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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD ON MONDAY,  
JULY 6, 1992 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W.G., Chair

Barrow, R.  
Bawa, M.  
Blackman, R.  
Blaney, J.  
Boland, L.  
Bowman, M.  
Brown, R.  
Carlson, R.  
Ciria, A.  
Covell, M.  
Dill, L.  
Dobb, T.  
Driver, J.  
Evenden, L.  
Gee, E.  
Giffen, K.  
Gray, P.  
Green, C.  
Haje, P.  
Hoeflich, K.  
Hoegg, J.L.  
Hoffer, A.  
Jones, C.  
Lim, K.  
Luk, W.S.  
Mauser, G.  
McKeown, B.  
Menzies, R.  
Morrison, T.  
Munro, J.  
Nielsen, V.  
Palmer, E.  
Palmer, L.  
Percival, P.  
Plommer, T.  
Rae, B.  
Rieckhoff, K.  
Shannon, D.  
Smith, S.  
Stewart, M.L.  
Wade, S.  
Winne, P.  
Wotherspoon, A.

Absent: Beattie, S.  
Cerccone, N.  
Cohen, M.  
D'Auria, J.  
Etherington, L.  
Fickling, D.  
Flores, J.  
Heinrich, K.  
Leiss, W.  
Marteniuk, R.  
Pinfield, L.  
Saunders, R.  
Shapiro, S.  
Thomson, K.  
Toohey, K.  
Walker, R.  
Warsh, M.

In attendance:

N. Heath  
G. MacDonald  
M. Manley-Casimir

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 JUNE 1, 1992

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Reference was made to page 2, item 3 with regard to the statement that regulations and procedures respecting the guarantee of library resources would be brought forward to Senate as soon as available. Senate was informed that the Vice-President Academic has been requested to prepare this statement which hopefully will come before Senate sometime during the upcoming Fall semester.

Reference was made to the inquiry at the bottom of page 3 concerning student representation on appeal committees at UCFV. Senate was advised that the UCFV appeals committee consists of three faculty, three staff members, and three students.

Reference was made to the request at the top of page 5 with regard to information contained in the Annual Report of the SPCSAB. Senate was advised that the Financial Aid office has been notified of Senate's request and presumably the information will be available for the September meeting.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair was saddened to report the death of former SFU President, Pauline Jewett. Senate was advised that a memorial service for Dr. Jewett would be held on Thursday, July 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the Halpern Centre.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

- a) Senate Committee on Academic Planning  
Paper S.92-44 - Policy on International Activities

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by J.L. Hoegg

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors as set out in S.92-44 the proposed policy on International Activities, and that when the Board has approved the policy, the Senate Committee on International Activities shall be established"

G. MacDonald, Director of International Cooperation Office, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

The following changes suggested by J. Munro were accepted as friendly amendments: i) the addition of the following sentence to 3.2 on page 2 - "Where such activities involve credit instruction, they shall require the approval of the Faculty involved and Senate"; ii) deletion of 6.2 on page 4 which is repeated in 6.4 and therefore unnecessary.

Opinion was expressed that the policy should contain a much stronger statement with respect to activities undertaken in countries in which there are concerns about human rights so that the involvement of the University in such a country is not seen to be endorsing or supporting the government of that country. In response, it was pointed out that simply writing such a statement into the policy would not prevent such situations from occurring. It was noted that all countries involved in international activities with SFU must be provided with a copy of the University policy on human rights (Section 6.5.3) so that they are fully apprised of the University's position.

Concern was expressed that the policy as it is written could lead to conflicts between some of the principles within the policy, and it was suggested that guidelines be established to help the committee resolve possible conflicts. It was pointed out that it was impossible to foresee every contingency and to identify every possible conflict between principles, but the fact that the policy contains an unusually elaborate statement of principles as well as detailed terms of reference ensures that the committee has adequate guidelines on which to base their decisions.

Reference was made to section 3.1 of the policy and concern was expressed that the section did not clearly specify that these agreements are subject to approval either by Senate or the Board of Governors as specified by the Universities Act and it was suggested that signing by a senior university administrator was inappropriate. Senate was advised that signing authority was a Board issue, not a matter for Senate to consider, and that a draft policy on the matter of delegation of the Board's signing authority is in preparation.

Amendment moved by T. Morrison, seconded by S. Wade

"that the membership of the Senate Committee on International Activities be changed from One Senator (Student), Elected by and from Senate, to One Senator (Undergraduate Student), and One Senator (Graduate Student), Elected by and from Senate"

It was pointed out that Student Senators are elected at-large rather than by graduate or undergraduate status. It was therefore accepted as an understanding that should there not be a student available from each category, then two Student Senators from the same category would be acceptable.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT FAILED

Amendment moved by P. Haje, seconded by M. Bawa

"that the membership include an International Student, Elected by Senate"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT FAILED

Reference was made to Section 3 and clarification was requested as to how one distinguishes whether a particular activity requires signature by the President or is covered by either section 3.2 or 3.3. Senate was advised that the spirit of the

section is to capture those arrangements where the institution as a whole is represented without fully intruding into activities at the departmental or individual level. The policy on delegation of signing authority by the Board which will identify contracts by size or significance will also partially cover this.

Reference was made to Section 4.6 and concern was expressed about the definition of the word 'equitable', and further that what might be judged to be equitable elsewhere would not be considered equitable here. The decision would be further complicated by the reliability of the information that would be available to the Committee. In response, it was noted that equal participation by women might not always be possible but the use of the word equitable gave notice of the University's intention to set a sense of balance and fairness, maintaining an emphasis on the role of women in development. The University should clearly define for proposers the type of information that would be required by the Committee in considering a proposal for cooperative efforts.

A suggestion by P. Haje to include the same reference about equitable participation of minority groups was accepted as a friendly amendment and added as Section 4.7.

Opinion was expressed that Section 3.3 was not clear in that there are levels of participation by individual faculty which are intermediate between activities undertaken individually and those taken on behalf of the university which could possibly be covered by the policy. Suggestion was made that the proposed guidelines be applied to an existing project in order to determine their practicality and feasibility. Senate was advised that due to complexity of issues, it was impossible to assess any existing project on the spur of the moment.

Suggestion was made that provision for regular ongoing reviews of existing activities should be included in the policy so that the committee would not have to wait until concerns were raised about an existing project before review could occur. Suggestion was also made that the committee be empowered to seek outside expertise when controversial situations arise. Senate's attention was directed to the fact that all of these international projects are under the administrative supervision of an official of the University and, in many cases, they have advisory committees of faculty as well.

It was argued that the issues under discussion were centered around moral and ethical questions which could best be approached through the kind of broad, general principles presented in the document.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Senators were reminded about returning the Information Sheets previously distributed on behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee for use in balloting for elections at Senate, and their attention was drawn to the covering memo which outlined some changes in format. Senators were also advised that subject to approval of the Senate Committee on International Activities by the Board of Governors, elections to this committee will take place at the October meeting of Senate. Since this particular committee was not included on the Information Reports, Senators will be contacted to determine their interest in being candidates for election.

- b) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies
- i) Paper S.92-45 - Minor in First Nations Studies

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by E. Gee

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.92-45, the proposed Minor in First Nations Studies, including new courses

FNST 101-3 The Cultures, Languages and Origins of Canada's First Peoples

FNST 201-3 Canadian Aboriginal People's Perspectives on History

FNST 301-3 Issues in Applied First Nations Studies Research

FNST 401-3 Aboriginal Rights and Government Relations

FNST 402-3 The Discourse of Native Peoples"

Note: SCUS, acting under delegated authority and subject to Senate and the Board of Governors approval of the overall proposal, waived the usual waiting period to allow FNST 101 to be first offered in 92-3 and FNST 201 to be first offered in 93-1 at the Kamloops site only.

Secretary's Note: Referring to the draft Calendar entry on page 8, Senate was advised that under "Upper Division Requirements", the third Archaeology course listed should be ARCH 436-3 rather than ARCH 456-3.

In response to an inquiry about why a waiver was required, Senate was advised that there are two possible locations for the Minor - one in Kamloops where the Secwepemc Cultural Education Society/SFU program has been in operation for approximately four years, and the other, on campus. By starting the Minor program in Kamloops this Fall, those students currently enrolled in the SCES/SFU program will be eligible to complete their degree requirements in a timely fashion; otherwise they would be excluded from this particular program.

In response to inquiries about funding, Senate was advised that the resources, including those required for the Library, are basically in place to start the Minor in Kamloops in the Fall, and when the program is mounted on campus, Library funding for the on-campus program will be provided. Concern was expressed about the request for support and instructional staffing of the on-campus program, and Senate was reminded that this was, in fact, a recommendation from a committee and Senate's approval of the document did not mandate allocation of resources by the Faculty. It was noted, however, that two faculty positions would be required to mount the program on campus, and Senate was advised that these positions will be joint appointments with existing departments. With respect to support staff, the importance of having advising and counseling support to assist native students to make the transition on campus was stressed as being absolutely necessary.

In response to an inquiry about membership of the steering committee which will oversee the program, Senate was advised that the current steering committee will continue until changes to the program occur on campus. With the Minor

status, this committee has expanded to approximately eight members, half of which are SFU representatives and the other half are native persons, appointed by and from the Shuswap community.

Objection was raised with respect to the name of the program in that it was argued that it would be more appropriate to use the term Native Studies rather than First Nations, and opinion was expressed that the program was clearly discriminative towards one particular ethnic group.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Graduate Studies Committee

i) Paper S.92-46 - School for the Contemporary Arts

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by S. Wade

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.92-46, the change to the requirements for the Master of Fine Arts"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.92-47 - Department of English

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by E. Gee

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.92-47, the proposed

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| New course: | ENGL 999 - M.A. Field Exam       |
| Deletion of | ENGL 998 - M.A. Extended Essays" |

Brief discussion took place about regulations in the English Department in which it was noted that the M.A. extended essay option had already been abolished as an option for students in the MA program in English.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.92-48 - Department of Linguistics

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by E. Gee

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.92-48, the changes to the graduate programs in the Department of Linguistics, including the following new courses:

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| LING 809-4 | Morphology         |
| LING 820-4 | Formal Linguistics |
| LING 821-4 | Phonetics          |

LING 896-4 Directed Research  
LING 897-4 Research Seminar"

Reference was made to the implementation date on the new course proposals for LING 820 and 821. Senate was advised that the date of first offering should be changed from Spring 1992 to Spring 1993. Brief discussion followed with respect to some minor editorial changes to page one of the support documentation.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Paper S.92-49 - Faculty of Business Administration

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by E. Gee

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors as set forth in S.92-49, the following new courses:  
MBA 610-3 Directed Studies in Business Administration  
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Concern was expressed that students were eligible to count credit from all three courses towards the academic graduation requirement.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

v) Paper S.92-50 - Faculty of Education

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by E. Gee

Motion #1

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors as set forth in S.92-50, the changes to the Master's degree in the Faculty of Education"

Motion #2

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors as set forth in S.92-50, the proposed Master of Education program to be offered at the University College of the Cariboo"

M. Manley-Casimir, Director of Graduate Programs, Faculty of Education was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

In response to an inquiry about the experience and success of individuals admitted under "degree equivalence" category, Senate was informed that the success rate has been quite high because these students tend to be mid-career, highly committed individuals who value the opportunity to pursue and obtain a professional degree.

An amendment moved by C. Green, seconded by K. Rieckhoff to delete references on page 2 and page 10 with respect to students paying differential fees for the Master's program at Cariboo was ruled out of order by the Chair.

The Chair was challenged, and a vote was taken. The ruling of the Chair was upheld.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board

i) Paper S.92-51 - Transfer Credits - Exchange Students

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by S. Wade

"that Senate approve the proposal to allow for additional transfer credit for students in formal exchange programs, as described in SUAB 228, subject to a revision to separate the rationale from the action required in that paper"

N. Heath, Director of Admissions, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Objection was raised to the proposed regulation because students would be able to obtain an SFU degree with a majority of credits being obtained from other institutions, especially institutions from outside of Canada. Particular concern was expressed about transfer students admitted with a maximum of 60 credits being eligible to obtain another 30 credits through enrolment in a formal exchange program in another country. Senate was reminded that cases falling under this policy would likely be exceptional cases, and Departmental Chairs and Faculty Deans are required to judge whether there is a desirable number of SFU courses prior to approval of the additional transfer credit.

Inquiry was made as to whether or not the University was prepared to provide access to these exchange programs for students not able to afford travel expenses in order to take advantage of receiving transfer credit in this way. Senate was advised that students are eligible for some of the basic student aid but access and/or financial support is limited.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Other Business

i) Paper S.92-52 - Policy AC 35 - Centres and Institutes

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by C. Green

"that the Senate Committee on Academic Planning be given the mandate to receive and review recommendations for the establishment of centres and institutes under AC35 and forward recommendations to Senate and the Board of Governors"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED



7. Notices of Motion

C. Green presented notice of his intent to bring forward a motion that Senate direct the Senate Committee on International Activities to review the University's participation in the Indonesia Project, with particular reference to human rights considerations. Reference was made to the information that was circulated to Senators by the Environmental Action Group drawing attention to the conduct of the Indonesian Government in East Timor.

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, August 10, 1992.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 9:15 p.m.

W.R. Heath  
Secretary of Senate