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MINUTES OF MEETING OF SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1973, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present:

Strand, K.

Chairman

Aronoff, S.
Baird, D. A.
Banister, E. W.
Beirne, B. P.
Birch, D. R.
Bradley, R. D.
Brown, R. C.
Copes, P.
Coté, P. T.
Doherty, P. M.
Eastwood, G. R.
Elliot Hurst, M. E.
Emmott, A. H.
Hollibaugh, A. L.
Jamieson, D. H.
Kissner, R. F.
MacPherson, A.
Munro, J. M.
Nair, K. K.
O'Connell, M. S.
Okuda, K.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Seager, J. W.
Sullivan, D. H.
Swangard, E. M.
Weinberg, H.
Williams, W. E.
Wilson, B. G.

Evans, H. M.
Norsworthy, R.

Secretary
Recording Secretary

Absent:

Caple, K. P.
Dawson, A. J.
Ellis, J. F.
Gilbert, K. L.
Lardner, R. W.
Reid, W. D.
Salter, J. H.
Sutherland, G. A.
Wheatley, J.

In attendance:

Bartlett, B. E. (To speak to Paper S.73-35)
D. L. Clarke (To speak to Paper S.73-34)
A. M. Unrau

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As requested by the Chairman, the Secretary of Senate announced the results of recent elections to Senate, wherein G. R. Eastwood was elected by acclamation on February 15, 1973 to replace N. Robinson, resigned, for balance term of office to May 31, 1974, and E. W. Banister was elected March 2, 1973 under provisions of Section 23(c) of the Universities Act on establishment of the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies, for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1976.

It was moved and seconded that G. Eastwood and E. Banister be seated on Senate.

MOTION CARRIED

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Session of February 5, 1973 were approved as circulated.

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 Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Paper S.73-34 - Report

The Chairman noted that when the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries was revised in April 1972, its terms of reference included an annual report to Senate on the procedures and criteria developed to implement charges and the actions undertaken.

Dr. A. M. Unrau, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, and the Financial Aid Officer, Mr. D. L. Clarke, were then introduced to Senate as resource persons to respond to questions.

A. Emmott enquired if there were representations being made to the Department of Education to return to the former differentiated government scholarships rewarding for excellence rather than blanket award with no differential for excellence; and what efforts were being made to recover funds in connection with emergency loans delinquent for more than eight

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months. A. Unrau replied that the Department gave the impression that the major change in the administration policy of Provincial Government Scholarships permitted easier handling of the program, and it would seem that only a very strong representation could change the procedure. With respect to loan recovery, Dr. Unrau was of the opinion that tracing delinquents would prove more costly than writing off the small loans involved.

P. Doherty expressed concern regarding the lack of an appeal mechanism on decision on an award and felt that a separate committee should be established for this purpose. The Chairman of Senate noted that under the terms of reference of the Committee it would be improper for it to establish another body and this left it no choice but to reconsider its decisions when requested. He added that if the Senator wished to press for an appeal mechanism to be established by Senate a paper could be submitted by him to the Secretary of Senate for consideration by the Senate Agenda Committee.

H. Weinberg asked questions relating to Athletic and Recreational Awards. In response to his enquiry he was informed by A. Unrau that Simon Fraser University was the only Canadian university known to him which distributes Athletic Awards, as such. H. Weinberg enquired whether the matter of Athletic and Recreational Awards had been previously discussed at Senate. The Chairman of Senate noted that the Board of Governors originally had also the power to act as Senate and that during the early period of operations approval had been given to Athletic Awards. Later those actions of the Board were transferred over to the new Senate and ratified by it. K. Rieckhoff also indicated that at a later date when the Athletic Awards Committee was being subsumed under the current Scholarship Committee, the matter of Athletic and University Awards had again come under general discussion and the principle continued. H. Weinberg indicated that he believed the matter of these awards should again come under consideration by Senate and enquired as to the appropriate mechanism for bringing this about. The Chairman of Senate indicated that the matter of appropriate procedures for dealing with such an annual report were really coming under review for the first time but he felt that a Senator could prepare a paper indicating the desire of having discussion and review of such awards. He noted that any final definitive action would involve both Senate and the Board of Governors as they had been initiated and approved by both bodies.

Questions continued on the appropriate method of discussing the report and of bringing review before Senate. The Chairman of Senate suggested that notice of motion could be an appropriate way with the understanding that the giving of notice of motion during the evening's meeting would not lead to discussion of that motion this evening but that it was indication of intent to have notice of motion placed on the agenda for the next meeting, with appropriate papers to be generated and submitted for the Senate Agenda Committee and for distribution to Senators well in advance of the meeting date in the usual fashion.

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There was lengthy discussion on the procedures followed in determining recipients for Athletic, Recreation and University Awards and a number of questions were raised regarding the distribution of awards as shown in the report. A. Unrau had indicated that the awards called for a fine grade point average of not less than 2.2 and that excellence in performance in athletics or recreational activity or cultural activity or contribution to the University were required. His committee sought recommendations and information from persons knowledgeable in the particular area of activity in making determination as to whether or not an award should be considered. His committee had questioned and would continue to question the nature of distribution of awards in attempt to obtain equitable distribution.

J. Munro enquired concerning the "statement of intent" and the degree of restriction, if any, placed upon the University, with explanation provided by A. Unrau. K. Rieckhoff believed it appropriate for the committee to seek information from persons knowledgeable in the field of the particular activity under consideration and likened this to recommendations being made by an academic department for a specific award to be given in the academic area of that department. D. Sullivan expressed some concern on what he believed to be too much pre-screening in areas such as Athletics, potentially preventing reasonable freedom of decision by the final committee. A. Unrau did not consider that this presented a significant problem.

Further questions were raised by H. Weinberg on the statement of intent and additional clarification was given by A. Unrau. He noted that the statement of intent was not a binding contract and that if the student's average dropped below requirements, then he would not qualify for further award. He also explained that in terms of the awards they were on a semester-to-semester basis requiring resubmission and reconsideration in each semester.

A. Emmott suggested that the philosophy of Athletic Awards should be discussed by Senate. P. Doherty gave notice of motion "That Senate discuss the overall philosophy of Athletic Awards at its next meeting with the purpose of forwarding a recommendation to the Board of Governors on the continuance or discontinuance of Athletic Awards." The Chairman noted that the motion would have to come forward in the regular manner.

D. Sullivan pressed for distribution by the Chairman of a study completed by the Administrative Vice-President relating to University Athletics and Recreation in order that Senate might be aware of its content and because of its contribution to the debate. R. Kissner enquired concerning the amounts of money available for the various types of awards and A. Unrau indicated that if there were more applicants for University Awards that the committee would request additional funds if necessary to accommodate them. He noted that the number of applications for such awards was limited.

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There was lengthy discussion on the nature of breakdown of monies received for Athletic Awards and monies disbursed for those purposes as shown on the charts on Pages IX, XI and XII.

In response to question from P. Copes concerning Athletic Awards and whether or not these are given at other Canadian universities, A. Unrau indicated that he was not aware of any institution which gave assistance under that name but that, indeed, there were various procedures used at other institutions to support persons in athletics and other activities.

It was moved by P. Doherty, seconded by K. Rieckhoff, "That awards, scholarships, prizes, medals, and other such academic distinctions gained by students be recorded on their academic records", but the Chairman indicated he was not prepared to immediately accept the motion as there were technical problems involved. If given as notice of motion and then later brought forward in the regular manner this would give appropriate opportunity for comments, study and report to aid in the debate at Senate. P. Doherty indicated that he was prepared to have it treated as a notice of motion.

In response to question from K. Okuda concerning the possibility of grouping students for Government Scholarship Awards by ranking under majors rather than across the University as a whole, A. Unrau indicated that these matters continue under study with hopes that suitable improvements can be made from time to time.

A. Emmott gave notice of motion, "That the whole subject of scholarships, awards and bursaries be examined by Senate." The Chairman reminded the speaker that further actions would be necessary and that there were deadlines to be met in making submissions.

Discussion continued with a number of procedural points being raised.

Moved by W. Williams, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That discussion of Paper S.73-34 be postponed until the next meeting."

Question was called on the motion to postpone discussion and a vote taken.

MOTION TO POSTPONE FAILED
13 in favor
13 opposed

Motion was proposed by D. Sullivan, "That the report of the Vice-President Administration on athletics and recreation be distributed to Senators prior to the next meeting and placed on the agenda for the next meeting of Senate." The Chairman noted that there could not be instruction but that there could be request, and motion was made as follows.

Moved by D. Sullivan, seconded by H. Weinberg,

"That Senate request that the report of the Vice-President Administration on athletics and recreation be distributed to Senators before the next meeting and that it be placed on the agenda of that meeting."

Amendment was moved by P. Doherty, seconded by R. Kissner,

"That the words 'in conjunction with this report' be added to the motion."

Question was called on the amendment and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT FAILED

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

MAIN MOTION CARRIED

R. Brown requested that Paper S.216 - Incorporation of University Awards and Athletic Awards into Jurisdiction of the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries - dated March 11, 1969, be distributed for the information of Senators.

2. Academic Planning Committee

Paper S.73-35 - Proposed Program for the Master of Arts in the Teaching of French

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

"That Senate approve, as set forth in Paper S.73-35, the Program for a Master of Arts in the Teaching of French."

R. Bradley explained that the program had been developed as a result of an expressed desire on the part of professional teachers of French throughout the province for an opportunity to upgrade personal qualifications, and it was envisaged that the program eventually could be expanded to include teachers of other languages. Dr. B. E. Bartlett was then introduced to Senate and took his seat in readiness to respond to queries on the program.

A. Hollibaugh asked for an explanation of the stipulation "terminal degree" and B. Bartlett responded that it implied that the holder of a Master of Arts in the Teaching of French could not assume use of that degree for automatic enrolment in a Ph.D. program in the same fashion as the M.A. degree in French Linguistics - although no

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admission is automatic. K. Okuda asked what input had been provided by the Faculty of Education, and indicated some reservations on the title as the M.A. degree is normally an academic degree and the current proposal represents a professional degree to be gained through Summer programs. D. Birch gave information to the effect that the Faculty of Education and the Department of Modern Languages had held cooperative discussions over an extended period resulting in a number of modifications in the proposal and the major objections had been addressed and met. He added that the proposal had the support of the Faculty of Education.

H. Weinberg questioned the use of the proposed title of the degree and wished to know why it could not be an M.A. in French. B. Bartlett responded, indicating that the current M.A. degree offered through DML is an M.A. in French Linguistics, whereas the degree currently proposed offers quite a different type of training. D. Jamieson expressed concern at the lack of a requirement for a thesis. B. Bartlett explained that the proposal was similar to that for other M.A. programs in the University calling for extended projects and also for a comprehensive oral examination.

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by J. Seager,

"That the question be divided to consider:

- 1) the proposed program, and
- 2) the title of the degree."

R. Bradley commented that by separating the question undue focus would be given to a trivial semantic issue.

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

MOTION TO DIVIDE FAILED

B. Bartlett noted that the intention was to introduce a professional degree as opposed to the academic degree for the purpose of providing opportunity for higher qualifications, certification and salary, and essentially the M.A. was justifiable in terms of the academic content of the program.

J. Seager remarked that the proposal involved the establishment of a new degree despite Senate's previous arguments against proliferation. There was discussion on whether or not it was a new degree and the nature of the title including the method of listing the degree.

The Secretary responded that the full title of the degree, if approved by Senate, would be Master of Arts in the Teaching of French, and that the listings would be Master of Arts - Teaching of French and M.A. - Teaching of French.

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In response to further question on the terminal nature of the degree it was identified that the holding of the degree would not preclude an individual from being considered for a doctoral program but that it was not the normal route through to the doctoral program in the same sense as the M.A. in French Linguistics.

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

MAIN MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES AND DIVISIONS

There were no reports of Faculties or Divisions.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

2. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, April 2, 1973 at 7:30 p.m.

3. Other Items

There were no other items.

4. Confidential Matters

The meeting recessed briefly at 9:45 p.m. prior to moving into closed session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary