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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1991 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.
OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W.G., Chair

Barrow, R.
Blackman, R.
Blaney, J.
Boland, L.
Bowman, M.
Brown, R.
Carlson, R.
Cerccone, N.
Chan, B.
Clayman, B.
Covell, M.
Dahl, H.
Dill, L.
Dobb, T.
Etherington, L.
Evenden, L.
Giffen, K.
Haje, P.
Heinrich, K.
Hoegg, J.L.
Jones, C.
Leiss, W.
Liestman, A. (replacing R. Marteniuk)
Luk, W.S.
Mauser, G.
McKeown, B.
Menzies, R.
Morrison, T.
Munro, J.
Nielsen, V.
Palmer, E.
Palmer, L.
Percival, P.
Pinfield, L.
Reilly, N.
Rieckhoff, K.
Shannon, D.
Shapiro, S.
Swartz, N.
Thomson, K.
Toohey, K.
Verdun-Jones, S.
Walker, R.
Warsh, M.
Winne, P.
Wotherspoon, A.

Absent: Beattie, S.
Bukovac, S.
Choquer, K.
D'Auria, J.
Delgrande, J.
Jespersen, J.
Lindberg, T.
Myers, T.
Nicol, I.
Rae, B.
Saunders, R.
Sohelli, A.
Stewart, M.L.
Wade, S.

In attendance:
R. Hackett
J. Pierce
T. Perry

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF OCTOBER 7, 1991

N. Swartz requested that the 5th line down from the top of page 7 be changed from "It was pointed out that...." to "It was argued that....". Following this amendment, the Minutes were approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

i) The Chair announced that S. Beattie had been elected Lay Senator, replacing S. Duguid.

ii) The Chair reported that he and the Vice-President Academic recently had visited Japan to investigate the possibility of establishing a branch campus of Simon Fraser University in Japan. He briefly explained the concept and the model being proposed and advised Senate that based on their investigation, which included discussions with various participants in existing US models and Japanese officials, it was decided that the particular model being proposed at this time was not feasible and the decision had been made not to pursue the matter at this time. There appeared to be a general interest in the principle however, and should a different kind of proposal come forward, the University might wish to reconsider the matter.

It was noted that Simon Fraser University was involved in a number of exchange agreements with various other institutions and reference was made to the fact that many of these agreements, although they carried official status, had never been brought forward to Senate for approval as deemed necessary by the University Act. It was acknowledged that the University Act does require affiliations with other institutions to be presented to Senate for approval but it was argued that the University Act was subject to interpretation and that it was not entirely certain that the existing exchange agreements constitute affiliations. However, it was suggested that SCAR be asked how the Act should be interpreted and that exchange agreements should at least be reported to Senate.

iii) Senate was advised by the Chair that he had extended his stay in Japan in order to spend time and act as a resource person for Premier Mike Harcourt during his recent Asian trip. The Chair reported that it had been a good opportunity to draw the Premier's attention to issues of concern facing the university community and to learn more about the Premier's view with regard to the next several years.

iv) The Chair was pleased to report his attendance at a reception to formally launch the Toronto Chapter of the Simon Fraser University Alumni.

v) At the request of the Chair, J. Munro was asked to provide Senate with a report concerning the possibility of SFU entering into a partnership agreement with Fraser Valley College in connection with its status as a University College. Senate was advised that the administration of Fraser Valley is currently seeking authorization from its Board to

negotiate partnership agreements with SFU in the Faculty of Arts for a B.A. degree (beginning in September 1992) and for a B.Sc. degree (beginning in September 1993). It is also expected that authorization to negotiate with the Faculty of Education will be approved by the Fraser Valley Board sometime in December.

Senate was reminded that the process involving partnership agreements was two-fold with the first step being the establishment of a general memorandum of agreement identifying the areas on which detailed agreement is to be subsequently reached, and the second step being the detailed statement of operating principles and program details. A draft memorandum of agreement, essentially modelled on the agreement between Cariboo and Business Administration, will be presented to SCAP for approval in-principle at its next meeting with the intent of forwarding it to Senate and the Board for approval in January. It is then expected that it would be another two months before the detailed agreement would be available for presentation to Senate and the Board of Governors. In the meantime, Simon Fraser University will seek assurance from the Ministry that the funds needed to facilitate this partnership agreement are forthcoming.

Brief discussion followed concerning expectations with regard to the initial intake of students and what role and involvement Simon Fraser University will have in the choice of curriculum and in the hiring and assignment of faculty. Since Simon Fraser University was still academically responsible for the degrees being awarded, Senate was advised that expectations are that the Departments involved in the major programs to be offered at Fraser Valley will have significant input in curriculum planning and will participate in the hiring process. It was also pointed out that the programs to be offered in partnership with Fraser Valley will require approval of the Faculties involved as well as approval from appropriate Senate committees, Senate and Board of Governors.

Discussion turned to the question of resources and Senate was informed that the Provincial Government has assured Fraser Valley that the University College initiative will proceed but they have not been advised at what pace it will proceed. Concern was expressed with regard to the necessary space being available by September 1992, and Senate was informed that there is currently a building under construction which will provide some additional relief but Fraser Valley is entirely responsible for its own space requirements. It was pointed out, however, that Fraser Valley has learned from the experience of existing partnership arrangements and they have approached this issue with a lot of care and consultation and, to the extent that it is under their control, it is unlikely that they would make the mistake of starting too much too soon.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

a) Senate Committee on University Budget Paper S.91-53 - Annual Report - For Information

Reference was made to a recommendation in the Report that the Committee take a more proactive role in the decision-making process. It was pointed out that difficulties had been experienced in the past with regard to SCUB's early involvement in the assistance and preparation of the University budget and, from the recommendation, it appeared that this problem has not as yet been resolved. The Chair of the Committee advised that the problem is of a lesser scale than it once was and that information was now being received

in a timely fashion which allowed the Committee to provide input when it could have some effect.

b) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

i) Paper S.91-54 - Undergraduate Curriculum Changes - Faculty of Applied Sciences

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by N. Cercone

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors the curriculum revisions for the Faculty of Applied Sciences as set forth in S.91-54 as follows:

S.91-54a	Department of Communication
S.91-54b	School of Computing Science
S.91-54c	School of Engineering Science
S.91-54d	School of Kinesiology"

Referring to S.91-54c (Engineering Science), concern was expressed that the expected course load for Engineering Science students was too high and the expectation that the program could be completed in four years was unrealistic, and inquiry was made as to how many students actually complete the program in four years. It was argued that twenty credit hours per semester was a common course load for most Engineering Science programs but since it was not known at this time how many students complete the program in four years, Senate would be provided with this information at a subsequent meeting.

Referring to S.91-54a (Communications) concern was expressed about the implication of the library statement which indicated that some of the new courses would receive only minimal support and objection was raised to the introduction of new courses that do not have adequate library or other resources. Opinion was expressed that it would be much wiser to use available resources for existing courses and programs rather than to keep expanding.

R. Hackett, Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee in the Department of Communications was in attendance as a resource person and advised Senate that the publishing program is in some ways a semi-autonomous program offered not only under the auspices of Communications but also the Centre for Studies in Canadian Publishing. Its resources should be viewed as being somewhat separate from the Department, especially in view of the fact that an MA program is expected to be available within the next few years. These factors should address library holdings as well as staffing problems. It is expected that professionals from the publishing industry (sessionals) will likely be used for most of the proposed new courses in the Department .

Discussion turned to the question of library statements in general and Senate was informed by the Chair of SCUS that library information had been provided for all new courses before Senate. However, only statements containing substantial information had been forwarded to Senate and if there is no information, it means the Library deemed its collection to be adequate. The University Librarian expressed opinion that the basic

problem with regard to Library resources is that there is no linkage between the mounting of courses and the budget process and until such linkage is made, Senate will be dealing with courses that have some Library comments and some that don't.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.91-55 - Undergraduate Curriculum Changes - Faculty of Arts

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by R. Brown

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors the curriculum revisions for the Faculty of Arts as set forth in S.91-55 as follows:

S.91-55a	School of Criminology
S.91-55b	Department of Economics
S.91-55c	Department of French
S.91-55d	Department of Geography
S.91-55e	Department of History
S.91-55f	Humanities Program
S.91-55g	Department of Linguistics
S.91-55h	Certificate in Native Studies Research
S.91-55i	Department of Political Science
S.91-55j	Department of Psychology
S.91-55k	Department of Spanish/Latin American Studies
S.91-55l	Joint Major - Psychology and Women's Studies
S.91-55m	Post Baccalaureate Diploma and Certificate in Urban Studies
S.91-55n	Extended Minors"

Request by K. Rieckhoff to deal with each issue individually was accepted and it was agreed that each motion was duly moved and seconded and on the floor for consideration.

S.91-55a - School of Criminology

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

S.91-55b - Department of Economics

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

S.91-55c - Department of French

Concern was expressed with regard to the listing of sessional lecturers as instructors for the new courses in French and a more general concern was raised that each year at this time Senate considers a considerable number of new courses and programs which affect teaching loads without having any kind of a summary statement as to the implications of the course revisions on staffing and other resources. The Chair indicated that SCAR would take the matter under advisement for future presentations of curriculum changes, and the Chair of SCUS advised Senate that there was a total of 61 new courses and 20 deletions for a net increase of 41 courses currently before Senate for consideration. This figure did not include special topic courses or the practicum courses which were deemed

to be sufficiently different from regularly scheduled offerings. Senate was also advised that the Department of French had confirmed their intent to use sessional lecturers for the courses only if none of the four listed faculty members were available.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

S.91-55d - Department of Geography

J. Pierce, Chair of the Department was in attendance in order to respond to questions and in response to a concern about introducing new courses at a time when students are unable to gain access to existing courses, he argued that this situation was not unique to Geography and advised that the Department will have two new faculty positions next year, one of which will be responsible in part for some of the new courses.

It was also noted that the Department's interest in introducing new courses is directly related to how comprehensive they view their program to be and presumably if new courses are offered and others are not, overall access will be the same except there will be a different and broader range of courses from which to choose.

A more general concern was expressed with respect to the growing number of courses advertised in the Calendar. It was argued that this leads students to believe there is a greater variety of courses and options available than there actually is.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

S.91-55e - Department of History

Brief discussion took place with regard to the practicum courses and the prerequisites for History 204.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

S.91-55f - Humanities Program

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

S.91-55g - Department of Linguistics

T. Perry, Chair of the Department, was in attendance as a resource person and responded to an inquiry as to how much articulation had taken place between the Department of Linguistics and the Faculty of Education in connection with the new course LING 363 by advising Senate that this course is not intended to directly support a course of study that leads to the qualification of teachers. Rather, it is intended for ESL outside the school system and as a preparation for further training in ESL instruction. Senate was advised, however, that there has been intensive articulation with the Faculty of Education on a joint Post Baccalaureate Diploma which is currently working its way through the system.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

S.91-55h - Certificate in Native Studies Research

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

S.91-55i - Department of Political Science
Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

S.91-55j - Department of Psychology
Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

S.91-55k - Department of Spanish/Latin American Studies
Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

S.91-55l - Proposal for a Joint Major - Psychology and Women's Studies
Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

S.91-55m - Proposals for a Post Baccalaureate Diploma and a Certificate in Urban Studies

Referring to the admission requirements for the Certificate program, inquiry was made as to why POL 151 was chosen over POL 100 as a required course. It was argued that POL 100 was a required course for the Major program and therefore third and fourth year Major students who wished to take advantage of the new program would not be able to do so because they would have exceeded their lower division course requirements. T. Morrison suggested that the requirements be amended to read "Students must complete GEOG 100 and POL 151 and/or POL 100". However, the Chair of the Department, M. Covell, felt it would be preferable to consult the persons involved in the design of the certificate rather than changing requirements on the floor of Senate.

The Chair suggested that the Department of Political Science take the suggested amendment under advisement and report back with an explanation. At that time, if it is appropriate, the issue can then be debated or the change initiated.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

S.91-55n - Extended Minors
Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

S.91-55o - Department of Archaeology

Senate received information that SCUS, acting under delegated authority approved prerequisite changes for a number of courses in Archaeology.

Senate received further information that SCUS, acting under delegated authority, approved a variety of undergraduate course revisions within the Faculty of Arts.

iii) Paper S.91-56 - Undergraduate Curriculum Changes - Faculty of Business Administration

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by L. Pinfield

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors the curriculum revisions for the Faculty of Business Administration as set forth in S.91-56, including:

- a) a new Concentration in International Business, with new courses BUS 430-3 - Comparative Management, and BUS 431-3 - Business with The Pacific Rim Countries
- b) changes to the core course requirements
- c) change in Finance Concentration requirements
- d) deletion of BUS 328-3 Accounting for Management
- e) change to Accounting Concentration core requirements
- f) change in requirements for admission to the Faculty"

A suggestion by K. Rieckhoff to deal with sections a) to e) inclusively and then section f) separately was accepted with the understanding that both motions were duly moved and seconded and on the floor of Senate for discussion.

Section a) to e) on Paper S.91-56

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Section f) on Paper S.91-56

Opinion was expressed in support of the change in admission requirements requiring students to take two English courses but suggestion was made that one of the courses, ENGL 199, should be made mandatory. Senate was advised that this matter had been discussed within the Faculty and one of the concerns was the burden of enrolment such a move would place on the Department of English. Senate was informed that the entire undergraduate curriculum within the Faculty of Business Administration was currently under review. The whole question of written and spoken communications is a priority and the change in requirements can be viewed as a step in this direction.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Senate received information that SCUS, acting under delegated authority, approved a variety of undergraduate course revisions within the Faculty of Business Administration.

iv) Paper S.91-57 - Undergraduate Curriculum Changes - Faculty of Education

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by R. Barrow

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors the curriculum revisions for the Faculty of Education as set forth in S.91-57, including

New Courses: EDUC 386 to EDUC 399 (3,4 or 6) - Special Topics and
Deleted Courses: EDUC 462 - Environmental Education (Outdoor Education); EDUC 493 - Directed Studies; EDUC 494 - Directed Studies"

Referring to the second page under the heading Proposed Entry, opinion was expressed that restricting the number of directed studies courses to a maximum of three seemed rather short-sighted and narrow in light of the type of students normally taking such courses, i.e. professional educators who take courses throughout their entire teaching career. Senate was advised that when making this change the Faculty had in mind students taking a B.Ed. degree or regular degree courses rather than the professional life-

long learner. A suggestion to add the words "*within the requirements for the degree*" to the last sentence was accepted as a friendly amendment.

In response to a concern about the deletion of EDUC 462, Senate was advised that 462 is actually being combined with EDUC 452 into a single course of 8 credits entitled Environmental Education and a request was made to correct the information section on the blue page of Paper S.91-57 to reflect the change of credit hours of EDUC 452.

In response to a concern about the large number of special topic courses being recommended, Senate was advised that the increase in special topic course numbers does not represent an increase in course offerings but is necessitated by the University's participation with UBC and UVic in the Tri-University Summer Institute and will make it easier for SFU students to register for courses offered through the Institute.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Senate received further information that SCUS, acting under delegated authority, approved a variety of undergraduate course revisions within the Faculty of Education.

v) Paper S.91-58 - Undergraduate Curriculum Changes - Faculty of Science

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by C. Jones

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors the curriculum revisions for the Faculty of Science as set forth in S.91-58 as follows

- S.91-58a Department of Chemistry
- S.91-58b Department of Mathematics and Statistics
- S.91-58c Department of Physics
- S.91-58d Management and Systems Science Program"

Referring to Paper S.91-58c (Physics) Senate's attention was drawn to the top of the page (section iii). The item was not before Senate at this particular time and Senate was asked to delete reference to the change in grading for PHYS 130 and 131.

Opinion was expressed that the rationale in connection with S.91-58b (Mathematics and Statistics) leaves a lot to be desired and requires further explanation in order to understand the motion before Senate.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Senate received information that SCUS, acting under delegated authority, approved a variety of undergraduate course revisions within the Faculty of Science.

c) Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board
Paper S.91-59 - Enrolment limit of International Students to the Faculty of Business Administration

Moved by S. Shapiro, seconded by P. Winne

"that approval be given to the proposal that the quota for International Student entry to major, minor and honors programs in the Faculty of Business Administration be raised from ten percent to fifteen percent, as set out in SUAB 221, and approved by the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board"

Criticism was directed at the Faculty of Business Administration for not adhering to the restriction placed on them by Senate with respect to the quota for the intake of visa students to that particular Faculty. It was pointed out that there were valid reasons for Senate approving the introduction of the quota and the failure of Business Administration to adhere to Senate regulations was quite inappropriate. In response to this criticism, Senate was advised that the recent changes in procedure of admission of international students approved by Senate at the October meeting would facilitate compliance with the regulations since the procedure is fairer and more straight-forward.

It was argued that the concept of having international students as part of the University as a whole was supported by the majority of the University community. However, when dealing with programs with limited enrolment a fundamental question of whether to give preference to international students over the exclusion of qualified Canadian students must be confronted. It was further argued that the rationale for the proposed increase in the quota for International Students deals mainly with technicalities and does not address this essential issue. It was noted that the rationale makes reference to the efforts of Business Administration towards the globalization of its programs and the development of an international program. In response to the rationale, Senate was presented with various figures and statistics with respect to B.C. trade relations with other countries and the number of students from each respective country, and it was argued that the connection between international business involvement and students in the Business program was difficult to determine. Opinion was expressed that there should be a balance and a sense of reciprocity but that the figures presented do not indicate either one applies, and in fact, show a disproportionate number of students from one or two specific areas. It was further argued that since Simon Fraser University is supported by public funds, the University has a responsibility to the local community and qualified Canadian students should have preferred admission to programs of their choice. It was pointed out that a common theme in reports written by a variety of institutions dealing with the issue of international students assumes that no qualified Canadian students are being excluded in order to admit international students. It was suggested that SFU's policy on international students was no longer justifiable and needs to be reconsidered.

In response to the above, opinion was expressed that much of the argument presented and the fundamental question which was raised concerned the University as a whole and was not especially relevant to the Faculty of Business Administration. It was also argued that the percentage of students from certain areas of the world was connected to the physical location of the University, and that this is one reason why Simon Fraser University has become so important in certain Pacific Rim countries. Opinion was also expressed that the relevant factor was, in fact, the relationship between the quota for Business and the University-wide quota, and it was suggested that the distribution of international students within the University as a whole was not unlike that of visa students

within the Faculty of Business Administration. It was felt that the proposed Business quota reflected a combination of policy and compassion and that as long as the University had a general quota of 7%, the 15% quota for Business reflecting approximately the same enrolment patterns as those of the University should be deemed to be appropriate for the Faculty of Business Administration.

Further opinion was expressed that having a quota of any kind for international students represented a policy of discrimination and that all students should be treated equally. In response to an inquiry as to whether or not the University had sought the advice of the University lawyer with respect to the legality of imposing internal quotas, Senate was informed that the University had received legal opinion but further clarification was required before report could be made to Senate.

Senate was advised of an irregularity which allows O-level and A-level graduates to enrol in introductory Physics and Chemistry courses which are designed to make-up high school deficiencies. It was suggested that considerable number of visa students are using these courses to obtain easy grades in order to raise their GPAs so as to qualify for admission to Business. Opinion was expressed that the implication of this is that some of the GPAs of visa students being admitted to Business may not accurately reflect their ability and the Registrar was requested to provide guidance as to how this irregularity can be corrected. Senate was informed that Business Administration was aware of the problem but they felt rather than banning students from certain courses, it was more important to determine what courses and/or grades should be used in the calculation of a student's GPA. This whole issue was currently under review within the Faculty.

Moved by S. Shapiro, seconded by K. Rieckhoff

"that the question be called"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION CARRIED
(by a clear 2/3 majority)

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

MAIN MOTION DEFEATED
N. Swartz requested his abstention be recorded

6. Other Business

Paper S.91-60 - Notices of Motion - P. Haje

Motion #1

A motion put forward by P. Haje that Senate approve that the Belzberg Library, Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre, be open until midnight each day did not receive a seconder and was therefore lost.

Motion #2

Moved by P. Haje, seconded by L. Dill

"that Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that a public hearing be held on the proposal to construct a recreational facility on the Burnaby Mountain campus"

P. Haje introduced the motion by providing a brief summary which included concerns about students and the community in general not having enough input into University affairs.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION DEFEATED

Motion #3

A motion put forward by P. Haje that Senate approve courses in the Swahili language did not receive a seconder and was therefore lost.

Motion #4

Moved by P. Haje, seconded by A. Wotherspoon

"that Senate approve a review of multiple choice exams and their implications on post-secondary students, and if it is found that they are doing more harm to the future careers of the students, recommend that they be removed from the University curriculum"

P. Percival moved objection to consideration of the motion. At the request of Senate, the Chair read from the Rules concerning the procedure with respect to this matter and Senate was asked to vote on whether or not to consider the motion. Question was called, and a vote taken - 11 in favour, 29 opposed resulting in the original motion not being considered.

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by M. Warsh

"that the Rules of Senate be suspended so that the termination time of 10:00 p.m. for the Open Session be extended"

Question was called,
and a vote taken.

MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING TIME CARRIED

7. Notices of Motion
There were no notices of motion.

8. Information
The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, January 6, 1992.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 10:05 p.m.

W.R. Heath
Secretary of Senate