

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1978, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Wilson, B. G., Chairman

Birch, D. R.
Bittle, D. E.
Bittle, G.
Blaney, J. P.
Buitenhuis, P.
Calvert, T. W.
Carlson, R. L.
Chapman, A. E.
Cunningham, A. B.
Cunningham, F.
Dobb, T. C.
Hackney, J. W.
Holweg, B.
Hossack, K.
Hoyt, G. C.
Ivany, J.W.G.
Kazepides, A.
Kemp, C. L.
Lal, H.
Latham, L.
McGuire, G. T.
Mulholland, E. B.
Munro, J. M.
Okuda, K.
Palmer, B.J.F.
Powell, R. D.
Resnick, L.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Thomas, S.
Webb, M. J.
Weinberg, H.
Wells, E. J.
Wheatley, J.
Wyatt, J. D.

Absent: Arrott, A. S.
Barlow, J. S.
Croll, J. R.
Diamond, J.
Doherty, P. M.
Hindle, L.
Hobson, R. F.
Hutchinson, J. F.
Jewett, P.
Keltner, A. A.
Knight, D. E.
Mackauer, J.P.M.
McClaren, M.
Overholt, M. J.
Walkley, J.
Webster, J. M.

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

K. Rieckhoff referred to page 7 of the minutes of the Open Session of January 9, 1978, and requested that the sentence under Item 4, iii), in connection with Paper S.78-3, be altered to read, "K. Rieckhoff received clarification that the statistics provided in the paper referred to credit courses and for students enrolled for credit, and that material was accepted for information."

K. Okuda asked that the third line of the paragraph covering the discussion of Paper S.78-6 on page 9 be changed to read, "in different departments deal with the problem of international as opposed to national development."

The minutes of the Open Session of January 9, 1978 were then approved as adjusted.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

B. Wilson reported that the Board of Governors had accepted the changes recommended by Senate in connection with the Search Procedures for University Librarian, and that the election procedures had been set in flow.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

i) Paper S.78-13 - Kelowna School of Resource Management

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by J. Wheatley,

"That Senate approve in principle the program as set out in the attached report regarding the School of Resource Management at Kelowna."

Paper S.78-13 Addenda had been distributed earlier also.

The Chairman stated that it was his intention to provide a discussion period during the Closed Session of Senate in order that recent activities of the IUPB might be elaborated upon. In response to a question raised by K. Okuda, B. Wilson advised that eight individuals had accepted positions on the proposed ten member advisory committee, and it was expected that a meeting would be held shortly. He added that the names of the individuals would be provided to Senate as soon as they were known to him, and that G. Geen is chairman of the committee.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

i) Senate Nominating Committee

a) Paper S.78-14 - Senate Elections

Ballots were distributed for an election to the Senate Committee on Academic Planning (SCAP)/Senate Committee on University Budget (SCUB) of one student Senator to replace R. M. Ghozali for balance term of office from date of election to September 30, 1978, the results of which follow:

Ballots Cast	35
Ballots Spoiled	1

Individual Totals:

Hackney, J.	15
Hossack, K.	19

Individual receiving the higher number of votes and thereby declared elected: K. HOSSACK

ii) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

a) Paper S.78-15 - Proposed New Courses: Department of English

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by P. Buitenhuis,

"That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, the new courses ENGL 300 (Old English I: Introductory Old English) and ENGL 301 (Old English II: Advanced Old English), as set forth in S.78-15."

D. Birch asked that it be noted that if the new courses were approved it was intended that ENGL 302 would be dropped from the curriculum, and that SCUS had approved waiver of the time lag requirement in order that ENGL 300 may be offered in the Fall semester 78-3.

P. Buitenhuis explained that the resources of the department would permit only staggered offerings of the course proposals, and drew attention to an explanatory memorandum from Dr. J. Zaslove included in the documentation.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Paper S.78-16 - Proposed New Course and Course Revision:
Faculty of Education

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

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1. "That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, the new course EDUC 467 (Curriculum and Instruction in Teaching English as a Second Language), as set forth in S.78-16."

Note: LING 412-3 (English as a Second Language) offered by the Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, has recently been revised to eliminate potential overlap so that it will be completely complementary to the proposed EDUC 467-4. The Faculty of Education and the Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics intend, through these courses, to address in part the need of teachers for the skills required to teach students for whom English is an additional language.

The Education Librarian reports that \$2,000-\$3,000 will be required over the next two years to build up the already substantial library collection to the point where it will be fully adequate. This item will have to be placed in priority with other required acquisitions.

D. Birch stated that SCUS had approved waiver of the time lag requirement to permit offering of the new course in the Summer semester 78-2.

B. Palmer questioned the propriety of hiring faculty members in advance of Senate's approval of new courses, and G. Ivany responded that expertise was sought for the development of courses for which there was a demand.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION 1 CARRIED

Moved by D. Birch, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, the proposed description and prerequisite changes to EDUC 423-4 (Analysis of Teaching), as set forth in S.78-16."

Note: When this course was considered, SCUS discussed at considerable length the proposed objectives and the stated prerequisite particularly since the course relies heavily on theories of learning. As a result of that discussion the Faculty of Education agreed to the explicit reference in the prerequisite statement to "an introductory course in learning theory."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION 2 CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

There were no reports from faculties.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

1) Paper S.78-12 - Proposed Adjustment to Senate Rules - Elections
(Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules)

Moved by A. Kazepides, seconded by L. Resnick,

1. "That Senate approve change to the Rules of Senate by deleting the present Section IV. F and substituting a new Section IV. F as described in Appendix I herewith."

An amendment proposed by R. Powell initially was not accepted by the Chairman, but upon reference to Section 43 of the Universities Act this ruling was reversed.

Amendment was moved by R. Powell, seconded by H. Lal,

"That Section 3 (iii) of Appendix 1 attached to Paper S.78-12 be altered to read, 'If an undergraduate student then must complete an average of at least 9 semester hours credit in two of the three semesters associated with the one-year term of office. If a graduate student must continue to be so registered throughout the period of office.'"

Lengthy debate followed on the consequences of accepting the amendment, its consistency with the revision to the Universities Act, and the value of including part-time student representation on governing bodies of the university.

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

AMENDMENT FAILED
13 in favor
18 opposed

T. Calvert asked the Secretary to provide Senate with information on possible implications of defeating the motion and the matter of bringing the Rules of Senate into conformity with the Universities Act. H. Evans outlined the eligibility regulations as they had been applied under the former difficult legislation, and stated that if the motion were not approved any individual registered in any course could be a candidate and a voter, including in the case of undergraduate students those in good standing who were registered in a credit course or courses in the immediately previous semester who certify they intend to register again at Simon Fraser University before missing two consecutive semesters. He believed elections could be subject to challenge. K. Rieckhoff suggested Senate had the right to define full-time students of SFU as it saw fit and if legal consequences resulted they could be resolved through the courts.

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

MAIN MOTION FAILED

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The Secretary cautioned that, although he would set in flow the election processes for individuals to take office effective June 1, 1978, in his opinion the nature of Senate's action potentially could place the University in an illegal position, and unseating of elected members could be a consequence.

Moved by B. Holweg, seconded by B. Palmer,

"In light of the many constructive contributions of student Senate and Board of Governor members, we re-affirm the appropriateness of student representation on Senate and the Board of Governors as constituted by those bodies."

It was pointed out that the composition of Senate and the Board of Governors is specified in the Universities Act, and the mover and seconder of the motion agreed to deletion of the last five words of the motion.

K. Okuda enquired as to the merit of bringing the statement to the attention of the Ministry which could be answered to the detriment of the University, and R. Powell responded that if the governing bodies of the three universities provided a clear indication of their feelings in the matter there was less likelihood of pressures being brought to bear. E. Mulholland added that the motion was in response to an accusation of student irresponsibility.

Question was called, and a vote taken, with deletion as noted.

MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

thanked his
B. Palmer ~~asked permission to thank~~ fellow Senators for their support.

ii) Paper S.78-17 - Senate Workload Schedule (G. T. McGuire)

Moved by G. McGuire, seconded by J. Wheatley,

"That SCAR be directed to formulate a schedule deadline or other plan that will spread Senate's workload more evenly throughout the year."

J. Wheatley asked that the minutes reflect that SCAR should consult widely in such a streamlining process.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.78-18 - Student Representation (Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules) - For Information and Informal Discussion

It was suggested that administrative experience within the proposed Senate committee would be useful but B. Palmer stated that the intent was

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for a small committee with open meetings during which contributions could be received. K. Rieckhoff warned against binding departments to structures and L. Resnick questioned the mechanism proposed to achieve the anticipated goals. The Secretary provided information that the legal opinion obtained in connection with the notice of motion indicated that the Universities Act contains a number of provisions for twin veto, necessitating full agreement on all significant wording by the dual bodies. The opinion also indicated that it would be in order for Senate to set guidelines for student participation.

The Chairman stated that the motion would be considered at the March meeting of Senate.

9. INFORMATION

E. Wells noted that Senate had not received a report from the Senate Appeals Board and asked that a paper be provided which would include the numbers of annual appeals and the percentage successful, the number of retroactive withdrawals awarded, and the numbers of transfer students admitted to SFU with a GPA of less than 2.0. The Chairman agreed to have the question directed to the Committee.

It was noted that the next meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 1978.

The assembly recessed briefly at 8:45 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary