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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1978, 3172 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Jewett, P., Chairman

Arrott, A. S.
Barlow, J. S.
Birch, D. R.
Bittle, G.
Blaney, J. P.
Buitenhuis, P.
Calvert, T. W.
Carlson, R. L.
Chapman, A. E.
Cunningham, A. B.
Dobb, T. C.
Hobson, R. F.
Holweg, B.
Hoyt, G. C.
Hutchinson, J. F.
Ivany, J.W.G.
Kazepides, A.
Keltner, A. A.
Kemp, C. L.
Lachlan, A. H.
Latham, L.
McClaren, M.
Mulholland, E. B.
Munro, J. M.
Palmer, B.J.F.
Powell, R. D.
Resnick, L.
Rieckhoff, K. E.
Thomas, S.
Walkley, J.
Webb, M. J.
Webster, J. M.
Weinberg, H.
Wheatley, J.
Wilson, B. G.

Absent:

Bittle, D. E.
Croll, J. R.
Cunningham, F.
Diamond, J.
Doherty, P. M.
Hackney, J. W.
Hindle, L.
Hossack, K.
Knight, D. E.
Lal, H.
Mackauer, J.P.M.
McGuire, G. T.
Overholt, M. J.
Wells, E. J.
Wyatt, J. D.

In attendance:

Alderson, E. W.
Feldman, P. L.
Garland, I.
Loewen, V. C.
McMillan, A. C.
Wall, J.

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

Subject to the submission of a statement from J. Blaney correcting the details of the report on the activities in connection with Interior Programming, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 1978 and the special meeting of March 13, 1978 were approved as circulated.

The statement of the Dean of Continuing Studies is as follows, and replaces paragraphs 2 and 3 of Item 4 of the minutes of the Open Session of March 6, 1978:

"J. Blaney reported that a Tri-University Committee on Distance Education had been established, with two working sub-committees: one to assess the appropriateness for B.C. of Open University materials and systems; the other to ascertain the feasibility of collaborative models by which the three universities might work together in providing distance education.

The recent recommendations of IUPB were also reported, as follows: to SFU, \$583,000 towards the SFU School of Resource Management, \$350,000 for 4 modules of PDP, \$40,000 for Faculty of Arts courses in the Fraser Valley, \$30,000 for a MA (Education) program in Educational Leadership in Kamloops; to UBC, \$150,000 for Faculty of Education credit courses in various locations; \$78,000 for a one-year B.SW program in Prince George; to U-Vic, \$175,000 for BFA and B.Ed programs at David Thompson University Centre, \$156,000 for credit courses in Nanaimo, and \$68,000 for a B.SW program in Castlegar."

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

At the request of the Chairman, B. Wilson provided a brief summary of current activities of the IUPB and distributed a memorandum (now numbered S.78-36A) covering developments over the past six months which had been previously dispatched to Chairmen of Departments and Administrators. He mentioned that the Distance Learning proposal had been deferred for a further month, but there seemed to be a reasonable chance of its success as an integrated program with no relevance to the curriculum of the Open University.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1) Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

a) Paper S.78-37 - 1977 Annual Report

Moved by H. Weinberg, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

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"That Senate ratify the terms of reference of the programmes administered by the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries established during 1977, as set forth in Paper S.78-37 on pages 9 - 11 inclusive."

V. Loewen, Director of Financial Aid, joined the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, H. Weinberg, to respond to any questions raised in connection with the Annual Report of the Committee.

The statistics provided regarding graduate scholarships were explained by H. Weinberg.

P. Jewett stated that a recent meeting had been held between the Minister of Education and members of the Western Branch of the CIAU and, although some progress had been made toward resolving discrimination against SFU competing in national competitions, there was nothing yet to report.

B. Loewen provided information to the effect that through possible misunderstanding on the part of students, fewer applications had been received for the Canada Student Loan during the past year, but there had been no change in the government policy.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

R. Powell was of the opinion that it would be helpful if Senate were to be provided with the stated objectives for each of the awards offered by SFU and an estimation of the extent to which the objectives have been met. H. Weinberg responded that a survey of the needs of the students in the university recently had been instituted and further details would be included in future annual reports.

ii) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

a) Paper S.78-38 - Student Representation on Board and Senate: Changes to Legislation

Moved by B. Palmer, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

1. "That Senate request its Chairman to petition, at an appropriate time, the Minister of Education for legislative change to the Universities Act such that each university senate would have authority to identify the nature of student representation on its governing bodies as most appropriate to the university within the overall general and numerical limits established by the statute."

Several members felt the wording was awkward and that a more positive approach was required.

A substitute motion was moved by A. Arrott, seconded by J. Hutchinson,

1. "That the Chairman of Senate petition the Minister of Education for an amendment to the Universities Act which would allow each university senate to decide, within the limits established by the statute, appropriate student representation on the governing bodies of that university."

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

SUBSTITUTE MOTION 1 CARRIED

Moved by B. Palmer, seconded by R. Powell,

2. "That Senate request that the Minister of Education consult with Senate before presenting legislative changes, which will directly affect the university, to the Legislature."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION 2 CARRIED

Moved by B. Palmer, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

3. "That Senate request the Chairman of Senate to write to the Minister of Education regarding Motions 1 and 2, ensuring that the intent of Senate is clear."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION 3 CARRIED

Moved by B. Palmer, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

4. "That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that it consider Motions 1, 2 and 3."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION 4 CARRIED

iii) Senate Committee on Academic Planning

- a) Paper S.78-30 - Centre for the Arts - Program Development

The Director of the Centre for the Arts, E. Alderson, and resource people, P. Feldman, I. Garland, and J. Wall, were in attendance to

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respond to any queries raised.

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

"That Senate approve in principle the proposed third stage of development in Fine Arts including the Major in Dance, the Major in Theatre and the Minor in Visual Arts, but with no commitment on the timing of implementation."

Attention was drawn to the detailed information provided in the transmittal motion blue pages and support papers.

Lengthy discussion ensued primarily on budgeting and space, and E. Alderson explained that the plans had been based on space foreseen as being available within the next few years and that the program could be developed prior to the capital allocations for a Fine Arts building. B. Wilson added that new programs and emergent programs may qualify for designated amounts of money from the Universities Council.

P. Buitenhuis described the extensive debate which had been undertaken at the Senate Committee on Academic Planning meeting when the proposal had been presented, and stated that the membership of that Committee had been convinced that it was a worthwhile program.

D. Birch noted that the approval was in principle and that this would be followed by the bringing forward of detailed curricular programs, which would then be followed by SCAP identifying the priority appropriate for funding.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board

a) Paper S.78-40 - Report on Committee Activities - 1975-77 - For Information

A. McMillan, Director of Admissions, joined the assembly to respond to questions.

A. Arrott noted that the report lacked statistics relating to the credentials of students admitted to SFU, and D. Birch presented some figures developed through a current study of performance in relation to admissions policies and proposed that the results of the review be included in future reports of SUAB.

L. Resnick asked that the admissions policy be circulated for the information of Senators, and K. Rieckhoff suggested that for the few who would actually read the document the information was available for perusal in the office of the Director of Admissions.

b) Paper S.78-41 - English 12 (Modified English) - For Information

D. Birch commented that the proposal for English 12 had been developed primarily for foreign students whose initial language was other than English and whose needs would be better served than by spending time on English literature in their aims to complete high school and continue to the university level. A. Arrott asked if a report could be provided to Senate on the recruiting activities of Admissions, and J. Blaney expressed the opinion that faculty members would be effective recruiters but SFU faculty had not been as active in the schools as those of other institutions. J. Munro suggested a report from the Senate Appeals Board would be useful, and R. Powell stated that such a report was expected to be presented to Senate shortly.

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

i) Faculty of Arts

a) Paper S.78-42 - Special Topics Courses

The report from the Faculty of Arts on the use of Special Topics courses was received for information.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

9. INFORMATION

The Chairman drew attention to the date scheduled for the next regular meeting of Senate - Monday, May 8, 1978 - to which newly elected Senators are invited, and reminded the assembly that the time of commencement of the meeting would be at the discretion of the Chairman and the Secretary.

At 8:58 p.m. the assembly moved immediately into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans
Secretary