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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1986 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W.G., Chairman
Alderson, E. (representing R.C. Brown)
Almassy, E.
Arnold, T.
Basham, G.
Berggren, J.L.
Clayman, B.P.
Custodinho, S.
D'Auria, J.M.
Dickinson, J.
Dobb, T.C.
Frindt, R.
Goodman, D.
Hancock, P.
Hoegg, J.L.
Ivany, J.W.G.
Kennedy, P.E.
LeBon, C.
Love, C.E.
Marx, R.
Mathewes, R.W.
Nielsen, V.
Osborne, J.
Pattison, S.
Rainey, R.
Rieckhoff, K.E.
Roberts, M.C.
Salter, B.
Salter, L.
Saunders, R.
Shapson, S. (representing J. Tuinman)
Strate, G.
Verdun-Jones, S.
Vining, A.
Warsh, M.
Weinberg, H.
Winne, P.
Heath, W.R., Secretary
Grant, B., Recording Secretary

Absent:
Barrow, R.
Boyanowsky, E.
Everton, R.
Geen, G.
George, D.A.
Hamilton, W.M.
Holweg, B.
Pinfield, L.T.
Saran, C.
Singh, M.
Swartz, N.

The Chairman welcomed the following newly elected Senators and Senators returning from leave to Senate: R. Barrow (Faculty of Education), G. Strate (Faculty of Arts), J. Dickinson (Faculty of Applied Sciences), R. Frindt (Faculty of Science), B. Salter (Faculty of Education) and R. Everton (Faculty of Applied Sciences).

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of June 2, 1986

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. Report of the Chairman

a) The Chairman extended congratulations on behalf of the University and Senate to the students, faculty and staff who have received various awards since the last meeting of Senate and in particular drew Senate's attention to the fact that for the second year in a row Simon Fraser has won the B.C. Science Gold Medal.

b) The Chairman was pleased to announce that the University has received approval for the new Faculty of Applied Sciences building which would not only benefit the departments moving into it but also free up much needed space in other areas on campus, particularly in the Library.

c) The Chairman presented a brief report on enrolments advising Senate that for the first time in several years there were some significant changes on the positive side. He noted in particular that the number of new students this Fall over last Fall has increased by approximately 11.3, with students entering directly from Grade 12 increasing by over 20%, and college transfers increasing by 16.2%.

d) The President also presented Senate with a brief report on his activities since the last meeting including a visit to Malaysia for a meeting with the Executive Heads of Commonwealth Universities.

e) Paper S.86-39 - Annual Report (Financial Statement ending Marc 31, 1986)

E. Scott, Vice-President of Finance was in attendance to answer questions and provided additional information. He introduced the Report by briefing explaining some of the data contained in the balance sheet. Following a brief discussion, the Annual Report was received by Senate for information.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a) SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Paper S.86-40 - Elections

The following are the results of elections to fill vacancies on the undernoted Senate Committees:

Senate Committee on Academic Planning (SCAP)/Senate Committee on University Budget (SCUB)

Two Senators at-large to replace W. Cleveland and J.M. D'Auria for two-year terms of office, from October 1, 1986 to September 30, 1988:

Ballots Cast: 38

Ballots Spoiled: 1

Individual totals:	E. Boyanowsky	14
	W. Cleveland	34
	J. M. D'Auria	26

Candidates receiving the highest numbers of votes and
declared elected: W. Cleveland
J. D'Auria

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

One Faculty Senator to replace G.A.C. Graham for term of office, from September 1, 1986 to September 30, 1988:

Ballots Cast: 38

Ballots Spoiled: 4

Individual totals:	R. Barrow	6
	E. Boyanowsky	9
	G. Strate	19

Candidate receiving the higher number of votes
and declared elected: G. Strate

One Student Senator Alternate to fill existing vacancy for term of office from date of election to September 30, 1988.

No nominations received: Vacant

Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

One Student Senator Alternate to replace E. Wark for one-year term of office, from October 1, 1986 to September 30, 1987.

No nominations received: Vacant

Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board (SUAB)

Two Student Senators to replace E. Wark and G. Kennedy for one-year terms of office, from October 1, 1986 to September 30, 1987.

Elected by acclamation: B. Salter

Insufficient nominations received to fill existing vacancies; i.e. 2 positions - 1 Regular, 1 Alternate

One Senator at-large to replace L.T. Pinfield for two-year term of office, from October 1, 1986 to September 30, 1988.

No nominations received: Vacant

S. Pattison inquired as to why the process for elections at Senate did not allow for electioneering by candidates as he felt it was useful, when voting to have available some background information of the candidates. Brief discussion took place following which the Chairman referred the matter to the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules for consideration.

c) **SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE**

i) **Paper S.86-41 - MRM Program**

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by R. Marx,

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.86-41, new graduate course proposals for MRM 647-5 and MRM 648-5"

C. Day, Director of the MRM Program was in attendance to answer questions and provide additional information.

In response to questions concerning the faculty members teaching the courses, C. Day provided a brief background of their qualifications and experience and pointed out that because of the special competence of the two faculty members in the areas of tourism and recreation planning it was possible to split the material in the current course in order to better meet the needs of the students.

In reply to an inquiry about possible overlap with courses in this area in the Geography Department, C. Day explained that only one faculty member at Simon Fraser actually was teaching in tourism and that person holds a joint appointment in MRM and Geography.

Concern was expressed that the single word 'Tourism' as the recommended course title for MRM 648 did not suggest a pedagogical core for the course and it was suggested that more detail be added for clarification. The Chairman suggested this be considered as a friendly suggestion and requested that C. Day take it into consideration.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.86-42 - Business Administration

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by K. Rieckhoff

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.86-42, a new graduate course proposal for MBA 895-4"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

c) SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Paper S.86-43 - Change to the Library Loan Policy Regulation

T. Dobb introduced the recommended change to the Library Loan Policy Regulation dealing with abusive patrons by briefing Senate on some of the situations which Library Staff of the Loans Desk have encountered in dealing with patrons. He outlined the procedures staff are instructed to follow in such cases.

Concern was expressed that the recommendation was rather severe and suggestion was made that it might be more appropriate to provide adequate training of the staff on how to deal with difficult people. T. Dobb pointed out that in addition to the fact that the Library does not have sufficient funds to provide such training, many of the staff are temporary and turnover of staff is constant.

Concern was also expressed that a person's borrowing privileges could be suspended for an indefinite period and suggestion was made that penalties should be specific rather than open-ended. T. Dobb advised that each case would be considered individually and that the regulation proposed an indefinite period, not an unlimited period.

Opinion was expressed that the proposed change was in fact a major change to the Policy and should have been presented to Senate "for approval" rather than "for information".

Moved by G. Basham, seconded by A. Vining,

"That Regulation #7- Patron Conduct - of the Library Loans Policy be deleted and referred back to the Senate Library Committee for further review and recommendation to Senate at a later date"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER DEFEATED

d) SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & BURSARIES

i) Paper S.86-44 - Report on Undergraduate Scholarship Proposals

H. Weinberg explained that this report was provided in response to a request from Senate for a review following implementation of the Undergraduate Scholarship Programs. Brief discussion took place following which the Report was received by Senate for information.

ii) Paper S.86-45 - Annual Report - Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

The Annual Report of the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries was received by Senate for information.

iii) Paper S.86-46 - Changes to the Graduate Student Financial Support Program

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

"That Senate ratify the following changes to the graduate student financial support program:

- a) to eliminate the President's Research Stipend for Masters students
- b) to retain the President's Research Stipend for Ph.D students
- c) to eliminate the Open Graduate Scholarship
- d) to eliminate the Graduate Research Fellowships
- e) to allocate each year a specific number of 1-semester awards to each department. Consideration of graduate student enrollment in departments will be a determining factor in the allocations. Each department will be ensured at least three 1-semester awards per annum
- f) to allow departments to utilize their allocation of 1-semester awards, and to recommend 1, 2, or 3-semester awards for individual students. The Graduate Adjudication Awards Committee will make final decisions of individual awards based on departmental recommendations

- g) to retain the Special Entrance Scholarships
- h) to retain approximately 10% of the graduate awards budget for discretionary allocation by the Policy Committee in allocation of funds for Special Arrangement Students, Special Entrance Scholarships and program development
- i) to retain the Bursary, Loan and Work-Study programs
- j) to eliminate the President's Research Stipend for Masters students effective 1987-1
- k) to phase in the other changes by 1987-3"

H. Weinberg introduced the paper by drawing Senate's attention to the introductory remarks on page 12.

Serious concerns were expressed by student members of Senate that students were unaware of this proposed change, had not been given adequate time to consider the proposal, and were not given opportunity for input prior to presentation of the recommendations to Senate. In response, H. Weinberg pointed out that the initial proposal had been distributed to the University community, including Deans, Chairs, Vice-Presidents, Student Unions and the Student Society, for input following which SPCSAB reviewed all comments received before presenting its recommendation to Senate.

Opinion was expressed that the proposed changes would restrict and narrow the type of graduate student entering a Master's program and inquiry made as to what had happened to the suggestion in the original proposal that graduate students already in the program be covered by a grandfathering clause.

H. Weinberg briefly explained the philosophy behind the proposed changes and explained that, while the same amount of money would be available, departments would have more flexibility with regard to its distribution. It would also afford faculty and students a better opportunity for long term planning. He pointed out that restraint over the past number of years had necessitated an informal change in the current procedures and that distribution of the stipend had already become partially merit-based.

B. Clayman briefly explained why the Committee had decided against a grandfather clause and commented that the new proposal would, in fact, treat students more fairly because it would be based on merit rather than award of grades.

Moved by R. Rainey, seconded by W. Cleveland,

"That this item be referred back to the Senate
Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and
Bursaries"

Speaking in favour of referral, opinions were expressed that students had not had sufficient time to consider the changes and that much of the deliberation had taken place during

the summer semester when many students were not on campus. In addition, there was also a suggestion that the support documentation was inadequate and, if referred, the committee could be requested to provide better documentation with a more detailed explanation of the ramifications of the proposed changes.

K. Rieckhoff expressed concern about the referral because it reflected the whole process of committee work. It was his opinion that due process had been followed, and while committee membership may have changed during the period of consideration, this was insufficient reason to delay the decision by Senate at this time.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER FAILED

Discussion regarding the administration of the proposed changes and allocation of awards continued with respect to the main motion.

A motion by P. Hancock to table this item to the next meeting of Senate with direction to the Committee to provide more complete documentation was ruled out of order by the Chairman.

Replying to an inquiry as to why the stipends were being retained for PhD. students, H. Weinberg advised that the original intent of the stipend no longer applied to a number of Master's programs because of the elimination of the thesis requirement.

S. Pattison suggested that including reference to the "President's stipend or some other University recognition within the names for the awards afforded some additional prestige to them. H. Weinberg felt this was a significant point and indicated he would be happy to take it under consideration.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS

i) Paper S.86-47 - 1987 Convocation Dates

Senate's attention was drawn to the change from a Friday/Saturday Convocation to a Thursday/Friday Convocation, following which Senate paper S.86-47 was received by Senate for information.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion was moved by S. Pattison, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That Senate consider as policy the position that
there can be no two consecutive cancellations of
Senate's monthly meetings"

8. INFORMATION

The date of the next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 3, 1986.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 9:25 p.m.

W.R. Heath
Secretary of the Senate