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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1975, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present:

Jewett, P.

Chairman

Andrews, I. R.
Aronoff, S.
Baird, D. A.
Banister, E. W.
Beirne, B. P.
Birch, D. R.
Blaney, J. P.
Brown, R. C.
Burkle, E.
Cook, G. L.
D'Auria, J. M.
Dawson, A. J.
Doherty, P. M.
Ellis, J. F.
Funt, B. L.
Hamilton, C. L.
Hollibaugh, A. L.
Ingram Ellis, E. R.
Jamieson, D. H.
Latham, L.
Morin, S. R.
Sadleir, R.M.F.S.
Smith, W.A.S.
Sterling, T. D.
Swangard, E. M.
Wideen, M. F.
Wilson, B. G.

Evans, H. M.
Nagel, H. D.
Norsworthy, R.

Secretary

Recording Secretary

Absent:

Caple, K. P.
Copes, P.
Coté, P. T.
Eliot Hurst, M. E.
Emmott, A. H.
Hindle, L.
Janssen, D.
MacPherson, A.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Seager, J. W.
Wheatley, J.

In attendance:

E. W. Alderson
S. A. Black
J. R. Curtis
I. Garland
K. L. Gilbert
I. Mugridge

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The Chairman extended an invitation to Senators to attend a "House Warming" at the President's Residence, following the adjournment of the Senate meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Session of February 3, 1975 were approved as circulated.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chairman reported that the Board of Governors had approved the Criminology Program.

E. Burkle enquired if steps were being taken to nominate a successor to J. P. Daem as the graduate student chairman of the Library Penalties Appeal Committee, and the Secretary explained that the replacement would be appointed by the Dean of Graduate Studies.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

As there had been a number of requests for reconstitution of the Academic Planning Committee, and as there was no objection from the assembly, the Chairman stated that upon finalization of election processes to establish the new Senate, the Academic Planning Committee would be restructured as a Committee of Senate, chaired by the President, rather than an advisory committee to the President.

The Chairman outlined her disappointment regarding the provincial government's priorities as suggested by the budgetary allocation to education in the three public institutions, and stated that it was anticipated that the Universities Council would shortly be announcing the proportions of the funds which would be available for the new fiscal year in each of the three Universities. A. Hollibaugh enquired if consideration had been given to establishing allocation for longer terms, and the Chairman responded that there had been no apparent government interest, but the matter would continue to be pursued in an attempt to provide for at least two, and preferably three, year's planning.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

a) Paper S.75-40 - Annual Report

Moved by J. D'Auria, seconded by J. Ellis,

"That Senate ratify the terms of reference of the programs administered by the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, and established during 1974, as set forth in Paper S.75-40, on pages 29-33 inclusive."

J. D'Auria asked that the words "for consideration" be inserted between "requirements" and "shall" with the dropping of the word "eligibility" in the 5th line on page 31 of the Report of the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries.

A number of questions were raised in connection with the composition of the sub-committees, sources and distribution of funds, and the Canada Student Loans, to which the Chairman of the Committee and the Financial Aid Officer responded.

J. Ellis asked what logic had led to the recent decision to administratively relocate the Financial Aid Office from the jurisdiction of the Office of the Vice-President, Academic to the Office of the Vice-President, University Services. P. Jewett stated that a number of factors had been involved in the decision to transfer the Financial Aid Office out of the Office of the Registrar and that the matter had been discussed with the Chairman of the Senate Committee. She explained that the bulk of the funds administered are in relation to the Canada Student Loan Plan and practice was that non-academic sections of the institution are administered by a non-academic Vice-President. In this instance, in view of the contact maintained by University Services with students, fund raising and potential donors, the reasoning appeared to be sound in the decision to house Financial Aid within the unit concerned with resources. It was noted that the amount in the budget for the different purposes is developed and approved by the President on the advice of the three Vice-Presidents. She added that she would be glad to meet with the members of the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries for further consultation on the subject.

D. Birch gave notice of motion, "That the Vice-President, Administration, be asked to prepare specific plans for providing equal University support to men's and women's athletics, respectively (including athletic awards) by the 1977-78 fiscal year and that he be asked to analyze the implications of so doing in the event that total University support to athletics is not increased significantly." The Secretary noted that in order to have the motion placed on a subsequent agenda a formal paper, including the motion with the rationale and/or support papers, would be required by the Agenda Committee.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by P. Doherty, seconded by J. Ellis,

"That the Senate Committee be instructed to consult with the President on the change in administrative responsibility for the Financial Aid Office and the Committee be directed to report back to Senate."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

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b) Paper S.75-41 - Expansion of Membership - Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Moved by J. D'Auria, seconded by D. Birch,

"That Senate approve, as set forth in S.75-41, that the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries be expanded in membership from ten to thirteen to include faculty and student representation from the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies, with composition of the Committee then to be as described in S.75-41."

E. Burkle proposed an amendment, "That the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries prepare a proposal to allow for graduate student representation on the Committee," which was ruled out of order as being a motion requiring a notice of motion and not an amendment to the motion on the floor. J. D'Auria noted student representatives are selected by the Student Society and graduate students could be among those selected.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

a) Paper S.75-42 - Grading Practices in the University - Request for Further Extension of Report Deadline

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by D. Birch,

"That Senate approve, as set forth in S.75-42, that the deadline for submission of the report on Grading Practices in the University be further extended to the April meeting of Senate."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Paper S.75-43 - Faculty of Arts - New Course Proposal - ARC. 335-5 - Special Topics in Archaeology

Moved by S. Smith, seconded by E. Burkle,

"That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.75-43, the new course proposal for ARC. 335-5 - Special Topics in Archaeology."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Paper S.75-44 - G.S. 102-3 - Music in History I; G.S. 103-3 - Music in History II

Moved by R. Brown, seconded by A. Hollibaugh,

"That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.75-44, that G.S. 102-3 - Music in History I, and G.S. 103-3 - Music in History II, be acceptable as regular offerings until such time as a Fine Arts Program is developed, at which time they will be thoroughly reviewed as regards continuation and/or placement."

In response to a query from C. Hamilton, R. Brown stated that the matter of a Fine Arts Program is currently being discussed at the Academic Planning Committee level, with significant progress toward resolution of problems and development of a proposal.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Paper S.75-45 - G.S. 302-3 - The I Ching

Moved by R. Brown, seconded by E. Burkle,

"That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.75-45, that G.S. 302-3 - The I Ching, be acceptable for regular offering, with waiver of the normal time lag requirement to permit offering in the Summer 75-2."

In response to a question from E. Burkle, H. Evans advised it was possible to inform students of the course in the Course Guide for the Summer semester. C. Hamilton asked why the course was not offered by the Philosophy Department, and R. Brown responded that discussion had been held with the Philosophy Department and no one was interested in offering the course and that a qualified individual was available to the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

e) Paper S.75-46 - KIN. 244-3 - Contemporary Dance Technique and Theory; KIN. 310-3 - History of Dance

Moved by R. Brown, seconded by E. Burkle,

"That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.75-46, the new course proposals for KIN. 244-3 - Contemporary Dance Technique and Theory, and KIN. 310-3 - History of Dance."

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R. Brown requested permission to have I. Garland, the faculty member who had proposed the courses, respond to any questions.

E. Burkle suggested that as there are no prerequisites for KIN. 310 it could be considered for offering as an Evening course, where it would likely attract good reception from non-students, to which I. Garland concurred that was a possibility.

E. Ingram Ellis objected to the title of History of Dance and the centuries designated as the Renaissance Period, and said he found the organization of the 20th century confusing; that he doubted dance could be taught in chronological sequence. I. Garland accepted the criticism and agreed that some revisions to the course outline would be made.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by R. Brown, seconded by A. Hollibaugh,

"That the normal two semester time lag requirement be waived in order that KIN. 310-3 may be first offered in the Fall semester 1975."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

f) Paper S.75-47 - New Course Proposal - BISC 310-3

Moved by S. Aronoff, seconded by R. Sadleir,

"That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.75-47, the new course proposal for BISC 310-3 - Plants and Animals of British Columbia, with waiver of the normal time lag requirement to permit offering in the Summer 75-2."

It was noted that this course had been recommended by the Executive committee of the Faculty of Science, rather than a full meeting, because of the brevity of time. It was also noted that the course would be available to Biology students for credit, but not available for credit in the major.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Academic Planning Committee

Paper S.75-48 - Proposed New Ph.D. Program in English

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by S. Smith,

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"That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.75-48, the proposed new Ph.D. Program in English."

Professors E. W. Alderson, S. A. Black and J. R. Curtis were invited to join the assembly to respond to any queries raised.

Moved by E. Burkle, seconded by L. Latham,

"That the program proposal be referred back to the Academic Planning Committee for a detailed written report on its findings concerning the allegations of the Assessment Committee for New Graduate Programs with respect to morale and quality of supervision in the Department."

E. Burkle stated that the motion was not a reflection on the program itself, but allegations outlined in the paper had not been answered by the Academic Planning Committee. R. Brown spoke against referral, stating that the Dean of Graduate Studies had personally looked into the matter and found that the charges were not valid and the quality of graduate supervision is equal to any other department in the institution; and that the sample upon which the information was put forward was not reflective of the overall. J. Ellis asked for assurance that a committee had searched for and found no justification for the charges, to which S. Black confirmed that he and Professor Newman had undertaken investigation of the allegations and a conscientious search revealed no evidence to substantiate the statements contained in the submission from the Chairman of the Assessment Committee, dated December 10, 1973.

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

MOTION TO REFER FAILED

C. Hamilton said he shared some of the concerns of the external reviewers of the proposal, particularly when interpretation would be the responsibility of people within the department to judge "smallness" and "limited admissions." E. Alderson responded that a number of controls had been built into the program which must be as feasible as they will be effective in practice. He said although the formal requirement was for a limitation of 3 to 5 enrolments per year, the informal requirement was for a total of 15 in the program at any one time. He added that the requirements for continuation were stringent, involving a series of examinations in the first four semesters, and the Department was committed to a small program of high quality.

B. Wilson asked that it be made a matter of record in the minutes so that a significant increase in the number of students in the program would require Senate consideration, the number at any time being not more than 15.

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P. Doherty questioned the logic of no language requirements for a doctoral degree, and C. Hamilton suggested the fields of study should be specified. E. Alderson explained that a language would be required if it were germane to the interests rather than a hurdle, and that there is no listing of specific fields to permit expansion from a conventional basis to provide an interdisciplinary focus, but a field of study previous to the 19th century would be a requirement.

It is to be noted that the calendar statement is to be rewritten.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

There were no reports from Faculties.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

9. INFORMATION

It was noted that the next meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 1975, at 7:30 p.m.

The assembly recessed briefly at 9:08 prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary