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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 1993 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Brown, R., Chair

Alderson, E.
Barrow, R.
Bawa, M.
Blackman, R.
Blaney, J.
Boland, L.
Bowman, M.
Ciria, A.
Clayman, B.
Covell, M.
Dill, L.
Evenden, L.
Fickling, D.
Giffen, K.
Green, C.
Heinrich, K.
Hoeflich, K.
Hoegg, J.L.
Jahn, R.
Jones, C.
Leiss, W.
Lim, K.
Luk, W.S.
Mauser, G.
McKeown, B.
Morrison, T.
Osborne, J.
Palmer, E.
Palmer, L.
Pinfield, L.
Rae, B.
Rieckhoff, K.
Shannon, D.
Shapiro, S.
Smith, S.
Stewart, M.L.
Thomson, K.
Wade, S.
Winne, P.
Wotherspoon, A.

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

Absent: Beattie, S.
Carlson, R.
Cavers, J.
Cohen, M.
D'Auria, J.
Dawson, J.
Dobb, T.
Driver, J.
Etherington, L.
Gray, P.
Hoffer, A.
Jespersen, J.
Marteniuk, R.
Menzies, R.
Munro, J.
Nielsen, V.
Percival, P.
Plommer, T.
Walker, R.
Warsh, M.

In attendance:
Heath, N.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF MAY 17, 1993

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Paper S.93-26 - Library Hours - For Information

Requesting a point of order, R. Jahn noted that the terms of reference of the Senate Library Committee stipulate that the SLC is to report to Senate on matters of policy under discussion and make recommendations to Senate concerning changes and additions to existing rules and regulations for the operation of the Library. He expressed opinion that changing the hours of operation the Library fell within this term of reference and he objected to Paper S.93-26 being presented to Senate for information. He suggested the paper was out of order and that a proper motion seeking Senate approval should be brought forward for Senate consideration. The Chair indicated that he could not rule on the point of order without first looking into the matter and suggested that the item be withdrawn from the agenda. The Chair indicated he would take the matter under advisement and report back at the next meeting of Senate.

ii) Final Exam Scheduling

In reply to an inquiry about the status of the issue of final exam scheduling, Senate was advised that R. Cameron from the School of Computing Science is working on a program which ties in exam scheduling to the time of offering of classes throughout the week. The program is currently being tested.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

i) On behalf of Senate, the Chair welcomed G. Scott, Director of Administration from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology as a visitor to the meeting.

ii) The Chair advised that the President's Advisory Committee on Priorities and Budget has been meeting regularly and the planning process to deal with current and future budget problems is well underway. Plans are to involve the university community as much as possible in the process, and any resulting recommendations pertaining to programs and departments will be brought forward to Senate in due course.

iii) Paper S.93-27 - Election Results - Convocation, Senate and Board of Governors - For Information

Senate received information with respect to the results of recent elections to Convocation, Senate, and the Board of Governors.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

a) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING/SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING STUDIES

i) Paper S.93-28 - Proposed Non-Credit Certificate Program in Writing and Publishing and Non-Credit Certificate Program in Management

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

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.93-28, the proposed Non-Credit Certificate Programs in Writing and Publishing and the Non-Credit Certificate Program in Management"

In reply to an inquiry about funding, Senate was advised that certificate programs are totally self-funding and should there not be adequate enrolment to generate sufficient revenue to cover all costs, the course(s) would not be offered.

Opinion was expressed that the numbering system used for non-credit courses/programs suggested comparability with credit courses and concern was expressed that this may cause confusion among students. It was pointed out that a four letter designator with a three digit number was used in order to have an integrated registration system with Harbour Centre. J.L. Hoegg noted the concerns expressed and indicated that the issue would be addressed.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

b) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING/SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

i) Paper S.93-29 - Faculty of Education - Change of Credit Hours - For Information

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a change of credit hours for EDUC 864 and EDUC 867 from 3 to 5.

ii) Paper S.93-30 - School of Engineering Science - New Course-ENSC 854-3

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by S. Wade

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.93-30 the following new course

ENSC 854-3 - Integrated Microsensors and Actuators"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.93-31 - Department of Women's Studies - Change in Requirements to graduate program and Graduate Supervisory Committee

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by R. Jahn

Motion #1

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.93-31, the change to Graduate Supervisory Committee Requirements in Women's Studies

Motion #2

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.93-31, the change in requirements for the graduate program in Women's Studies"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Paper S.93-32 - Proposed Joint MRM/MBA Degree

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by S. Wade

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.93-32, the joint Master of Resource Management/Master of Business Administration Degree"

Concern was expressed that Senate had not received external evaluations which were normally part of the documentation for any new graduate program. Senate was advised that the Assessment Committee had decided that an external assessment was not necessary in this case because the new joint program was basically a combination of two successful, existing programs in the University. Opinion was expressed, however, that external evaluations are particularly useful for people from outside the relevant disciplines because they provide independent and unbiased comments.

It was noted that the degree requirements for the standard MRM program are different from those required for the joint program. Specifically, several of the required courses in the standard program have been dropped from the joint proposal, and concern was expressed that students end up receiving the same MRM degree without having taken the same set of courses. It was pointed out this is not uncommon in the university and that the same practice applies in the Masters programs in Mathematics and Statistics, for example. It was also pointed out that the courses in question could in fact be taken as electives by a student in the joint program. Senate was also advised that past experience has shown that graduates of the MRM program were in fact taking a wide variety of career paths and the joint program was developed to meet this particular need.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

c) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING/SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

i) Paper S.93-33 - Irregular Admissions

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by R. Barrow

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.93-33, the proposal for a modification in University admission policy which allows for irregular admission, as outlined in the attached documents, SUAB 240 and SUAB 2409-A"

N. Heath, Director of Admissions, was in attendance in order to respond to questions. Concern was expressed that this category of admission would allow students otherwise unqualified for regular admission to enter the University. Senate was advised that irregular admission would be restricted to the Faculty of Education for a specific type of student, i.e. professional teachers wishing to upgrade professionally at the university level for various reasons of certification and salary grading.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

d) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING

i) Paper S.93-34 - Annual Report - For Information

In reply to an inquiry about the SCUS report to SCAP on learning disabled students, Senate was advised that the report was restricted to students with documented learning disabilities as students who are physically challenged are covered by existing university policy. The issue has re-emerged and the report is being circulated.

e) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE

i) Paper S.93-35 - Report - For Information

In reply to an inquiry as to why SCAD had not reported to Senate on a more timely basis, Senate was advised that SCAD policies have been under revision for the past several years and it was hoped that the revisions would be in place before bringing the full report to Senate. As it turned out, there was still no resolution with respect to policy revisions.

Brief discussion followed with respect to the number of cases before SCAD and how many appeals have been either sustained or denied; L. Pinfield, Chair of SCAD, briefly explained the current appeal procedure.

- f) SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULES
- i) Paper S.93-36 - Establishment of an ad hoc committee to Review Academic Discipline and Student Conduct Policies

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by K. Rieckhoff

"that Senate establish an ad hoc committee to review academic discipline and student conduct policies with membership, terms of reference and procedures as set out in S.93-36"

J. Osborne provided background information with respect to the reasons leading up to the proposal. She explained that the overall policy for dealing with academic and non-academic misconduct at the university is lacking in light of the evolving law related to process. As a result, SCAD is being confronted with procedural difficulties generated from inadequate process. The intent is to conduct a comprehensive review of all university policies related to student conduct and academic discipline with the focus primarily on process.

Amendment to the membership moved by C. Green, seconded by K. Lim

"that the two student representatives be elected by the Simon Fraser Student Society"

Opinion was expressed that there seems to be a continuing trend on the part of Senate in terms of student representation on committees to move away from recognizing the Student Society as a democratic body representing students and having Senate, which has only one-quarter of its membership as students, elect student representatives to senate committees. Comment expressed in opposition to the amendment included opinion that Senate is also a democratically elected body and should have the right to choose the members which sit on its committees. It was also pointed out that student and academic discipline are explicitly powers given to Senate under the University Act and Senate was within its responsibility and power to elect representatives to a committee dealing with such matters. It was further pointed out that many Senate committees have students directly appointed to them and some committees have both Student Senators and students from SFSS.

In reply to inquiries as to nomination procedures for student and faculty elections to this committee, R. Heath advised that nominations would come forward to Senate through the Senate Nominating Committee and that a call for nominations would be placed in SFU Week and The Peak. The Student Society as well as the various Faculties/Departments would also be contacted with a request for nominations. Interested candidates are requested to provide an information sheet for distribution to all Senators when balloting takes place.

Discussion turned to historical background information with respect to student representation on committees and it was suggested that if the question of how

students are elected or appointed to Senate committees is going to be an issue in future, Senate should examine this principle in general. The Chair requested that the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules look into this issue.

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

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

"that the membership be changed to allow one student to be elected by Senate, and one student to be elected or appointed by the Simon Fraser Student Society"

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

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

MAIN MOTION CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS

i) Senate Nominating Committee

E. Palmer, Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee announced that with the retirement of some Senators, faculty and student vacancies exist on the following Senate committees: SCAP/SCUB, SCAR, SCCS, SCHD, SLC/LPAC, SNC, SUAAC, ESC, and SCIA. The Senate Nominating Committee would meet briefly following the completion of the Senate meeting, and Senators interested in any of the committees announced were asked to indicate their wishes to the committee.

Senators were also advised that revised Information Reports will be distributed and Senators were requested to complete and return them as quickly as possible as they will be used as the basis for committee nominations for elections to be held at the October Senate meeting.

ii) Senate Membership

On behalf of Senate, the Chair acknowledged and extended thanks to the Senators who were completing their terms of office and retiring from Senate at this particular meeting.

Special thanks were extended to Barbara Rae for her exceptional and exemplary service over the past six years as Chancellor, and to Debbie Shannon, Lay Senator for the time and work she has done on behalf of the University.

A very special thank you and acknowledgment, from the Chair and from L. Palmer, were extended to Klaus Rieckhoff for his many years of dedicated service to Senate and to the University.

7. INFORMATION

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, June 7, 1993.

The Assembly recessed briefly at 8:05 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

W.R. Heath
Secretary of Senate