

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD ON MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 8, 1993 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Saywell, W.G., Chair

Alderson, E.
Barrow, R.
Bawa, M.
Beattie, S.
Blackman, R.
Blaney, J.
Boland, L.
Bowman, M.
Carlson, R.
Cavers, J.
Ciria, A.
Clayman, B.
D'Auria, J.
Dawson, J.
Dill, L.
Dobb, T.
Etherington, L.
Evenden, L.
Fickling, D.
Green, C.
Heinrich, K.
Hoeflich, K.
Hoegg, J.L.
Hoffer, A.
Jones, C.
Leiss, W.
Lim, K.
Mauser, G.
Menzies, R.
Morrison, T.
Munro, J.
Nielsen, V.
Osborne, J.
Palmer, E.
Palmer, L.
Percival, P.
Pinfield, L.
Rae, B.
Rieckhoff, K.
Shannon, D.
Shapiro, S.
Stewart, M.L.
Thomson, K.
Wade, S.
Winne, P.

Absent: Cohen, M.
Covell, M.
Driver, J.
Giffen, K.
Gray, P.
Luk, W.S.
Marteniuk, R.
McKeown, B.
Plommer, T.
Smith, S.
Walker, R.
Warsh, M.
Wotherspoon, A.

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 January 11, 1993
The Minutes were approved as distributed.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Referring to page 4, reference was made to the first paragraph dealing with an alleged discrepancy between a statement in the current Calendar concerning the status of changes to rules and regulations with regard to currently registered students and a previous regulation passed by Senate in this regard. It was agreed that the matter would be reviewed with a report back to Senate.

4. Report of the Chair

- i) 1993/94 Budget

In an attempt to clarify the Premier's recent announcement about an increase of 3% to post-secondary education, Senate was advised that the 3% was slated for enrolment growth only. It is believed that the three established universities will receive very little of that increase as expectations are that a significant portion will be allocated to UNBC and University-Colleges. The actual change to the operating grant is expected to be very close to zero, perhaps no change from last year, which in fact represents a reduction in terms of real dollars because of the effects of inflation. It had been hoped that written confirmation of exact figures would be forthcoming in sufficient time before the beginning of the fiscal year so that planning could take place with precise numbers rather than estimates but nothing definitive has yet been received. The university administration is working diligently to determine ways in which the budget question can be addressed but recommendations have yet to be finalized.

- ii) Since this was his last Senate meeting, W. Saywell wished to reflect on the university as he leaves it. Speaking on matters he believed to be positive changes to SFU, the Chair made reference to the quality of the staff, students, faculty and Alumni of SFU and how the university had matured and received recognition over the years. He believed that the concept of life-long learning is increasingly becoming a major issue for higher education and he felt SFU has reacted better than most institutions to this pressure through its innovative programming and very successful co-op program. Despite lack of resources, he felt SFU had done its best to remain accessible, and in fact had gone the extra step, in initiatives such as the Alaska Highway Project or the Harbour Centre campus within the city core, with both projects offering accessibility to special groups beyond the immediate campus. He was also very pleased to see the way the Alumni Association had developed. They now had Chapters around the world and were in a position to make major contributions, especially in the area of student financial aid and, more recently, the library endowment fund which has been targeted as another

area of interest. Reference was made to the success of the first national fundraising campaign which had raised approximately sixty-five million dollars for the University and had helped to fund endowed chairs, faculty appointments, new buildings, and the purchase of equipment throughout the university. He felt SFU had become a more international university in terms of outlook and involvement overseas with quite successful student exchange programs. While he acknowledged the down side of the rapid growth experienced by the University, he stressed that it had provided the only opportunity to get additional resources to hire new faculty which he felt was extremely important to a community of scholars and students. He was pleased to report that attempts to change the gender balance of faculty had resulted in 40% of the new appointments being women. In closing, W. Saywell wished to thank everyone associated with the Senate for their collegiality and support, and he wished the university good fortune.

5. Report of Committees

a) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.93-10 - Elections

Senate was advised that Student Senators Flores and Haje had failed to meet eligibility requirements to remain on Senate and that a by-election to fill their positions will be conducted.

The following are the results of elections conducted at Senate to the undernoted committees:

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies

One Faculty Senator to replace N. Cercone for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1993.

Elected by acclamation:

J. Cavers

International Undergraduate Student Exchange Committee

(Sub-Committee of the Senate Committee on International Activities)

Three Faculty Members elected by Senate for term of office from date of election to September 30, 1994.

Elected by acclamation:

P. McFetridge

K.S. Viswanathan

J. Zaslove

One Undergraduate Student elected by Senate for term of office from date of election to September 30, 1993.

Candidates: A. Chande, S. Smith

Individual receiving the higher number

of votes and declared elected:

A. Chande

- b) Senate Committee on Academic Planning
- i) Paper S.93-11 - Library Resources

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by S. Wade

"that Senate approve in principle the proposal concerning Library resources for new courses and programs as set forth in S.93-11"

Concern was expressed about the wording 'in principle' and clarification was requested as to its meaning. Senate was advised that the wording had been used because it was not certain that Senate had the power to determine or establish budget procedures but J. Munro indicated, for the record, that it was his intention to ensure that the recommendations as outlined in the proposal were followed.

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

MOTION CARRIED

- c) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules
- i) Paper S.93-9 - Revision to the Rules of Senate. Section II.A - Officers - Election of Vice-Chair

Moved by K. Rieckhoff, seconded by S. Wade

"that the Rules of Senate, Section II, Officers, A. Chair, be changed from: Chair: The Chair of Senate is empowered and expected to take actions he/she deems necessary to ensure the orderly advancement of the legitimate business of Senate. In case the President is unable to chair a meeting of Senate, the Academic Vice-President will take the Chair.

to: Chair: The Chair of Senate is empowered and expected to take the actions he/she deems necessary to ensure the orderly advancement of the legitimate business of the Senate. The Vice-Chair shall be elected annually by and from the members of Senate, and shall sit as a member of the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules. In no case shall a Vice-Chair serve more than two consecutive terms."

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) Paper S.93-12 - Agenda Items/Notices of Motion - For Information

Senate was advised that the report before Senate resulted from previous concerns that a notice of motion was taking two meetings to reach the floor of Senate and SCAR had been requested to review its procedures and report back. The proposal now before Senate sets out proposed guidelines for the operation of SCAR in determining agenda items for Senate, and offers an opportunity to speed the process up as well as a way of apprising Senate of SCAR's decisions.

Concern was expressed that the proposal appears to eliminate the opportunity to present a notice of motion and further gives to SCAR the power to determine whether or not a motion reaches the floor of Senate. It was pointed out that SCAR has the authority to determine the Senate agenda but that a motion to suspend the rules, if successful would allow for discussion of an item at a Senate meeting. In addition, the proposal would apprise Senate of the actions taken by SCAR, thereby being more accountable than under the current process.

In response to an inquiry as to the procedural steps necessary to require SCAR to follow different procedures, Senate was advised that the current terms of reference for SCAR only specify that SCAR should set the agenda for Senate; they do not specify how to go about this. The proposal before Senate is an explanation from SCAR of how it intends to operate in this regard. If Senate does not agree with the procedures, it was suggested that perhaps the most effective way to deal with it is to amend the terms of reference to include specific recommendations. However, it was reiterated that the proposal before Senate increases the accessibility of the Senate agenda and is a much more open way of apprising Senate of what SCAR is doing.

Suggestion was made that Senate provide SCAR with an opportunity to see how the revised procedures work, and if concerns were still present thereafter they could be brought forward at a subsequent meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

On behalf of Senate, K. Rieckhoff unanimously expressed Senate's appreciation to President Saywell as Chair of Senate and wished him very happy and successful prospects for the future.

On behalf of the Student Senators, D. Fickling and S. Wade presented a small token of their appreciation to President Saywell as Chair of Senate.

7. INFORMATION

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, March 1, 1993.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 7:35 p.m.

W. R. Heath
Secretary of Senate