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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1976, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Jewett, P., Chairman Absent:

Allen, D. I.
Aronoff, S.
Baird, D. A.
Birch, D. R.
Brown, R. C.
Buitenhuis, P.
Calvert, T. W.
Carlson, R. L.
Catalano, J. A.
Cunningham, F.
Curzon, A. E.
Debo, R. K.
Dorsel, M. M.
Ellis, J. F.
Emery, B. E.
Erickson, D. A.
Fattah, E. A.
Finlayson, T.
Hutchinson, J. F.
Ironsides, R. A.
Knight, D. E.
Latham, L.
Mackauer, J.P.M.
McClaren, M.
McWhinney, E.
Overholt, M. J.
Schiffer, R.
Smith, W.A.S.
Thomas, S.
Walkley, J.
Wheatley, J.
Wilson, B. G.

Barlow, J. S.
Blaney, J. P.
Davison, A. J.
Diamond, J.
Doherty, P. M.
Harrison, S.
Hindle, L.
Holmes, R. A.
Jones, C.H.W.
Martel, A. G.
McCoy, C. G.
McCoy, S. G.
Morin, S.
Pate, B. D.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Shilow, M.
Sterling, T. D.
Wallbaum, D. C.

In attendance: Alderson, E. W.

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Session of January 12, 1976 were approved as circulated.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported that a deluge of complaints from those sensitive to pollution had prompted her to set an example of refraining from smoking during a Senate session, and she asked for cooperation from the membership to either follow her lead or separate themselves into a smoking group.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

i) Senate Nominating Committee

Paper S.76-20 - Elections - Senate Committee on Academic Planning/
Senate Committee on University Budget

Ballots were distributed to elect a replacement for T. D. Sterling, who had resigned, on the Senate Committee on Academic Planning, which would also provide a seat on the Senate Committee on University Budget. Following balloting, the Secretary announced that D. I. Allen had polled the highest number of votes and was declared elected for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1976.

R. Schiffer asked for details of the procedures which would be followed to fill the Senate seats vacated by two students, and the Secretary responded that only one written resignation had been received to date although a telephone call had been received from a second student who had indicated that a formal request for replacement would be mailed. He pointed out that Senate Rules specify that no election may be called unless there are at least four months remaining in the unexpired term at the time of call for nominations and that a suspension of rules would be helpful to permit election call.

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

"That Senate suspend its rule which prevents
an election at this time.

R. Schiffer asked if an election could be arranged to ensure that those elected in the by-election stand for the balance term of office and the following annual term. The Chairman indicated doubt but that the point would be looked at for the election call.

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

MOTION CARRIED
(Greater than 2/3)

ii) Senate Committee on Academic Planning

a) Paper S.76-21 - A Credit Program in the Arts Development Report - Stage Two

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by F. Cunningham,

"That Senate approve the following principles contained in Paper S.76-21 (SCAP 76-1) regarding the further development of an Arts program:

1. Minor programs in Dance, Film and Theatre should be developed together (i.e. in relationship to each other).
2. The programs should utilize the strengths and resources of workshops in the Centre for Communications and the Arts.
3. The minor programs should establish requirements balanced between courses that emphasize the craft of the arts and courses that emphasize the analytic understanding of them. On the one hand, the minors should be directed toward giving capable students a strong introduction to the practice of an art form; on the other, each student should have significant exposure to the traditions of the arts generally and the place of that student's chosen art within tradition.
4. Credit should be available in special instances for intensive training periods under the guidance of visiting artists.
5. A limited number of arts courses not directly part of the minor structure should be introduced over time, both to supplement offerings in certain areas and to build toward fuller developments in other arts.
6. The non-credit workshops of the Centre for Communications and the Arts and the credit activities of the Arts program be amalgamated into a new organization called the Centre for the Arts reporting to the Dean of Interdisciplinary Studies."

Notes: 1) The effect of acceptance of this motion by Senate and the Board of Governors will be dissolution of the Centre for Communications and the Arts.

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- 2) The administrative concerns, e.g. facilities management, ticket office, etc., relating to the amalgamation of these activities will be taken up subsequently. Recognizing that resolution of these administrative concerns rests with the University administration and the Board of Governors, the Senate Committee on Academic Planning has asked that the actions proposed to be taken be conveyed to that committee for information only.
- 3) Arrangements will be made for a continuing administrative overview of the public events and community extension activities associated with the present Centre for Communications and the Arts.

Moved by J. Walkley, seconded by D. Erickson,

"That the motion be divided to separate Item 6."

J. Walkley stated that the University had been acclaimed for its public events and he would prefer that Item 6 be discussed when those actively concerned with the section of the activities are available to present a more detailed overview of the Centre for Communications and the Arts.

E. Alderson was invited to join the assembly and he explained that the use of workshops and resources from the Centre for Communications and the Arts entails the close organization liaison set out in Item 6. B. Wilson confirmed that many of the courses represented for credit would utilize resources of current workshops and that work now non-credit would represent the base for much of the proposed credit offerings.

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

MOTION TO DIVIDE FAILED
6 in favor

In response to a request for elaboration of Note 3, E. Alderson referred to the proposal for a President's committee to provide counterbalancing between the academic credit and public relations offerings. P. Jewett confirmed that the subject of public events is currently under review by the administration which was concerned that the activities of the Centre for Communications and the Arts be retained.

R. Brown pointed out province-wide budget constraints and the need for integrated planning to develop a Fine Arts program with primary emphasis on education for students. M. McClaren expressed his concern that a decision on the role of the University as a patron of the arts would be de-emphasized to create a first class credit program in the Arts, and he felt there was not sufficient protection in the proposal but he would vote in favor. D. Erickson concurred with the reservations and he would oppose, stating that he was worried that the character of the University could be changed. B. Wilson commented that the shift will not eliminate the contributions of people who are not students on campus and that the long term

future of the public events program rests within an enlightened administration of the University.

R. Brown noted that the process being followed was similar to that used in bringing forward Computing Science and Criminology and that trust is essential. Approval in principle is required to permit further development work.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED
26 in favor
2 opposed

iii) Senate Library Committee

a) Paper S.76-22 - Librarians' Status

Moved by D. Baird, seconded by D. Knight,

"That Senate approve under Section 1 - Interpretation of the Universities Act pertaining to 'faculty member' that for the purposes of nominations, elections and voting the positions held by professional librarians be designated by Senate as equivalent positions."

D. Baird stated that the morale of the librarians had dropped considerably when their status was transferred to the 'Professional, Administrative and Support Staff' category, and the support of the Faculty Association had encouraged them to ask Senate to designate their positions as equivalent to those of faculty members for purposes of nominations, elections and voting. A. Curzon spoke against the motion on the basis that there are other groups with professional status which could also be considered for Senate membership under the terms of the Universities Act. He noted that the documentation goes further than the motion but the motion (with notes) is that being requested.

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by J. Ellis,

"That the motion be referred to the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules to consider the general question of other professional people who contribute to the teaching and academic processes of the University."

R. Brown opposed the motion to refer as the question had been seen by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules to be within the propriety of Senate. M. Mackauer favored the motion to refer but suggested legal advice be sought on the term "or equivalent position" contained in Item 1 of the Universities Act. The Chairman responded that Senate is empowered to designate any position as equivalent.

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J. Wheatley asked that it be recorded in the minutes that faculty teach for credit, librarians do not, and that lab assistants have degrees and responsibilities which place them closer to faculty.

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

MOTION TO REFER FAILED

13 in favor

18 opposed

R. Schiffer asked that the main motion be amended to name one of the Senator at large positions for a librarian, but the Secretary pointed out that the Universities Act stipulates the manner of election of faculty members, other than those elected by and from specific faculties, shall be determined by faculty members in joint meeting.

~~The Secretary~~

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S. Aronoff asked that there be included in the minutes a definition of "Professional Librarian" for electoral purposes in order that it will be available should there be question in future.

(Secretary's Note: for the purposes of this regulation "Professional Librarian" shall mean an individual holding a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science or other approved degree from a recognized university, and in addition holding a Master of Library Science (or Bachelor of Library Science) or equivalent degree from a recognized university or other accepted library qualification such as the A.L.A. or F.L.A. of Great Britain (ie. an individual deemed qualified for the Certificate of Professional Librarianship of British Columbia). Further, the individual must hold a position in the SFU Library stipulated as requiring the qualifications of a Professional Librarian.)

~~emphasized that the motion approved had little relation~~
to the support material provided.

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

There were no reports from faculties.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

- i) Paper S.76-23 - Amendment to the Rules of Senate (E. McWhinney)
- Notice only

The Chairman noted that Paper S.76-23 would be debated at the March meeting of Senate.

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ii) Paper S.76-24 - Faculty of Science Requirements (R. A. Ironside)
- For Discussion

Moved by R. Ironside, seconded by J. Walkley,

"That the Faculty of Science requirements 1.c) for the B.Sc. degree, major and honors, as listed on pages 293 and 294 respectively of the 1975-76 calendar, be changed from:

'c) a minimum of 6 semester hours of electives in subjects taken outside the Faculty of Science (excluding EDUC 401, 402 and 405).'

to:

'c) a minimum of 6 semester hours of electives in subjects taken within the Faculty of Arts.'"

R. Ironside stated the motion was an effort to determine whether the spirit of academic objectives was behind the motion to alter the Faculty of Arts requirements at the previous meeting or whether it was merely a coincidence.

It was generally agreed that the matter should be considered by the Faculty of Science.

Moved by J. Walkley, seconded by P. Buitenhuis,

"That the matter of alteration to the Faculty of Science requirements be referred to the Faculty of Science."

P. Buitenhuis suggested the motion should carry a rider requesting that the matter be returned to Senate at its April meeting. The Chairman responded that such a request would require a separate motion, but the Faculty would be asked to transmit its conclusion at its early convenience.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

9. INFORMATION

It was noted that the next meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, March 1, 1976, at 7:00 p.m.

The assembly recessed briefly at 8:56 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary