point of Privilege, which was apparently being abused on several occasions during the debate. The Chairman said that he would have information on the proper use of the Point of Privilege printed and circulated to all Senate members by the next Senate meeting.

Discussion continued on the basic principles involved in handling the problems of transfer and credit for students affected by the strike. The first principle involved was that some adjustments would be made to enable students to graduate this semester, that is, those students who have made all reasonable attempts to transfer or substitute courses without success. Authority should be delegated for this semester only to a smaller body such as the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings to examine and approve the adjustments.

This principle was accepted by the Senate in a straw vote.

The second principle involved was that for the fall semester of 1969 the 300 and 400 level courses would be cancelled where instructors are not available as determined by the Dean of Arts and Vice-President.

This principle was accepted also by straw vote.

The third principle was that Senate would agree that the 100 and 200 level courses for which no lectures are being given but for which tutorials are being held do fulfil requirements for these courses for 1969.

This too was accepted by straw vote.

At this point it was moved by R. Carlson that Anthropology be transferred to the administration of Archaeology Studies so that these courses can be taken by students. The motion was ruled out of order by the Chairman.

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

"that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings - in consultation with the Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee, with the non-suspended PSA faculty members, with the two assistants from the Dean of Arts' Office - be given authority to immediately implement appropriate policies in accordance with the following principles:-

1. That for students who have made all reasonable attempts to transfer, without success, but who need to graduate this semester, some appropriate special adjustments be made.
2. For 300 and 400 level courses, where it is determined by the Dean of Arts and the Academic Vice-President that there are no instructors available, the courses be cancelled for the fall semester 69-3.
3. That for 100 and 200 level courses where lectures currently may not be offered but tutors are available, working under the direction of members of faculty who will have particular responsibility in terms of submissions of grades, such courses offered at this level be accepted as fulfilling the course requirement."

Debate continued on this Walkley/Sullivan motion with M. Campbell suggesting that it be voted down as he believed it was in opposition to the spirit of the D'Aoust motion as recorded in the minutes of the Senate meeting of July 7, 1969. Other Senators expressed the view that degree requirements be reduced by a very limited number of semester hours.

Amendment was moved by A. Lachlan "that the number of semester hours that could be waived for students seeking a reduction in degree requirements, either for a major or honours degree, be limited to five, and that if there are other special cases these be considered by Senate," but as there was no seconder the motion was lost.

Question was called on the main motion to take action on the three principles dealt with earlier.

MOTION CARRIED

21 in favour
2 opposed

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

"that if degree requirements in terms of the gross number of hours needed are under review, that the application from a candidate this semester should follow the normal route, from the Department concerned to the Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee

and to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings, and that if waiver of more than 5 hours of degree requirement credit is involved, the case should be reported to this Senate with substantiating evidence before it is finally approved."

MOTION CARRIED

22 in favour
1 opposed

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Paper S.270 - Report of Senate Nominating Committee - Elections to Senate Committees

The Chairman noted that in three elections nominations received equalled the number of vacancies existing on Senate Committees, and therefore these vacancies were filled by acclamation. D. Tuck, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, withdrew Item 5 of Paper S.270.

The following individuals were elected by acclamation:

1. Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees

Election of one Senator from the Faculty of Arts.

Elected by acclamation: R. E. COLE

2. Senate Library Committee

Election of two Senators, each for a one year term of office from October 1, 1969 to September 30, 1970.

Elected by acclamation: J. K. KENWARD
S. T. STRATTON

3. Senate Committee on Appeals (Admissions and Standings)

Election of one faculty Senator to replace temporarily R. C. Brown from September 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969.

Elected by acclamation: R. L. CARLSON

A ballot vote was held for replacements on the following Committees:

1. Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees

- (a) Election of one Senator from the Faculty of Science to replace temporarily K. E. Rieckhoff from September 1, 1969 to April 30, 1970 with the candidates being W. Vidaver and J. Walkley.

Individual receiving the higher number of votes and thereby elected was J. WALKLEY.

- (b) Election of two Senators at large with candidates being G. Kirchner, A. H. McDougall and J. Sayre.

Those receiving the highest number of votes and thereby elected were G. KIRCHNER
J. SAYRE

2. Joint Senate-Board Working Relations Committee

Election of one Senator at large to replace R. R. Haering, with candidates being D. A. Baird and W. M. Hamilton.

The individual receiving the higher number of votes and thereby elected was W. M. HAMILTON.

D. Tuck, the Chairman of the Senate Nominating Committee, pointed out to Senate that the Senate Nominating Committee had not brought forward nominations to replace the present members, whose terms of office expired September 30, 1969. He apologized to Senate and recommended that this Committee continue for one more month, and that the Committee submit nominations for its replacements at the next Senate meeting.

The Chair asked if there was any objection to this recommendation. As there was no objection voiced the Chair ruled that the life of the Committee would be extended one month, and that the appropriate nominations were to be submitted at the next Senate meeting.

Paper S.271, S.271a - Report of Senate Committee on Faculty Status

Professor Charles Hamilton was introduced to Senate and spoke briefly on this paper.

Moved by D. Tuck, seconded by J. Sayre,

"that Paper S.271 be received."

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In reply to a request for the definition of "university residents in the arts," Dean MacKinnon asked that this category be taken from the recommendations. He stated that it is still under examination in the Faculty of Education and that the faculty will be presenting a paper on this particular position within a month for Senate's information. The deletion was accepted.

D. Baird explained the qualifications needed for a "professional librarian," and the numbers on staff.

Amendment was moved by K. Burstein, seconded by D. Sullivan,

"that Sections a, b, and d of the Introduction in Paper S.271 be deleted."

Debate continued.

Moved by J. Kenward, seconded by R. Claridge,

"that the previous question be put."

MOTION ON PREVIOUS
QUESTION CARRIED

19 in favour
1 opposed

Question was called on the amendment of the Introduction of Paper S.271 and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

14 in favour
7 opposed

After reference to Robert's Rules of Order, it was pointed out that as the report of the Senate Committee on Faculty Status had been read, it had now been received by Senaté.

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

"that Recommendation I be adopted with the deletion of 'university residents in the arts.'"

MOTION CARRIED

22 in favour

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

"that Recommendation II be adopted."

MOTION CARRIED

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

"that Recommendation III be adopted."

This motion was opposed by D. Sullivan who pointed out that it was contradictory to what Senate has already done in terms of faculty status, and that he was opposed to raising the librarian to the status of faculty other than as a privilege to be placed on the faculty electoral roll.

Amendment was moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by J. Walkley,

"that the present wording of Recommendation III be deleted and replaced by the words 'all professional librarians be placed on the faculty electoral roll and granted voting privileges.'"

MOTION CARRIED

8. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

No reports.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Notices of Motion

No notices of motion

(b) Other Items:

The Chairman informed Senate that Norman Wickstrom, President of the Student Society, had hoped to address Senate at its meeting this evening. He was unable to attend and sent his apologies for being unable to do so, and requested that he be given an opportunity to speak to Senate at its next meeting, and the Chairman indicated he proposed to grant this privilege.

K. Burstein noted that approximately one year ago he had requested recommendations from the Rules and Procedures Committee to cover procedures for items that have a university-wide significance but that as yet no recommendations had been received. The Chairman stated that he would write a letter to this Committee asking them to come forward with recommendations.

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(c) Date of Next Meeting

Moved by A. MacKinnon, seconded by D. Sullivan,

"that the next meeting of Senate be held on
Monday, November 10, 1969 at 7:30 p.m."

MOTION CARRIED

This change from November 3, 1969 was made to enable some individuals to attend the AUCC meeting to be held in the first part of November.

MOTION CARRIED

(d) Confidential Matters

The Open Session adjourned at 10:40 p.m. to move into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary