

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1984, KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL

OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W. G., Chairman

Banister, E.W.
Bennett, R.N.D.
Blaney, J.P.
Brown, R.C.
Calvert, T.W.
Cochran, J.F.
Crawford, C.B.
Dobb, T.C.
Fellman, M.
Finberg, N.
Harris, M.D.
Ivany, J.W.G.
Kameda, T.
Kazepides, A.C.
Kimball, M.
Krebs, D.L.
McDonald, D.
Munro, J.M.
Nielsen, V.
Okuda, K.
Overholt, M.J.
Prock, L.M.
Rieckhoff, K.E.
Rositch, S.
Schachter, B.
Stewart, R.
Strate, G.
Swartz, N.M.
Webster, J.M.
Weinberg, H.
Wells, E.J.
Wideen, M.F.
Wotherspoon, A.J.

Evans, H.M., Secretary
Grant, B., Recording Secretary

Absent: Ayala, J.
Berggren, J.L.
Carter, S.D.
Clark, K.
Coté, P.T.
D'Auria, J.M.
George, D.A.
Hoyt, G.C.
Jones, C.H.W.
Kristen, S.
Leiss, W.
MacPherson, A.
Murray, P.R.
O'Fallon, C.E.
Pinfield, L.T.
Tham, H.A.
Thompson, R.B.
Noonan, M.

In attendance:

Heath, N.
Zaslove, J.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Chairman requested that item #5-iv-1, International Students, be deleted from the Agenda since it was still under consideration by the Senate Committee on Academic Planning. Following this deletion, the Agenda was approved.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Referring to Item #3 on page 2, K. Okuda wished to amend the Minutes to include his earlier comment "that when matters of this nature arise in the future Chairmen of the departments concerned be so informed." Following this amendment, the Minutes were approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

- a) At the request of the Chair, the Secretary reported that preliminary figures indicated an undergraduate head count increase of 3-3.5%. Because of the tightening up of the continuance policy which came into effect this Fall for the first time, the FTE figure was more difficult to obtain and was not available at the present time. It was estimated that registration figures for graduate level enrolment would be similar to those of last year.
- b) The Chairman reported that he was not able at this time to publicly announce the honorary degree recipients for this Spring's Convocation because he had not yet received confirmation in writing from one of the candidates but had verbal confirmation.
- c) Senators were reminded of the second annual Awards Ceremony honoring both faculty and student recipients of academic awards from SFU which will take place on January 31, 1984.
- d) The Chairman congratulated the recent recipients of Athletic Awards in wrestling, football and volleyball.
- e) The Chairman reported that he had met with senior officials of the Donner Foundation and tried to present the difficulties which B.C. universities are currently facing in the hope that the Foundation would be supportive of future applications from SFU. He felt the meeting had been useful and he had received some ideas of how Simon Fraser University could receive continued support from the Foundation which he had passed along to the Vice-President, Development and the Deans.
- f) The Chairman reported that the three University Presidents and the three Chairmen of the Board had attended a special meeting with the Premier and his associates in which the universities were given opportunity to directly present their concerns about the difficulties and impact a six percent deficit would have on the institutions. Although the meeting had been useful, there were no indications that the 1984-85 grant would be significantly different from earlier expectations.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1) Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

a) Paper S.84-1 - English

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.84-1, the proposed

New course ENGL 099-2 - University Writing, including change in group requirements (the course does not fulfill Group A requirements in the Faculty of Arts)."

J. Zaslove was in attendance in support of the proposal but was not called upon to provide additional information.

K. Rieckhoff expressed surprise that the English Department was now able, at no cost in additional resources, to offer a course of this nature when previous presentations had indicated this was not practicable.

A brief discussion ensued with respect to the relationship between ENGL 099 and ENGL 010.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of December 13, 1983 the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies approved changes as follows:

Change of title and description ENGL 204-3 (as shown in S.84-1)

b) Paper S.84-2 - Geography

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by A. Wotherspoon,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.84-2, the proposed

Change in honours program admission requirements in Geography"

Concerns were expressed about the lack of details and rationale in the proposal regarding the need for and consequence of such a change and a brief discussion in this regard took place.

Suggested by A. Wotherspoon and accepted as a friendly amendment, the word 'normally' was inserted in the last sentence of the proposed Calendar entry as follows: 'Application must be made in writing to the Undergraduate Studies Committee after the completion of 60 credit hours and normally before reaching 106 credit hours.'

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by E. Banister,

"That the motion be referred for further clarification"

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

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED.

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of December 13, 1983 the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies approved the proposed

Change of prerequisite GEOG 499-15 - Directed Readings/Field Study

FROM: 75 credit hours including 30 hours of courses in Geography, consent of supervisor.

TO: 75 credit hours including 30 hours in Geography. A GPA of at least 3.00 computed on all Geography courses taken. Consent of supervisor.

c) Paper S.84-3 - Education

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by G. Ivany,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.84-3, the proposed

Changes to the prerequisite admission requirements PDP (elementary program)."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of December 13, 1983 the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies approved changes as follows:

- i) Changes to EDUC 361-4 - title, description
- ii) Changes to EDUC 461-4 - title, description, prerequisite
- iii) Changes to EDUC 406-0 - fees
- iv) Changes to the Physical Education Minor requirements - prerequisites

d) Paper S.84-4 - Criminology

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by A. Wotherspoon,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.84-4, the proposed

New courses - CRIM 310-3 - Advanced Topics in Delinquency and Juvenile Justice

CRIM 419-3 - Native North Americans: Crime, Deviance and Criminal Justice"

K. Rieckhoff expressed opposition to the introduction of new courses if such offerings resulted in reduction of current course offerings in the curriculum, thus making it increasingly difficult for students to make a reasonable selection of courses.

Referring to the Calendar description for CRIM 310, N. Swartz felt that the first sentence required clarification and the Chairman suggested that the Secretary of Senate, in consultation with the Dean, will determine if editorial changes are desired.

Brief discussion followed.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

e) Paper S.84-5 - Gerontology

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by T. Calvert,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.84-5, the proposed

New course GERO 410-3 - Special Topics in Gerontology"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

f) Paper S.84-6 - Women's Studies

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by T. Calvert,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.84-6, the proposed

Changes to list of lower division courses for a minor in Women's Studies."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of December 13, 1983 the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies approved the proposed

Change of prerequisite - W.S. 400-5 - Advanced Women's Studies
W.S. 401-5 - Research Project

ii) Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board

a) Paper S.84-7 - Early Admission

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That the Early Admission be deleted from the Calendar as a special category of admission with effect from January 1985"

N. Heath, Director of Admissions, was in attendance in support of the proposal but was not called upon to provide additional information.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

b) Paper S.84-8 - Admission from B.C. Independent Schools

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That, provided that the B.C. Ministry of Education makes its examinations available, applicants from Group 1 and non-funded independent secondary schools in British Columbia be expected to sit examinations in those Grade 12 courses used to fulfill University entrance requirements, including secondary school graduation. These examination results would be counted in the final grades to the same extent as if the applicant were attending a public secondary school. That this change be effective for courses completed in Summer 1984 or at such time as the examinations become available to students of B.C. independent secondary schools."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

iii) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

a) Paper S.84-9 - Proposed Disclaimer Statements in Calendar

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by M. Overholt,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors inclusion in the University calendar of the following disclaimer statements:

1. Changes and Corrections

This calendar is printed to provide students and others interested in Simon Fraser with information about Simon Fraser University. The University considers this calendar to be accurate as of the time of its printing. In the event of errors in the calendar, the actual courses, curricula, policies, procedures and regulations and requirements in effect will prevail over the provisions printed in the calendar. In addition, the policies, procedures, programs, regulations and requirements are constantly being reviewed and revised. Any such revision may be made by Simon Fraser University without notice and shall take effect at the time of the revision unless a later date is specified when the revision is adopted. Simon Fraser University will

endeavour to give the University community as much notice of the revision as it considers the circumstances permit, and will endeavour to incorporate the revision in the next printing of the Calendar. Revisions include additions, cancellations and deletions as well as changes.

2. Revisions of Curricula and Academic Policies

Simon Fraser University constantly reviews its academic policies, programs, courses and curricula and the requirements in connection with them. It reserves the right to add to, delete, cancel and change any of these effective on the date the decision to do so is made or on such later date as specified at the time the decision is made. No notice of the decision need be given, but Simon Fraser University will endeavour to give the University community as much notice of the decision as it considers the circumstances permit and will endeavour to have the next printing of its calendar reflect the decision.

3. Change of Instructor, Day, Time

Information concerning the day, time, place and instructor for courses is provided each semester in the publication "Pre-registration Handbook and Timetable". Simon Fraser University reserves the right to make changes in these arrangements without notice although the University will endeavour to inform students affected by such changes.

4. Class Interruption

Simon Fraser University makes reasonable efforts to ensure that its classes and courses of instruction proceed on a regular basis and without interruption. Faculty have certain discretion to cancel or change the timetable for their classes; they will endeavour to give reasonable notice of any cancellation or change. Simon Fraser University will not be responsible for cancellation or change of any class. Neither will Simon Fraser University be responsible for the interruption or termination of any class or course of instruction which results from fire, riot, labour disruption or any other event which occurs despite the University's efforts, or for failure to give notice of the interruption or termination.

5. Enrolment Limitations (as in current Calendar)

The University reserves the right to limit enrolment when it deems the facilities and resources available to it are not adequate to provide for additional students."

Changes suggested by J. Munro to Item #5 were accepted as friendly amendments, thus resulting in Item #5 reading as follows:

"Simon Fraser University reserves the right to limit enrolment generally or in any course, program, department or faculty when it deems the facilities and resources available to it are not adequate to provide for additional students"

The Chairman indicated that the purpose of the disclaimer statements is to provide a degree of fairness to the reader by making intentions clear so that there is not expectation of unstated guarantees, as well as to legally protect the liability of the University. He pointed out that such disclaimer statements are characteristic of institutions across the world.

Referring to Item #4, N. Swartz wished clarification of the intent of the paragraph and wondered if it was designed to allow the University not to refund fees in the event of its being unable to deliver service.

J. Munro pointed out that in the past when the University was unable to deliver instruction it has been the practice to refund fees and that this statement was meant to protect the University from legal action involving suit for damages and was not intended to address the issue of fee refund. Discussion followed in this regard with a variety of opinions being expressed.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM 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

The next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 1984.

At 8:15 p.m., the Assembly moved directly into Closed Session.

H. M. Evans,
Secretary.