

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
MONDAY, MAY 10, 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.
Blaney, J. P.
Brown, R. C.
Buitenhuis, P.
Calvert, T. W.
Carlson, C.
Carlson, R. L.
Curzon, A. E.
Davison, A. J.
Debo, R. K.
Dorsel, M. M.
Ellis, J. F.
Emery, B. E.
Fattah, E. A.
Finlayson, T.
Gregory, A.
Hindle, L.
Hutchinson, J. F.
Ironsides, R. A.
Jones, C.H.W.
Knight, D. E.
Latham, L.
Mackauer, J.P.M.
Martel, A. G.
McWhinney, E.
Morin, S.
Overholt, M. J.
Pate, B. D.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Schiffer, R.
Sterling, T. D.
Thomas, S.
Walkley, J.
Wallbaum, D. C.
Wilson, B. G.

Barlow, J. S.
Catalano, J. A.
Cunningham, F.
Diamond, J.
Doherty, P. M.
Erickson, D. A.
Holmes, R. A.
McClaren, M.
Smith, W.A.S.
Wheatley, J.

In attendance: Dixon, K.
Newton, R. C.

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

S.M. 10/5/76

In-coming Senators, whose terms of office commence June 1, 1976, were welcomed by the Chairman as observers of the proceedings.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the open session of April 5, 1976 were approved as circulated.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chairman advised that the Senate Committee on University Budget at the July meeting.
"B. Wilson referred to the Report on the Special Semester, and stated that, as ENGL 010 is now offered for credit, there would be no problem in future meeting the requirement of 9 credit hours for Canada Student Loan and Grant in Aid eligibility."

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

There was no report from the Chairman.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

i) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

a) S.76-56 - Continuation of Area Studies Programs

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

"That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors continuation of the Canadian Studies Program."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

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

"That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors continuation of the Africa/Middle East Studies Program."

In response to a question raised by R. Schiffer, R. Brown stated that review of programs would be subject to the procedures for review of departments.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

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

"That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors continuation of the Latin American Studies Program."

R. Newton, Director of the Latin American Studies Program, was invited to join the assembly, and provided information to the effect that there had been no data compiled on graduands of the Program with respect to their pursuits. R. Brown informed Senate of future plans for a cooperative exchange of students and faculty. R. Schiffer suggested that the language prerequisite for the minor discouraged enrolment.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

P. Buitenhuis enquired if the search for a Director of the Canadian Studies Program was continuing, and the Chairman responded that the possibility of a permanent appointment hinged on higher priorities in graduate studies and research.

- b) Paper S.76-57 - New Course Proposals: S.A. 140-4, 460-4, 461-4;
Course Changes: S.A. 374-4, 386-4, 391-4, 393-4, 394-4, 396-4

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

"That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the following new courses, as set forth in Paper S.76-57:

- S.A. 140-4 - Introduction to Anthropology
- S.A. 460-4 - Special Topics in Sociology and Anthropology I
- S.A. 461-4 - Special Topics in Sociology and Anthropology II."

Questions arose regarding the description for S.A. 140, with particular reference to the limitation of the locale to British Columbia, and it was explained that the course had been designed as part of a proposed diploma program for B.C. Museum Studies, and was not intended for majors.

K. Dixon joined the meeting and provided information regarding the introduction of special topics courses for flexibility in studying developing areas, and that all vectors in the Sociology/Anthropology Department follow the regular pattern to match the contact hours.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

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

"That Senate approve the following course changes, as set forth in Paper S.76-57:

- S.A. 374-4 - Regional Studies: Africa
- S.A. 386-4 - Regional Studies: North American Native Peoples
- S.A. 391-4 - Regional Studies: Latin America
- S.A. 393-4 - Regional Studies: Oceania
- S.A. 394-4 - Regional Studies: Circumpolar Regions
- S.A. 396-4 - Regional Studies: Selected Regional Areas."

K. Rieckhoff suggested that if the Regional Studies courses were taught by either Sociology or Anthropology faculty a situation tantamount to offering two courses under the same number might develop. K. Dixon noted the point, and stated that it would be unlikely under the new arrangement.

A. Curzon pointed out that the documents lacked the signatures of the Dean and the Committee chairman, and the Chairman stated that the matter would be brought to the attention of those concerned.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Senate Graduate Studies Committee

a) Paper S.76-58 - Ph.D. Admission Requirements

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by A. Curzon,

"That Senate approve the following change in the Ph.D. Admission Requirements:

PH.D. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The minimum University requirements for admission to a Doctoral Program are as follows:

- (a) either
 - i) a Master's Degree from a recognized University, or the equivalent, or
 - ii) A Bachelor's Degree, with a Cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.5, from a recognized University, or the equivalent, or
 - iii) at least two semesters in a Master's Program at this University with a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.5 in 75% of the graduate course work required for the degree. All graduate courses for the Master's Degree, whether taken at this University or another, shall be considered in the calculation.
- (b) submitted evidence that the applicant is capable of undertaking substantial original research. Such capability will normally be judged from letters of reference from qualified referees and the completion of a Master's thesis or other scholarly work."

K. Rieckhoff provided examples of the conditions under which students would be admitted to the doctoral program with other than regular admission standards, and he pointed out that the major change in the requirements proposed was for letters of reference from qualified referees.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

i) Faculty of Science

a) Paper S.76-59 - R. Ironside Motion re Faculty Requirements

The Chairman introduced Paper S.76-59, which was the Faculty of Science response to the motion presented by R. Ironside, stating that it was for information. In compliance with a request for elaboration, S. Aronoff informed the assembly that the matter had been brought before the Faculty undergraduate curriculum committee which felt there was no need to restrict Science students in their choice of electives. A. Curzon confirmed the Faculty opinion was inclined toward a liberal selection of courses from other Faculties. T. Calvert expressed the opinion that there was no apparent Faculty goal to broaden the educational background of Science students. R. Schiffer suggested that the Registrar might be asked to provide a listing for the information of Senate outlining the involvement of Science students in the course offerings of Computing Science, Mathematics, Kinesiology and Psychology laboratory courses which had been taken to satisfy the requirements outside the Faculty of Science.

R. Ironside asked if the Dean of Science and his undergraduate curriculum committee were satisfied with the literacy of Science graduates, and S. Aronoff stated that he suspected that the level was equal to that of other students in the University; that the stipulated minimum requirements were such that there was freedom of choice to enable the individual student to arrange his own life. R. Brown suggested that the problem which faced the University was easily resolved by specification of electives outside Faculty requirements in the areas of Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. The Chairman expressed the hope that the Dean of Science might take note of the recommendation and refer the matter to his curriculum committee.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

i) Paper S.76-60 - Senate Committee on Committees (R. Schiffer) - For Discussion

Moved by R. Schiffer, seconded by D. Knight,

S.M. 10/5/76

"That the Senate Committee on Committees be immediately dissolved; its remaining duties be assigned to the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules; and that SCAR report to Senate on these matters in the Fall."

R. Schiffer stated that the delegation of the remaining charge of an ad hoc committee would be easier accomplished than calling for nomination and election of an individual to replace a student Senator whose term of office was due for expiration. The Chairman concurred that the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules was the legitimate committee to assume the remaining responsibilities of the Senate Committee on Committees.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) Paper S.76-61 - Amendment to the Rules of Senate (Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules) - Not for Discussion

The Chairman stated that Paper S.76-61 was provided for information and discussion at the June meeting of Senate.

9. INFORMATION

At the suggestion of the Chairman relating to the Rules of Senate for convening of the Closed Session of Senate, it was

Moved by D. Knight, seconded by A. Gregory,

"That the pertinent rule of Senate be suspended such that the incoming Senators who take office in June 1976, and the Assistant to the Dean of Arts, can remain as observers to the proceedings of the Closed Session of Senate."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

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

The meeting recessed briefly at 8:14 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary