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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1977, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Jewett, P., Chairman

Absent: Baird, D. A.

Arrott, A. S.
Bittle, D. E.
Blaney, J. P.
Brown, R. C.
Buitenhuis, P.
Calvert, T. W.
Carlson, R. L.
Catalano, J. A.
Curzon, A. E.
D'Auria, J. M.
Davison, A. J.
Debo, R. K.
Ellis, J. F.
Emery, B. E.
Fattah, E. A.
Finlayson, T.
Glas, T.
Hindle, L.
Ironsides, R. A.
Johl, R.
Jones, C.H.W.
Kazepides, A.
Latham, L.
Mackauer, J.P.M.
McGuire, G. T.
Munro, J. M.
Okuda, K.
Severy, L.
Thomas, S.
Walker, R. E.
Webster, J. M.
Wemyss, I. D.
Wheatley, J.
Wilson, B. G.

Barlow, J. S.
Birch, D. R.
Cunningham, A. B.
Cunningham, F.
Dawson, A. J.
Diamond, J.
Doherty, P. M.
Erickson, D. A.
Hindley, M. P.
Hutchinson, J. F.
Knight, D. E.
Martel, A. G.
Overholt, M. J.
Sterling, T. D.

Evans, H. M., Secretary

Nagel, H. D.

Norsworthy, R., Recording Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Session of January 10, 1977 were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman advised that copies of the comments from the University of Victoria and the University of British Columbia in connection with Post-Secondary Education in the Interior would be available in the Registrar's Office for the perusal of any interested Senator.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

a) Paper S.77-02 - Recommendations on Paper Circulation

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

1. "That all Senate papers be printed on both sides of the page rather than the present practice of printing on one side only."

Note: Should Senate approve this recommendation it will be implemented as soon as Ancillary Services completes installation of the press that prints on both sides of a page.

2. "That Senate be provided with lists of candidates for graduate degrees at the Master's level. The lists will contain, in addition to the candidate's name and degree, the title of the thesis, extended essay, or project."

Note: Appropriate reference documentation will be made available by the Registrar for Senators in the Senate Chambers should any Senator wish to see it.

3. "That candidates for Ph.D. degrees continue to be presented to Senate with support documentation because of the relatively small number of candidates and the significance of the degree."

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4. "That the curriculum vitae of teaching personnel be eliminated from the documentation for courses and/or programs submitted by the Senate Graduate Studies Committee."

An amendment was moved by J. Catalano, seconded by G. McGuire,

"That reading lists be eliminated from the documentation for courses and/or programs submitted by the Senate Graduate Studies Committee."

A. Curzon favored inclusion of reading lists; J. Ellis was of the opinion that such data could be made available but not circulated; and T. Calvert expressed opposition to the amendment.

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

AMENDMENT FAILED
12 in favor
18 opposed

Moved by T. Glas, seconded by I. Wemyss,

"That the question be divided into the four sections."

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

MOTION TO DIVIDE CARRIED

Question was called on Item 1 of the motion, and a vote taken.

ITEM 1 CARRIED

Addressing Item 2 of the motion, J. Munro questioned the possible impact on committees, and expressed concern about the reaction of students and lay members of Senate who do not have an opportunity to review the documentation before consideration at Senate. J. Ellis supported the proposal as a means of improving committee functions and relieving Senate of housekeeping matters. Speaking in opposition to the motion, R. Walker commented that the approving of degrees is a prime function of Senate and full documentation should continue to be circulated.

Question was called on Item 2 of the motion, and a vote taken.

ITEM 2 FAILED
10 in favor
20 opposed

Question was called on Item 3 of the motion, and a vote taken.

ITEM 3 CARRIED

Question was called on Item 4 of the motion, and a vote taken.

ITEM 4 CARRIED

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b) Paper S.77-03 - Provision for Questions at Senate

The assembly was informed that the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules had considered R. Ironside's proposal for amendment of the Rules of Senate to incorporate a question period, and it had been recognized that some guidance was required from Senate before such a proposal could be fully and appropriately developed for discussion in depth. P. Buitenhuis submitted a suggestion, "That Senate set aside a period at the end of the regular session. Notice of questions must be addressed to the Chairman at least one week before the regular meeting of Senate. Questions should be matters of academic policy or of general university concern. The Chairman of SCAR should act as Chairman in the question period."

A number of Senators spoke in opposition to any form of question period, while others expressed interest in and support of the concept of a brief period allotted for the encouragement of informal discussion of items of general interest and of current activities related to powers and responsibilities of Senate.

It was agreed that the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules would undertake to develop recommendations to facilitate questions at Senate, taking into consideration the comments expressed. The Chairman invited Senators to submit other comments and suggestions to SCAR.

In response to a question from T. Glas as to when this matter would be before SCAR, the Chairman indicated it might be the next meeting or later but information would be given in advance of the meeting.

ii) Senate Graduate Studies Committee

a) Paper S.77-04 - Ph.D. Language Requirements

Moved by J. Wheatley, seconded by R. Brown,

"That the Faculty of Science requirement for a language other than English in the Ph.D. program be removed and appropriate changes be made in the graduate calendar."

It was pointed out that inasmuch as most research is now done in English or translated into English, the requirements for a second language represents an historical redundancy at the Ph.D. level.

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 regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 1977, at 7:00 p.m. The assembly recessed briefly at 7:58 p.m., prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary