

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1971, EAST CONCOURSE CAFETERIA, 7:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

PRESENT:

Strand, K. T.

Chairman

Aronoff, S.
Baird, D. A.
Basham, G. D.
Birch, D. R.
Bradley, R. D.
Brown, R. C.
Carlson, R. L.
Donetz, G.
Gilbert, K. L.
Harper, R.J.C.
Jennings, R. E.
Lachlan, A. H.
Mallinson, T. J.
Mugridge, I.
O'Connell, M. S.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Sullivan, D. H.
Turnbull, A. L.
Wheatley, J.
Williams, W. E.
Wilson, B. G.

Evans, H. M.
Norsworthy, R.

Secretary
Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Campbell, M. J.
Caple, K. P.
Claridge, R. W.
Drache, Mrs. S.
Freiman, Mrs. L.
Hamilton, W. M.
Hodge, F. D.
McDougall, A. H.
Nair, K. K.
Reid, W. D.
Salter, J. H.
Srivastava, L. M.
Sutherland, G. A.
Wagner, P. L.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chase, J.
Meakin, D.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Session of September 13, 1971 were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

There was no report from the Chairman.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board

1. Paper S.71-107 - Amendment to Policies on Standing, Continuance and Withdrawal

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by A. Lachlan,

"That paragraph (d) of the policy statement on Continuance, Withdrawal and Readmission be amended to read: 'A student on either academic warning or academic probation must carry a minimum semester course load of 12 semester hours and may not repeat courses in which he has received a grade C minus or better. He will not be permitted to register in a course overload (that is, he is restricted to a maximum of 16 semester hours if registered in the Lower Levels of the Faculty of Arts or Education, or a maximum of 18 semester hours if registered in the Faculty of Science or the Upper Levels of the Faculty of Arts or Education).'"

In response to an enquiry by T. Mallinson, the Secretary of Senate advised that students in their graduation semester had been permitted to take a lesser load than the 12 hours specification of Senate, but a formalized statement in the policies to this effect would be helpful.

Amendment was moved by T. Mallinson, seconded by D. Birch,

"That a phrase be added: 'unless the student requires less than 12 hours to complete requirements for the degree.'"

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The Chairman enquired if there was any objection to including the amendment in the main motion, and hearing none, he declared the amendment incorporated in the main motion.

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

AMENDED MAIN MOTION
CARRIED

The motion as approved by Senate reads as follows:

"That paragraph (d) of the Policy statement on Continuance, Withdrawal and Readmission be amended to read: 'A student on either academic warning or academic probation must carry a minimum semester course load of 12 semester hours, unless the student requires less than 12 hours to complete requirements for the degree, and may not repeat courses in which he has received a grade C minus or better. He will not be permitted to register in a course overload (that is, he is restricted to a maximum of 16 semester hours if registered in the Lower Levels of the Faculty of Arts or Education, or a maximum of 18 semester hours if registered in the Faculty of Science or the Upper Levels of the Faculty of Arts or Education).'"

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

"That this amendment be effective commencing with the Spring semester 72-1."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Paper S.71-108 - Minor Amendment to Course Challenge

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by K. Gilbert,

"That the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board be empowered to make minor amendments to the paper on Course Challenge (S.71-57) during the experimental three semester period of operation covered by that paper."

K. Rieckhoff stated that the definition of minor amendment could be controversial opinion, and requested that any amendments undertaken by the Senate Undergraduate Admission Board be relayed to Senate for its information. As there was no objection from the assembly, the Chairman ruled that this would be incorporated in the motion.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

The motion as approved by Senate reads as follows:

"That the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board be empowered to make minor amendments to the paper on Course Challenge (S.71-57) during the experimental three semester period of operation covered by that paper, and that such amendments be relayed to Senate for its information."

2. Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

Paper S.71-109 - Curriculum Changes: New Undergraduate Course, General Studies 080-3

B. Wilson pointed out that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies had recommended that motions of the type contained in this paper be recommended by the appropriate Dean.

Moved by R. Brown, seconded by D. Birch,

"That the new course proposal from the Division of General Studies - General Studies 080-3 - Access to Information; the Role of Libraries, as set forth in Paper S.71-109 be approved."

The Chairman noted that a technical correction was required in the prerequisite for the course, in that the words "Students should be at least 2nd semester, second year" should be struck.

D. Sullivan stated that it was useful to have a formal means of exposing students to the fields encompassed by the proposed course, but questioned the effect approval of the course would have on policy procedure relating to appointment of lecturers. The Chairman pointed out that no course could be taught for credit without an appointment to the teaching staff, and that any such appointment would require the usual procedure of a recommendation by the President to the Board of Governors.

There was difference of opinion as to whether the proposed course would serve a useful purpose as a credit course and whether it should be mounted as a service in training and skills such as the Reading and Study Services without credit. D. Baird stated that the course had been developed on the basis of the experience in the Collections Department where the feeling was that unless there was real motivation, including credit, students would not take the time to avail themselves of access to knowledge of the complexities of the continually growing Library resources.

B. Wilson enquired as to the nature of evaluation of students. D. Baird believed grading would be on pass/fail but Dean Brown noted there was not provision for such grading at the University and that normal grading would apply under current regulations.

Although he was of the opinion that the proposal should be subjected to the scrutiny of the Academic Planning Committee, R. Harper supported it in principle and felt that such a course should be mandatory for all students.

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by D. Sullivan,

"That Paper S.71-109 be referred to the Academic Planning Committee."

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

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

3. Senate Graduate Studies Committee

1. Paper S.71-110 - Amendment to Paper S.294

Moved by J. Wheatley, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That the paragraph of S.294, 'At least 50% of the members of Departmental Graduate Studies Committees must be members of faculty who have demonstrated high scholastic ability with experience in supervising graduate work and must not be candidates for higher degrees,' be amended to read:

'At least 50% of the members of Departmental Graduate Studies Committees shall be members of faculty who
a) have demonstrated high academic ability
b) have had experience in supervising graduate work
c) are not candidates for higher degrees.'"

Amendment was moved by R. Brown, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That each Department shall submit the names of all the members of the Departmental Graduate Studies Committee to the Dean of Graduate Studies for approval, with the names of those who have fulfilled the above requirements suitably annotated."

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R. Carlson suggested that the amendment was procedural rather than a principle and that it should be reworded, and as the composition of a Departmental Graduate Studies Committee is subject to approval of the Dean of Graduate Studies, the procedure is the Dean's concern.

G. Basham stated that the motion was offensive in its attempt to quantify and in its authoritarian concept, and moved that the paper be referred back to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee. The motion to refer failed for lack of a second.

T. Mallinson suggested addition of the words "at S.F.U." at the end of section C, but D. Sullivan observed there was already regulation preventing members of this faculty from taking higher degrees at S.F.U.

Question was called on the amendment, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT FAILED

The Chairman requested that it be noted in the minutes that the vote against the amendment was unanimous with no absentions.

Question was then called on the main motion.

MOTION CARRIED

18 in favor
2 opposed

Because it related to the paper just debated, J. Wheatley asked that Paper S.71-112 be next considered.

3. Paper S.71-112 - Composition of Graduate Studies Committees

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

"That the paper entitled 'Composition of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee and the Executive Committee of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee' be accepted."

J. Wheatley stated that the paper provided more stringent requirements for alternate members on the Committee. G. Basham was of the opinion that alternate student members should be elected rather than selected.

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Amendment was moved by G. Basham, seconded by R. Brown,

"That Section A 5 have added the words 'or his alternate' between the words 'representativefrom'; that the last sentence of A (ii) have added the words 'so elected' between the words 'student....at'; and that Section A(iii) have added the words 'and alternates' between the words 'representatives....shall.'"

Question was called on the amendment, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

10 in favor
8 opposed

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

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

2. Paper S.71-111 - Amendment to 6.1, 12.1, 13.4 of the General Regulations

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

"That the words 'full-time' be struck from Sections 6.1, 12.1 and 13.4 of the General Regulations for Graduate Studies."

J. Wheatley commented that the term "full-time" created many problems, and that residence requirements for a graduate degree are well satisfied if a student is actively pursuing an approved program.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES AND DIVISIONS

There were no reports from Faculties or Divisions.

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 on Monday, November 8, 1971, due to the timing of the A.U.C.C. meeting.

3. Other Items

There were no other items.

4. Confidential Matters

The Open Session of Senate adjourned briefly at 9:10 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary