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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, JULY 10, 1989 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 4:30 P.M.
OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W.G., Chair

Alderson, E. (representing R.Brown)

Addison, G.

Barrow, R.

Blackman, R.

Blaney, J.

Calvert, T.

Cerccone, N.

Clayman, B.

Cleveland, W.

Dahl, H.

D'Auria, J.

Dickinson, J.

Dill, L.

Djwa, S.

Dobb, T.

Freedman, A.

Giffen, K.

Gray, P.

Green, C.

Hendrickson, T.

Hoechsmann, M.

Hoegg, J.L.

Jones, C.

Kazepides, A.

Munro, D.

Nyvik, S.

Palmer, E.

Palmer, L.

Pinfield, L.

Rae, B.

Rieckhoff, K.

Rudrum, A.

Salter, L.

Saunders, R.

Swartz, N.

Wade, S.

Weldon, L.

Wotherspoon, A.

Heath, W.R., Secretary

Grant, B., Recording Secretary

Absent: Bedford, B.
Carlson, R.
Covell, M.
Falcon, K.
George, D.
Gill, J.
Goodman, D.
Ivany, G.
Mauser, G.
Nielsen, V.
Partridge, J.
Reilly, N.
Shannon, D.
Shapiro, S.
Strate, G.
Tjosvold, D.
Tuinman, J.
Verdun-Jones, S.
Warsh, M.
Winne, P.

In attendance:
Boland, L.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Chair requested that a matter of urgency concerning modifications to the membership of the Search Committee - Vice-President, Academic be added as an agenda item under Other Business.

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by A. Wotherspoon

"that Paper S.89-29 - Search Committee Membership - Vice-President, Academic be added as an agenda item under Other Business"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

It was also noted that Item two of the Agenda should read approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of June 5, 1989 rather than July 10, 1989, following which the Agenda as amended was approved.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF JUNE 5, 1989

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Admission Targets

L. Palmer noted that clarification of Minutes from the previous two sessions of Senate with regard to enrolment increases and projections for future years relevant to the access policy was still outstanding. The Chair informed Senate that the Minutes were in fact accurate in terms of describing the actual discussion that took place; however, there had been a lack of understanding on both sides about the issue at that time. He explained that the only commitment the University has made in terms of enrolment growth relevant to the access policy is to increase by an additional 600 FTEs in the current year with appropriate funding to be received. No commitment beyond the current year has been made.

Concern was expressed that if 600 additional FTEs were accepted and those students continued at the University for four years, an equilibrium problem will develop if the University continues admitting at the same level. The Chair advised that at each admission point a decision will be made as to an appropriate figure which will allow the University to sustain its population at whatever number is agreed to and receive funding in return. It was noted that any increase in students will have a corresponding budgetary increase which results in a continuous commitment of money for a continuous commitment of students. It was also pointed out that not all of the additional FTEs will

be Burnaby campus students, and further, that the 600 additional students admitted this Fall will not all be full-time first year students since the target figure takes into consideration DISC, Harbour Centre and the course offerings in Abbotsford and Surrey. The Chair reiterated that the total, global undergraduate population will be increased by 600 FTEs this year but what happens in subsequent years is dependent upon what the University itself wishes to do and what can be negotiated with Government.

In response to an inquiry about whether or not annual enrolment targets come forward to Senate for approval, Senate was informed that the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and the Senate Committee on Enrolment Management Planning bring forward such recommendations for Senate approval. It was suggested that Senate should have the maximum possible consultation/discussion period prior to SFU's next commitment to the Government in this regard. The Chair suggested that the relevant committees discuss this matter as soon as possible since pressure is being put on the Government to make early decisions for the next year in order to allow a longer planning process to the universities.

ii) Cariboo College/Simon Fraser University

Referring to the discussion about the time frame involved in the agreement between Cariboo College and Simon Fraser University, P. Gray indicated that Senate, at the last meeting, had been informed that the agreement would be in effect for a maximum period of five years. However, the original Memorandum of Cooperation states the time frame shall be for a minimum period of five years. The Chair provided his interpretation of the agreement as being a five year agreement which can be reviewed, but that it is only for five years in terms of the existing memorandum. On behalf of the Faculty of Business Administration, L. Pinfield expressed opinion that it was extremely difficult to specify at the present time all the requirements and what specific operational procedures might apply five years from now. He indicated that a fundamental framework of agreement has been established to provide an opportunity through which students can benefit from a degree offered by this University. It was his understanding that in five years time the Bachelor's program will transfer to Cariboo College rather than be retained by this institution and that the University, in the meantime, would play a facilitative role in the first five years while the program is under development. He also indicated that if students at some future point found themselves in a situation where their needs were not being met, every effort would be made to accommodate their particular concern within the resources available at that particular time.

K. Rieckhoff indicated that the Senate and the Board of Governors had approved this item on the assumption that it was indeed for a fixed term of five years and he found unacceptable the contradiction of information between the assurances given to Senate and Board and the content of the original agreement.

At the request of Senate, the Chair indicated that these concerns would be conveyed to the Board of Governors. In response to a suggestion that this matter be reintroduced at a subsequent meeting when the Dean of Business Administration was present, the Chair indicated that it would be in order to conclude the discussion the next time Senate meets and S. Shapiro is present. He reminded Senate that the three universities are attempting to cooperate in what he considers a worthy objective, namely, increasing access to higher education to people throughout the regions in which they live. Although this is an entirely new venture and there are uncertainties as to what difficulties and how opportunities will evolve, he assured Senate that it was not the intent to leave a student in difficulty because the fine print of the program was not in place at the outset and that every effort would be made to accommodate such students.

iii) 1974 External Review - Department of English

K. Rieckhoff reported that he had perused the documents in Archives and could find no guarantee of confidentiality given to the external reviewers. He could see no reason why the documents could not be made available to members of Senate. He also expressed concern that although he, as a member of Senate, was allowed access to these documents, another Senator was denied access by Archives.

E. Alderson advised that he had forwarded copies of the documents to the President for his perusal and decision about the advisability of releasing all or part of the material to Senate. The Chair stated he had not yet had opportunity to review the material and, as indicated at the last meeting, planned to report back to Senate in the Fall on this issue as well as the policy issue regarding such reports.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

i) Summer School in China

In response to an inquiry concerning the continuation of the University's Summer School in China, the Chair advised that nothing definitive is known yet but depending on the evolution of events in China, it is possible that the school could continue in another Mandarin speaking environment. He indicated that the Faculty of Arts would

review this matter during the Fall semester.

ii) Resignation of Vice-President, Academic

Senate was informed that G. Ivany has accepted an appointment as President of the University of Saskatchewan effective November 1, 1989.

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by A. Wotherspoon

"that Senate record its acknowledgement and congratulations to G. Ivany"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY
CARRIED

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a) SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Paper S.89-26 - Elections

i) The following are the results of elections to fill vacancies on the following Senate committees:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULES (SCAR)

One Senator (at-large) to replace G. Strate for balance term of office, September 1, 1989 to September 30, 1990.

Names of candidates:

K. Giffen

P. Gray

S. Verdun-Jones

Individual receiving the highest number of votes and declared elected:

S. VERDUN-JONES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING STUDIES (SCCS)

One Faculty Senator to replace G. Strate for balance term of office, from September 1, 1989 to September 30, 1990.

Elected by acclamation:

A. RUDRUM

ELECTORAL STANDING COMMITTEE (ESC)

One Student Senator to replace S. Rashed from date of election for no specified term of office.

Elected by acclamation:

K. GIFFEN

ii) The following are the results of elections conducted by mail from the June 5, 1989 meeting of Senate:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULES (SCAR)

One Senator at-large to replace R. Mathewes for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1990.

Names of candidates: L. Dill
P. Gray

Individual receiving the higher number of votes
and declared elected:

L. DILL

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING STUDIES (SCCS)

One Student Senator to replace R. McGivern for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1990.

Names of candidates: P. Gray
S. Wade

Individual receiving the higher number of votes
and declared elected:

S. WADE

SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE (SLC)/LIBRARY PENALTIES APPEAL COMMITTEE (LPAC)

One Student Senator and one Student Senator Alternate to replace J. Shickele and R. Di Fonzo respectively for balance terms of office, from date of election to September 30, 1990.

Names of candidates: P. Gray
C. Green

Individual receiving the higher number of votes
and elected as Regular Member for term of office
from date of election to September 30, 1990:

C. GREEN

Runner-up elected as Alternate Member for term of
office from date of election to September 30, 1990:

P. GRAY

K. Rieckhoff questioned the electoral procedures relevant to Alternate positions on committees by referring to the recent procedure whereby out of

three candidates the one with the highest number of votes was declared the Regular member with the runner-up declared the Alternate. He suggested there was a logical deficiency in eliminating from the balloting those who voted for the winning candidate, and that voters should have been allowed to vote for the two candidates of their choice. R. Heath indicated that this matter would be addressed and, if necessary, referred to the Electoral Standing Committee for consideration.

b) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING

i) Paper S.89-27 - Enrolment Limitations - Department of Economics

Moved by R. Saunders, seconded by E. Alderson

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.89-27, the proposed enrolment management plan for admission to the Major, Honors and Minor Programs in the Department of Economics and that for 1989/90, a target of 200 new admissions to Major and Honors Programs in Economics be established and that to achieve this target a minimum CGPA of 2.4 be required for admission to Major, Honors and Minors Programs in 1989/90"

L. Boland, Chair of the Department of Economics, was in attendance as a resource person to answer inquiries.

Concerns were expressed about limiting enrolment at a time when the University was moving towards a period of greater access, and the option of using a college transfer program to offer courses in the Fraser Valley was raised. L. Boland indicated that the Department was attempting to deal with a problem on campus and he did not see how having faculty teaching out in the Fraser Valley instead of on campus would solve the problem unless it represented an addition to the Department's teaching complement. The Department was also concerned about controlling the quality of its courses and instructors.

It was pointed out that there are a number of different strategies that any given department might follow in order to bring resources and enrolments into better balance and it was stressed that departments who do not choose to impose enrolment restrictions must not be viewed as having courses and students less worthy than courses and students in departments imposing restrictions. One strategy is no better than another and not every strategy is good for everyone but all strategies must be respected.

In response to a concern that students might be penalized by losing priority in the following semester for a course dropped under the WD regulation, it was pointed out that this was existing Senate policy and was not unique to the Department of Economics.

It was pointed out that as more departments apply enrolment limitations, there will be fewer programs for students who are unable to meet the elevated GPA requirements. This is unfair to departments without restrictions as they end up taking on an ever increasing proportion of responsibility for these students. The Department of Economics' assertion that there is a significant difference in the quality of education in a course with an enrolment of 65 as compared to 120, for example, was felt to be debatable and question was raised whether the difference in quality is great enough to warrant introducing enrolment limitations. L. Boland indicated that the Department felt that large classes at the upper division level were educationally inferior and that there was at the present time a crisis situation in terms of the capacity of the Department to service their large number of students. He went on to say that the Department's objective is to provide quality education and reduce its reliance on using sessionals to teach regular course offerings.

L. Boland further pointed out that unlike some of the other programs with enrolment limitations, the Department decided to limit access by using GPA rather than limiting their upper division courses to majors, thus leaving the program open to all students as long as they meet the GPA requirement. Concerns were expressed about limiting access on the basis of GPA since some Senators felt it was not necessarily an accurate reflection of a student's ability. Opinion was expressed that it was more appropriate to service major, minor and honor students rather than the whole University population and question was raised as to whether or not the same enrolment goal could be achieved by limiting admission to upper division courses to majors, minors and honors. L. Boland indicated that the department considered that option educationally inferior and unfair to the University as a whole.

Referring to page 2, item 3, P. Gray noted that the first sentence refers to students taking lower division courses while the next sentence includes all Economics courses and he was wondering if reference to upper division should be included in the second sentence. L. Boland confirmed that the second statement should include reference to upper division and the sentence was amended as follows: "Students other than those accepted into the major, honors or minor programs in Economics may take *upper division* Economics courses as long as they meet the CGPA entrance requirements."

Opinion was expressed that by committing itself to accepting more students

and trying to do its share in solving the problem of accessibility in the Province the University was creating a fundamental problem for itself. The more popular departments become overburdened and require enrolment limitations which in turn force students into other programs and shifts the problem into other areas of the University. It was felt the University had to face this fundamental contradiction and decide its priorities before this problem would be resolved.

Senate was reminded of over-crowded classes and it was pointed out that majors cannot make a reasonable and sensible selection of courses in order to specialize the way they want to, and in many cases can not get enough courses to take a full-load. Approval of the proposal would balance these things and make the atmosphere in Economics much more conducive to education.

It was noted that if this proposal is approved, new requests for enrolment limitations from other programs likely would be brought forward to Senate. Inquiry was made as to what specific criteria should apply to these requests in order to decide whether the situation is desperate enough to warrant limitations. Inquiry was also made as to whether or not there was a policy for departments/programs with enrolment limitations to come under review at some point. R. Saunders advised that one of the tasks of the Senate Committee on Enrolment Management Planning is to undertake an annual review of enrolment restrictions.

Since the aim of the Department is to limit the demand on their resources in order to maintain the quality of their teaching, C. Green felt the matter should be tabled until the Department can investigate if some of the burden could be transferred to the Fraser Valley and whether or not this option could provide the same quality of education.

Moved by C. Green; seconded by K. Giffen

"that the motion be tabled"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO TABLE FAILED

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

MAIN MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.89-28 - Fraser Valley College/Simon Fraser University
Memorandum of Understanding

Moved by R. Saunders, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.89-28 the Memorandum of Understanding between Fraser Valley College and Simon Fraser University, dated April 4, 1989, as amended by an Amending Agreement, dated June 29, 1989, which agreement, as amended, is hereafter called the Memorandum of Understanding"

L. Salter introduced the paper by explaining that this is a university transfer program wherein the first and second year courses which have been designed in conjunction with the Department of Communication will be given by Fraser Valley College and then those students will be able to take third and fourth year from Simon Fraser University. This is a common procedure in other subject areas.

Referring to the background documentation dated March 15, 1989, an inconsistency was pointed out in admission requirements wherein one statement guaranteed admission to the Major program in Communication at Simon Fraser upon successful completion of the requirements of the college transfer program and the other statement included an additional condition, namely admission to the major was subject to the student satisfying regular admission requirements. The second statement was a much stronger requirement and clarification was requested. L. Salter confirmed that the intent is to apply the stronger requirement and pointed out that the agreement will keep the standards of the two institutions compatible at all times.

K. Rieckhoff suggested that any changes to this agreement would take effect only after approval of Senate and the Board and requested that the suggestion be recorded in the Minutes.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESSi) Paper S.89-29 - Search Committee Membership - Vice-President Academic

Moved by J. Blaney, seconded by K. Rieckhoff

"that Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, that Item (b) in the composition of the Search Committee for a Vice-President, Academic be changed from 'the Vice-President, Administration' to 'a Vice-President, selected by the President'"

The Chair introduced the paper by explaining that it was critical to proceed in the most expeditious way possible to get the search committee operational. Modifications to the previous procedures are essentially editorial in the sense that the basic constituency is not being altered but changes are necessary to reflect changes in the University's organizational structure.

It was noted that if the changes were approved, it would be possible for the President to select the Vice-President Academic to serve on the Committee but the Chair assured Senate that this would be inappropriate and would not occur. A further concern was raised about holding student elections at this late in a summer semester when the majority of students are not on campus. The Chair indicated that although he recognized it was not the most desirable time to hold an election, he felt it was preferable to delaying the search procedures for the appointment of the most critical position in the academic role of the university.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Regulations re Visitors to meetings of Senate Committees

P. Gray inquired as to what the regulations were with regard to Senators attending meetings of Senate committees. The Chair indicated that with the exception of closed committees such as the Senate Committee on University Budget and the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees, observers were allowed to attend open sessions of Senate Committee meetings.

iii) \$100 Registration Tuition Deposit

C. Green, on behalf of fellow students, raised the issue of the \$100 registration tuition deposit that students are being required to pay for the Fall semester and wanted to know if students could defer this payment. R. Heath indicated this question fell under the jurisdiction of the Finance Office.

iv) Senate Meeting Time

At the request of N. Swartz, a straw vote was taken on the suggestion "that Senate shall always be held in the evening". The majority of Senate voted in opposition.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

8. INFORMATION

The date of next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, August 14, 1989.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 6:40 p.m.

W.R. Heath

Registrar and Secretary of Senate