

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1989 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.
OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W.G., Chair

Addison, G.
Blackman, R.
Blaney, J.
Brown, R.
Cercone, N.
Clayman, B.
Cleveland, W.
Dahl, H.
D'Auria, J.
Dill, L.
Djwa, S.
Dobb, T.
Faith, K.
George, D.
Gray, P.
Green, C.
Hendrickson, T.
Hoechsmann, M.
Hoegg, J.L.
Jones, C.
Kazepides, A.C.
Kennedy, P.
Palmer, E.
Palmer, L.H.
Partridge, J.
Reilly, N.
Rieckhoff, K.
Rudrum, A.
Salter, L.
Shannon, D.
Shapiro, S.
Sicking, C.
Stewart, M.L.
Swartz, N.
Tjosvold, D.
Tuinman, J.
Verdun-Jones, S.
Wade, S.
Warsh, M.
Winne, P.
Wotherspoon, A.

Heath, W.R., Secretary
Grant, B., Recording Secretary

Absent: Barrow, R.
Bedford, B.
Calvert, T.
Carlson, R.
Covell, M.
Dickinson, J.
Falcon, K.
Freedman, A.
Giffen, K.
Gill, J.
Goodman, D.
Munro, D.
Nielsen, V.
Nyvik, S.
Pinfield, L.
Rae, B.
Saunders, R.
Vining, A.

In attendance
Bartlett, M.
Komorous, R.

On behalf of Senate, the Chair welcomed newly elected Senators M. L. Stewart and C. Sicking to the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF OCTOBER 2, 1989

Although it was not included in the Minutes, J. D'Auria indicated he had inquired whether the GST would apply to university tuition and requested that the response be noted in the Minutes. The Chair indicated that although there is no definitive answer at this time, it was his understanding that tuition fees, the purchase of books, etc. would be excluded although he was not sure if the process would be in an exemption format or a pay/reimbursement process.

Referring to page 3 of the Minutes where reference is made to a formula whereby the scholarship budget is increased by percentage against tuition fee revenue, P. Kennedy indicated that although the Minutes may accurately reflect what was said, they were misleading in that the formula is a percentage against the level of tuition fees rather than the total revenue brought in and he requested that the Minutes be revised to reflect this clarification.

Following the above comments, the Minutes were approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Cariboo College/Simon Fraser University

In response to a request from the Chair to clarify the ambiguity in the language of the agreement between Cariboo College and Simon Fraser University - Faculty of Business Administration concerning the length of the agreement, S. Shapiro confirmed that the agreement is locked into a five year term.

ii) S.89-32 - Attendance of Visitors at Senate Committee Meetings

Senate paper S.89-32 which reviewed prior Senate decisions about attendance of visitors at Senate committee meetings was received by Senate for information.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

i) Vice-President Academic Search Committee

The Chair reported that the Search Committee is working diligently and hopes to have its work concluded by the Christmas break. Until the final decision is made, however, the Chair indicated that the process remains open

to further nominations from the University community.

ii) Simon Fraser University Alumni

The Chair reported on the success of the sixth annual Alumni Awards reception wherein some of the University's most distinguished alumni in areas of athletics and community service received awards.

The Chair was also pleased to report the successful inauguration of the Toronto Chapter of Simon Fraser University Alumni at which approximately 60 members of alumni from the Toronto area attended a reception.

iii) Faculty

The Chair extended congratulations to A. Rudrum, Department of English, who gave a lecture at the Vancouver Institute lecture series, and to A. Lebowitz, Department of English/Women's Studies who recently won the prestigious 3M teaching award. The Chair noted that there are only a limited number of these awards given across the country each year and that Professor Lebowitz was the third person from Simon Fraser University to receive the award. He was also pleased to acknowledge that two of the SFU recipients were members of the Department of English and conveyed Senate's congratulations to the Department for this achievement.

iv) Space

The Chair informed Senate that the Vice-President Academic and the Associate Vice-President Academic were working in conjunction with Analytical Studies with regard to inequities in budget shortfalls and space problems. He also advised that he had submitted an urgent, emergency request to the Government for immediate extra capital funds to allow the construction of additional lecture and office space. A definitive answer is not yet known but the initial reaction from the Ministry has been receptive.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a) SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

i) Paper S.89-33 - Elections

The Chair reported that no nominations were received to fill vacancies on the Senate Graduate Awards Adjudication Committee or the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board and that a further call will go forward for the next meeting of Senate.

b) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNINGi) Paper S.89-34 - Report of the Fraser Valley Planning Committee - For Information

L. Salter reported that the comments received by the University community during the consultation period were very thoughtful and the Committee had been considering the issues and concerns raised. She was in the process of responding to the specific concerns raised in some of the letters and she indicated that the next step would be for the report to be forwarded to the Senate Committee on Academic Planning, and then, if appropriate, forwarded to Senate for consideration.

ii) Paper S.89-35 - Proposed new graduate program - Master of Fine Arts

Moved by L. Salter, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, the proposed Master of Fine Arts Program as set forth in S.89-35, including the new courses

FPA 811-5 Interdisciplinary Graduate Seminar I

FPA 812-5 Interdisciplinary Graduate Seminar II

FPA 883-5 Studio in FPA I

FPA 885-5 Studio in FPA II

FPA 887-5 Selected Topics in FPA

FPA 889-5 Directed Study in FPA

FPA 898-10 MFA Graduating Project"

Director of the Centre, R. Komorous and M. Bartlett were in attendance as resource persons.

In response to concerns about lack of library and faculty resources, it was noted that since the proposal had been in preparation for eighteen months most of the faculty requirements articulated in the report had already been met through appointments justified by existing programs. Current faculty and space resources in the Centre can accommodate the development of the program since a number of graduate students were already involved in the program under the rubric of Special Arrangements. It was also noted that additional graduate student enrolments under Access funding will generate resources for program expenses.

Reference was made to past practice of bringing new program proposals before Senate for in-principle approval. Such programs would be then considered in the academic planning process in terms of allocating priorities and funding and then proceed to Senate for final approval and

implementation. Clarification was requested as to what Senate approval at this time meant and Senate was informed that this proposal was before Senate for final approval and implementation, subject of course to approval from the Board of Governors. It was noted that the next step in terms of allocating resources to programs already approved was an administrative step. Since such decisions could seriously effect other academic areas in the University, concern was expressed that Senate would have no further input in the administrative decision to prioritize and fund such programs.

Concern was also expressed with regard to the fact that there appeared to be a special connection between funding and the student's ability to finish the program, i.e. production expenses for the graduating project. Senate was informed that these costs will be met out of the operating budget of the program and in fact this is presently being done for students operating under the Special Arrangements rubric.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.89-36 - Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre
Annual Report and Proposed Programs

Motion #1

Moved by L. Salter, seconded by J. Blaney

"that Senate accept the Annual Report of the
SCAP/Harbour Centre Sub-Committee"

In response to inquiries about programs contained in sections C and D, Senate was informed that they were simply included for the information of Senate because they had received preliminary discussion. They would be reconsidered by the Planning Committee when more detailed formal submissions were put forward by Departments and Faculties.

Question was called on Motion #1,
and a vote taken.

MOTION #1 CARRIED

Motion #2

Moved by L. Salter, seconded by P. Gray

"that Senate approve the proposed programs
outlined in S.89-36

- a) Canadian Centre for Studies in Publishing
- b) Centre for Policy Research in Science and Technology
- c) Community Economic Development
- d) Gerontology

e) Social Policy Issues

as appropriate for (re) location to Simon Fraser University Harbour Centre"

Senate's attention was drawn to the fact that approval of this motion does not obviate the need for full approval of the new programs through the appropriate committee process but does approve the notion that such programs, were they to come forward, would be appropriate for location at Harbour Centre.

Clarification was requested as to which programs were to be located and which were to be relocated at Harbour Centre. Senate was advised that the intent was to relocate the existing Gerontology Program exclusively to Harbour Centre; the existing Social Policy Issues program would be relocated at Harbour Centre but courses would be offered in both locations. Intent is to locate the Canadian Centre for Studies in Publishing, the Centre for Policy Research in Science and Technology, and Community Economic Development at Harbour Centre. These units are currently operating as Centres and have no teaching programs associated with them. However, it was noted that a graduate degree program is currently under development in the area of publishing.

With regard to the Centre for Policy Research in Science and Technology it was noted that the membership of the Centre did not include anyone from the Faculty of Science. D. George advised that the Centre had been formed by a group of people with common bonds of interest both at Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia and that anyone from the Faculty of Science interested in the Centre's activities was most welcome to join the group.

Opinion was expressed that faculty members active in both their departments and programs on campus as well as in the activities of these research centres which are to be located at Harbour Centre would find it difficult to divide themselves between a range of duties and responsibilities and therefore make it difficult for students to have easy access to them.

In response to an inquiry as to what was meant by the term 'window access', J. Blaney referred, as an example, to the Community Economic Development Centre which is centered on campus but the intent would be to have a contact for this service downtown to respond to inquiries and set up appointments and meetings.

Clarification was requested with regard to what was implied by the word 'program' and what the intent of the motion was in relation to centres in

particular since Centres are only comprised of the people involved and moving the Centre downtown surely did not imply moving the faculty involved downtown. J. Blaney advised that the word program has been used in a general sense and refers to the five components listed in the motion and confirmed that while many of the activities will be held downtown and some of the Directors of the Centres will be relocated at Harbour Centre, participating faculty members will retain offices on the Burnaby campus.

It was pointed out that discussion has moved around from different aspects of the five programs and suggestion was made that in future multi-faceted proposals of this sort be separated into individual items to allow discussions to take place separately so that there will be some rationale and focus to the debate. The Chair indicated he would address this issue with the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules.

Moved by C. Sicking, seconded by N. Swartz

"that the motion be divided in order to deal with each item individually"

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

MOTION TO DIVIDE FAILED

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF FACULTIES

a) Faculty of Arts

Paper S.89-37 - Change in Terms of Reference of the Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee and change in Terms of Reference of the Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee

Moved by R. Brown, seconded by B. Clayman

"that the Terms of Reference of the Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee be amended to include the following:

that the Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee may establish, from time to time, sub-committees to which it can delegate all such powers of the Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee as may be deemed necessary; and

that the Terms of Reference of the Faculty of Arts

Graduate Studies Committee be amended to include the following:

that the Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee may establish, from time to time, sub-committees to which it can delegate all such powers of the Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee as may be deemed necessary"

An amendment to capture the spirit of the motion and extend it to all Faculties in the University was ruled out of order as being ultra vires to the powers of Senate as stipulated under the University Act.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

P. Gray brought to Senate's attention a piece of unreinforced concrete which he advised had fallen from the AQ and could have resulted in injuries. He inquired about the University's liability position, whether an engineering study has been done concerning the likely life span of the building, and whether or not the University has a maintenance schedule which is being adhered to.

The Chair emphasized that concerns of individuals in this regard should be brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities in the University so they can be dealt with as quickly as possible. He went on to say that the University is liable to the extent it is negligent in providing appropriate maintenance, safeguards and quick action on problems brought to its attention and that, in addition to in-house expertise in Facilities Management, consulting engineers are brought in on a regular basis to conduct safety studies on the physical plant. The university is constantly being inspected by officials from federal and provincial jurisdiction with regard to safety regulations under which the University must operate. In response to inquires about whether or not the University carries earthquake insurance and how well the University would withstand an earthquake, the Chair confirmed that the University does carry earthquake insurance and advised that in terms of seismological standards, the University is reasonably well off because of its location, its fairly recent construction, and the form of construction.

N. Swartz informed Senate that he had previously requested hand rails on the outside stairs in the Mall area because of the treacherous nature of the steps in the winter time. He had been informed that a signed contract with the architect allowed the architect to restrict certain external modifications including hand rails for outside stairs. The Chair indicated that it was his understanding that while other architects could be used, final plans for

additional new buildings and modifications had to be shown to the original architect to see if they were aesthetic to the original design concept but he would check into the matter and report back to Senate.

In response to an inquiry concerning updated information with regard to enrolment limitations and enrolment targets over the past year, Senate was informed that the Vice-President Academic was in the process of conducting a detailed analysis of the situation over the past year and that a summary of the report would be provided to Senate when available. The Chair also indicated that since enrolment targets for the last year had been exceeded by a considerable amount, he had requested additional retroactive funding from the Ministry but had not yet received a definitive answer to the request.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

9. INFORMATION

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, November 27, 1989.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 8:20 p.m.

W.R. Heath

Registrar and Secretary of Senate