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MINUTES OF MEETING OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD MONDAY, MAY 10, 1971, EAST CONCOURSE CAFETERIA, 7:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

PRESENT:

Strand, K. T.

Chairman

Basham, G. D.
Birch, D. R.
Bradley, R. D.
Brown, R. C.
Campbell, M. J.
Donetz, G.
Ellis, J. F.
Funt, B. L.
Hamilton, C. L.
Harper, R.J.C.
Lachlan, A. H.
McAninch, J. R.
Mugridge, I.
O'Connell, M. S.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Salter, J. H.
Stratton, S. T.
Sullivan, D. H.
Sutherland, G. A.
Turnbull, A. L.
Weinberg, H.
Wheatley, J.
Wilson, B. G.

Evans, H. M.

Secretary

Kelsey, I. B.

Norsworthy, Mrs. R.

Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Baird, D. A.
Burstein, K. R.
Caple, K. P.
Claridge, R. W.
Drache, Mrs. S.
Freiman, Mrs. L.
Hamilton, W. M.
Hodge, F. D.
McDougall, A. H.
Pate, B. D.
Reid, W. D.
Srivastava, L. M.
Vidaver, W. E.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Webster, J. M. (To speak to Paper S.71-56)

The Chairman introduced Dr. Jon Wheatley, recently appointed Dean of Graduate Studies, and welcomed him to Senate.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Session of April 5, 1971 were approved as circulated.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman drew attention to a paper which he had requested the Secretary of Senate to circulate (subsequently numbered Paper S.71-71) which outlined four charges to the Academic Planning Committee concerning the referral by Senate of Paper S.71-51 - Reorganization of Educational Foundations Centre and Approval of Courses. He stated that this paper had been distributed to Senators for information.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Senate Nominating Committee

Paper S.71-55 - Election of Senators to Various Committees

The Chairman reported that since the distribution of Paper S.71-55, T. J. Mallinson had withdrawn his name as a candidate for the Senate Committee to Review Senate Procedures and Establish Codification and that J. Wheatley had since been nominated. He noted also that M. S. O'Connell was the only individual nominated to stand in the election to the Senate Nominating Committee.

Moved by R. Bradley, seconded by D. Sullivan,

"That the individual nominated to the Senate Committee to Review Senate Procedures and Establish Codification (ad hoc), J. Wheatley, be elected by acclamation."

Senator Campbell interjected at this point and stated that in his view in future the Senate Nominating Committee should bring forward the names of several candidates for the positions to be filled rather than only the number required to fill Committee vacancies.

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Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by R. Bradley,

"That the individual nominated to the
Senate Nominating Committee, M. S. O'Connell,
be elected by acclamation."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

The Chairman advised that, in addition to the nominations submitted by the Senate Nominating Committee for election to the Academic Planning Committee, Senators had nominated T. J. Mallinson to replace J. F. Ellis; and that R. C. Brown and K. E. Rieckhoff had been nominated to temporarily replace I. Mugridge. Ballots were then distributed for the election to the Academic Planning Committee.

Results of the elections are as follows:

i) SENATE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SENATE PROCEDURES AND ESTABLISH CODIFICATION (ad hoc)

One Senator at large to replace K. R. Burstein. No specified term of office. Term to commence June 1, 1971.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION:

J. WHEATLEY

ii) SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (standing)

One Senator at large to replace J. F. Ellis for the remainder of his term of office to September 30, 1971. Term to commence June 1, 1971.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION:

M. S. O'CONNELL

iii) ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

One Senator at large to replace J. F. Ellis. No specified term of office. Term to commence June 1, 1971. Candidates: D. R. Birch, T. J. Mallinson.

ELECTED:

D. R. BIRCH

One Senator at large to temporarily replace I. Mugridge during the period from June 1, 1971 to August 31, 1971. Candidates: R. C. Brown, G. Donetz, K. E. Rieckhoff.

ELECTED:

R. C. BROWN

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At this point the Chairman advised that Professor J. M. Webster would be in attendance to answer any questions in connection with Paper S.71-56 - Amendments to General Regulations for Graduate Studies, and unless there were objections Senate could move on to the next item of business while awaiting Professor Webster's arrival. There were no objections.

2. Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board

Paper S.71-57.- Course Challenge (Revision of S.71-37)

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by R. Harper,

"That Senate approve the proposal contained in Paper S.71-57 for Course Challenge for a one-year trial period, and for the courses indicated."

An amendment was moved by A. Lachlan to delete the words "for the courses indicated" and substitute the words "all courses," but the Chairman ruled the amendment out of order on the grounds that it was extreme to the recommendation brought forward by the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board.

Amendment was moved by J. Ellis, seconded by R. Harper,

"To strike the word "indicated" and add the words "approved for challenge by the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board (SUAB)."

B. Wilson stated that he would be happy to accept the amendment and added that courses for challenge should be signed by the Chairman of the Department and that it is appropriate if there is interest in entering courses for Course Challenge that the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board pass judgment on whether or not the courses proposed be classed as challenge courses.

Question was called on the amended motion, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

The amended motion as approved by Senate reads as follows:

"That Senate approve the proposal contained in Paper S.71-57 for Course Challenge for a one-year trial period, and for the courses approved for challenge by the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board (SUAB)."

Paper S.71-58 - Amendment to Course Change and Withdrawal Regulations (Revision of S.71-39)

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by H. Weinberg,

1. "That late entry into a course be permitted until the end of the 3rd week of classes with the proviso that in the 2nd and 3rd weeks permission of the professor teaching the course be required, as well as that of the Departmental Chairman or his designate.
2. That a student request for a waiver of the course drop date on the basis of extenuating circumstances, be granted, if the professor teaching the course and the Departmental Chairman or his designate approve it. The last day such requests could be approved would be seven days before the commencement of the examination period."

B. Wilson drew Senate's attention to editorial changes which had been made, altering the original version of the motion in the covering page to Paper S.71-58. He asked that it be recorded in the minutes that if a student uses the option it will be assumed for the purpose of fee calculations and similar matters that the student has been in the particular course or courses from the beginning of the semester.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

As Professor Webster had at this point arrived at the meeting, Senate's attention was then directed to the submission of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, Paper S.71-56.

3. Senate Graduate Studies Committee

Paper S.71-56 - Amendments to General Regulations for Graduate Studies

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

"That the amendments to sections 5.3, 10.4, 12.0, 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4 and 12.5 of the General Regulations for Graduate Studies approved by the Senate Graduate Studies Committee be approved by Senate."

Discussion followed with emphasis on Sections 5.3 (Supervisory Committee), 12.0 (Examinations), and 10.4 (Residence).

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Senator Lachlan queried whether or not a graduate student would now not have supervision of his program during his first semester. Professor Webster, formerly interim Dean of Graduate Studies, pointed out that normally Departments have their own mechanism for supervising a student and his program when he first enters as a graduate, and consequently, he would not need the Supervisory Committee initially.

Question arose in respect of item 12.0 with regard to the type and timing of examinations. It was felt that it was too late for the Supervisory Committee to consider the work done by the candidate "at the conclusion of the candidate's program." It was suggested that the words "a time approaching" would be inserted in the second sentence of Section 12.0 (Examinations) between the words "At" and "the conclusion." There was considerable discussion on this point and the Chairman finally stated that he would appoint two persons to re-word this regulation when approved by Senate.

Debate followed on the matter of Residence requirements. Senator Harper felt that there should be greater flexibility with regard to permitting a student to be on leave from his studies. He stated that the student's Supervisory Committee should be permitted to decide when and under what conditions this freedom could be given.

Amendment to Section 10.4 was moved by R. Harper, seconded by H. Weinberg,

"That the last sentence in Section 10.4 be amended by striking the words 'Senate Graduate Studies Committee' and substituting the words 'student's Supervisory Committee.'"

K. Rieckhoff spoke against the amendment, stating that it would lead to inconsistencies in the regulations and that control should be maintained by the Faculty and Senate Graduate Studies Committees over Supervisory Committees. Other Senators felt that the Dean of Graduate Studies would have all necessary documentation in connection with requests for on-leave status and that he should make the decision for modification.

It was agreed by the mover and seconder that the words "and the Dean of Graduate Studies" would be added to the amendment, with the new wording to read, "Any modification of this must be approved by the student's Supervisory Committee and the Dean of Graduate Studies."

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by I. Mugridge,

"That section 10.4 of the Amendments to the General Regulations for Graduate Studies be referred back to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for revision."

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Question was called on the motion to refer, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

Question was called on the main motion to approve the amended Regulations, with the exception of Section 10.4, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

Science - Curriculum Changes

Paper S.71-59 - Chemistry - Deletion, Chemistry 231-3 and 331-3; New Courses, Chemistry 232-3 and 332-3

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

"That the deletion of Chemistry 231-3 and 331-3 and the addition of Chemistry 232-3 and 332-3, as outlined in Paper S.71-59, be approved."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

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

"That Senate suspend its rules with regard to the two semester time lag requirement for the offering of courses in order that Chemistry 232-3 be first offered in the Fall 1971 Semester."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Paper S.71-60 - New Course, Chemistry 601-4

The Chairman stated that Paper S.71-60 had been withdrawn.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

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2. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Senate will be held on Monday, June 7, 1971 at 7:30 p.m.

3. Other Items

There were no other items.

4. Confidential Matters

The meeting adjourned briefly at 8:42 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary