

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

S.74-27
APPENDIX A,B

To SENATE

From H. M. EVANS

SECRETARY OF SENATE

Subject 1. RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM IV.1
OF PAPER S.74-27

Date JANUARY 23, 1974

2. ITEMS POSTPONED FROM JANUARY 21,
1974 SPECIAL MEETING

1. At its meeting of January 21, 1974 in consideration of Recommendation IV.1 on Senate Functions, Senate voted (12 in favor, 2 opposed) for alternative IV.1 (c), "That a non-Senate presidential committee be established to advise the President on budget formulation, and that this committee include representatives elected by and from Senate."

J. Munro requested reconsideration of this action at the next Senate meeting. Attention is drawn to Appendix A attached.

2. At its meeting of January 21, 1974, Senate approved motion, "That consideration of Recommendations V through VIII be postponed to the next meeting of Senate." See Appendix B.

Check first preference

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IV. 1 (a) That a Senate committee be established to advise the President on priorities for expenditures in academic programmes.

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(b) That, as implied in the Working Paper, a Senate committee be established to advise the President on all aspects of budget formulation.

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(c) That a non-Senate presidential committee be established to advise the President on budget formulation, and that this committee include representatives elected by and from Senate.

(d) None of the above.

Recommendations re Faculty Committees

YES

NO

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- V. That a committee of faculty and students be established to survey faculty committees on which student representation is needed, and to recommend accordingly.

Recommendations re Procedures for Academic Appointments, etc.

YES

NO

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- VI. That committees of administrators, faculty and students be established to suggest appropriate procedures and advise the President accordingly.

Recommendations re Alternative Approaches to University Education

YES

NO

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- VII. 1 That a standing committee of administrators, faculty, and students of the three universities be established to consider this matter and recommend accordingly.

YES

NO

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- VII. 2 That consideration be given to setting up a degree-granting body modeled in some fashion after the Open University and capable of awarding transferable academic credit.

General Recommendation

YES NO

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VIII.

That in view of the extent to which the content of the Working Paper has been studied by Senates, the Committee on University Government should include henceforth at least one Senator from each of the three universities.

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ADDENDUM

To Mr. Harry Evans

Registrar

Subject Special Meeting of Senate, January 21

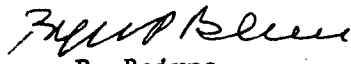
From Dr. B. P. Beirne, Director,

Pestology Centre, BioSciences Dept.

Date January 18, 1974.

Attached is an addendum to Senate paper S74-27 (Report of Senate Committee on the Working Paper on University Governance) which should be supplied to senators for the above meeting and also the questionnaire should be distributed at the meeting.

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Enclosure


Bryan P. Beirne
For the Senate Committee.

Addendum to:
Report of Senate Committee on the
Working Paper on University Governance
in British Columbia.

The following should be inserted on page 1 of the Report (S74-27) between the second and third paragraphs: -

It is comparatively easy to deal with the process of University Governance where University objectives are recognized. Clearly, at a time when the objectives of the Universities are being seriously called into question establishment of consensus on objectives is a manifold task. Philosophically it is the view of this Senate Committee that the role of Universities in the Province of British Columbia is:

- (a) to question and search for truth
- (b) to disseminate truth
- (c) to preserve truth
- (d) to contribute and preserve what is judged 'best' of our culture
- (e) to study, understand, and learn from the cultures of others
- (f) to act as a constructive critic of our society
- (g) to accomplish the above with particular reference to the province of British Columbia
- (h) to search for an effective interface to accomplish the above objectives.

Specifically to Simon Fraser we must identify what we do best and where we are best equipped to meet the needs, demands, and expectations of intellectual growth in ourselves, the citizens of our Municipality, Province, and Country, and in the cultural development of the aforementioned. Up to now our particular frame of reference has been derived from the expectations of a "liberal arts university". While in the past such a definition may have served some use it is time for it to be further differentiated. To that end the following is recommended:

- (a) That Senate strike a three-member committee consisting of an administrator, a faculty member, and a student to examine, discuss, and develop an academic philosophy and academic objectives for Simon Fraser University;
- (b) That this committee present a report to Senate for its consideration at the May meeting;
- (c) That the Chairman of Senate inform the Minister of this undertaking;
- (d) That the other Provincial Universities be urged to consider similar undertakings;
- (e) That the Senate Report to the Committee on University Governance be considered a preliminary report and subject to reconsideration in the light of this investigation, which may modify the process by which this university wishes to be governed and govern; and
- (f) That Senate knowing the limitations inherent in considering processes without a philosophy consider and recommend changes in the existing draft document.

Note: - Other addenda, in the form of additional alternatives to some recommendations in the Report, will be incorporated in the questionnaire to be circulated later.

Recommendations re Report of the Senate
Committee on Working Paper on University
Governance in British Columbia.

Recommendation re academic philosophy

- A That Senate strike a three-member committee consisting of an administrator, a faculty member, and a student to examine, discuss, and develop an academic philosophy and academic objectives for Simon Fraser University;
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General Recommendations re Universities Council

YES

NO

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- I. 1 That the establishment of an independent Universities Council of British Columbia be approved in principle.

YES

NO

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- I. 2 That council members other than paid employees of the university be salaried.

YES

NO

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- I. 3 That lay members of council be elected, rather than appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, e.g. in part by a local municipal council or its equivalent.

Recommendations re Council Membership

Check first preference

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I. 4 (a) That the membership be as proposed in paragraph 30 of the Working Paper.

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(b) That the membership be as in (a) plus members elected by and from the senates of the universities.

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(c) That the membership be as in (a) plus members elected by and from convocations.

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(d) That the membership be as in (a) plus members elected by and from the student bodies of the universities.

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(e) That the membership be as in (a) plus members elected by and from the senates, convocations, and student bodies of the universities.

Recommendations re a unicameral system

YES NO

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- II. 1 That the advantages and disadvantages of a unicameral system, as compared with those of the present Board plus Senate system, be examined and evaluated seriously and in detail at all levels, and perhaps tested at one of the universities.

YES NO

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Recommendations re a cabinet system

- II. 2 That the advantages of a cabinet system be evaluated, its composition determined, and the system perhaps tested.

YES NO

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Recommendations re participatory interest

- II. 3 That no election to the Board, Senate, or other governing committee be valid unless 20 percent or more of the available electorate votes.

Recommendations re composition of Board

Check first preference

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III. 1 (a) That, as proposed in the Working Paper, the Board consist of members elected by Convocation, members appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, and the President and Chancellor.

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(b) That the Board be constituted as in (a) with the addition of members elected by and from the student body.

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(c) That the Board be constituted as in (a) with the addition of members elected by and from the faculty.

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(d) That the Board be constituted as in (a) with the addition of both members elected by and from the student body and by and from the faculty.

Recommendations re Selection of Board members

YES NO

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- III. 2 That Board members be elected, e.g. in part by a local municipal council or its equivalent rather than appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

Recommendations re Board functions

YES NO

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- III. 3 That this matter be studied in detail with a view to modifying appropriately Section 46 (notably paragraphs (c) and (d)) of the Universities Act.

Recommendations re Senate functions

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Recommendations re Senate Chairperson

Check first preference

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IV. 2 (a) That, as at present, the chairperson of Senate be the President.

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(b) That, as proposed in the Working Paper, Senate elect its own chairperson annually.

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(c) That the President nominate a chairperson of Senate.

Recommendations re President and Senate

Check first preference

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IV. 3 (a) That the President be a member of Senate.

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(b) That the President not be a member of Senate.

Recommendations re Senate membership

Check first preference

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IV. 4 (a) That, as proposed in the Working Paper, Senate consist of specified academic administrators and members elected by and from faculty and by students.

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(b) That membership should be as in (a) plus members elected by and from Convocation.

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(c) That membership should be as in (a) plus representatives of other valid components of the university community that may be relevant to increased or otherwise changed Senate functions.

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(d) That membership should be as in (b) plus (c).

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