

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, JULY 26, 1993 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Brown, R., Chair

Alderson, E.
Arnason, K.
Bacani, J.
Baldwin, P. (representing T. Dobb)
Beattie, S.
Blaney, J.
Boland, L.
Bowman, M.
Bullock, D.
Calvert, T. (representing R. Marteniuk)
Clayman, B.
Dhir, R.
Dunsterville, V.
Etherington, L.
Hafer, L.
Heinrich, K.
Hoefflich, K.
Hoegg, J.L.
Le Mare, L.
Lord, T.
Manley-Casimir, M. (representing R. Barrow)
Mauser, G.
McAskill, I.
McDermid, G.
Mezei, K.
Morrison, T.
Munro, J.
Percival, P.
Pinfield, L.
Shapiro, S.
Soheili, A.
Stewart, M.L.
Swartz, N.
Wade, S.
Wickstrom, N.
Wideen, M.
Winne, P.
Wotherspoon, A.

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

Absent: Blackman, R.
Carlson, R.
Cavers, J.
Ciria, A.
Cohen, M.
D'Auria, J.
Dill, L.
Driver, J.
Eaton, C.
Giffen, K.
Ingram, E.
Jahn, R.
Jespersen, J.
Jones, C.
Luk, W.S.
McKeown, B.
Osborne, J.
Palmer, E.
Palmer, L.
Segal, J.
Waite, K.

In attendance: Ogloff, J.

On behalf of Senate, the Chair welcomed newly elected Senators as follows:

Chancellor	J. Segal
Lay Senators:	I. McAskill, N. Wickstrom
Faculty Senators:	C. Eaton, L. Hafer, E. Ingram, L. LeMare, K. Mezei, N. Swartz, M. Wideen
Student Senators:	K. Arnason, J. Bacani, D. Bullock, R. Dhir, G. McDermid, A. Soheili, T. Lord, K. Waite

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.93-44 - Library Hours

Referring to the point of order raised at the last meeting concerning the presentation of Senate Paper S.93-26 to Senate for information, the following statement was read into the Minutes by the Chair:

In reaching my decision, I have considered the University Act , which states in Part 36 (L) - "The academic governance of the University is vested in Senate and it has the power to make rules for the management and conduct of the library." and the terms of reference of the Senate Library Committee as approved by Senate, which under Purpose 2, states - "To report to Senate on matters of policy under discussion by the Committee and to make recommendations to Senate concerning changes in, and additions to, existing rules and regulations for the operation of the library".

I also looked into how Senate and the SLC have interpreted those powers through past practice. That review shows clearly that Senate has chosen to limit its interest in Library management to the establishment and maintenance of Library loans policy. All other administrative matters have been delegated to the Senate Library Committee, which has reported to Senate on issues similar to the one in question here. So - while I conclude that there is no question about the authority of Senate on issues pertaining to the management and conduct of the Library, I also note that in past practice Senate has delegated that authority in matters other than the loans policy, and that the Vice-President, Academic's Report is consistent with that past practice. Therefore I rule against the point of order.

However, if Senate wishes to discontinue the past practice of delegation, it may challenge the chair to make its wishes known.

Moved by A. Soheili, seconded by S. Wade

"that the decision of the Chair be challenged"

Opinion was expressed that the subject matter of the paper was within the jurisdiction of Senate and, because of its importance, Senate should have the opportunity to discuss the issue. Concern was expressed about detailed decisions being made on the floor of Senate, especially after the matter had been thoroughly discussed and considered in much more detail by a smaller committee with delegated authority.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION FAILED
DECISION OF CHAIR UPHELD

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Since this was his last meeting as Acting President of the University, R. Brown extended his personal appreciation to all Senators who have given of their time with respect to Senate responsibilities. He went on to say that he was confident that the University will face its forthcoming challenges in good spirit and with good leadership.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

a) SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

i) Paper S.93-37 - Elections

The following are the results of elections conducted at Senate for membership to the Senate Committee to Review Academic Discipline and Student Conduct Policies:

Two Faculty Members elected by Senate for no specified term of office.
Candidates: J. Brockman, C. Dean, P. Horban, A. Vining

Individuals receiving the higher number
of votes and declared elected:

J. Brockman
A. Vining

Two Students elected by Senate for no specified term of office.
Candidates: M. Crawford, K. Giffen, G. McDermid, C. Whyte

Individuals receiving the higher number
of votes and declared elected:

M. Crawford
G. McDermid

ii) Paper S.93-38 - Election Report - Results of mail balloting to Senate Committees - For Information

Senate received information with respect to the results of recent mail ballots to numerous Senate Committees.

b) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING

i) Paper S.93-39 - Report of the Library Review Implementation Committee

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by S. Wade

"that Senate accept the recommendation of the Library Review Implementation Committee contained in SCAP 93-22 to amend the terms of reference of the Senate Library Committee as noted in section 10 of SCAP 93-22"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Senate received, for information, the report of the Library Review Implementation Committee.

ii) Paper S.93-40 - External Review and Response of the Department of Psychology - For Information

J. Ogloff, Associate Chair of the Department of Psychology was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Opinion was expressed that, in many instances, there seem to be few results from external reviews, and the value of such reviews, especially in times of budget constraints, was questioned. J. Munro advised that the cost of external reviews, approximately \$4,000 per review, is the responsibility of his office. He felt such reviews are useful in that they present departments with a unique opportunity to think about themselves and to present themselves to peers outside the university in an organized and objective way. Senate was also advised that the whole issue, including current procedures for external reviews, is being looked at, and it is expected that a paper on this issue will be brought forward this fall to SCAP, and Senate, if changes are necessary.

Secretary's Note: Subsequent to the meeting of Senate, J. Munro has reported that the approximate cost of an external review would be \$8,000 rather than the \$4,000 reported during the Senate meeting.

Reference was made to the issue of sexual harassment which was mentioned in the report, and Senate was informed that the Department has taken a number of steps to address this concern. Existing procedures have been clarified, and new guidelines have been adopted for relationships between graduate students and faculty members within the Department. In addition, a series of workshops for faculty, students, and the department in general have been conducted in

consultation with the Harassment Policy Coordinator. A suggestion was made that the newly established guidelines be made available to other departments, and it was noted that when this issue arises within departments and is responded to, it would be useful to make such information generally available to Departmental Chairs and Directors in order to see how this issue is dealt with department by department.

It was noted that there needs to be a concerted effort to address this issue, and Senate was advised that this matter will be discussed at the September meeting of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning.

It was pointed out that the situation in the Department of Psychology had led to a significant broadening of the Harassment Policy Coordinator's influence across the Faculty, and the university-wide guidelines for supervisor and graduate student relationships have benefited greatly from the guidelines adopted by the Department of Psychology.

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

i) Paper S.93-41 - Department of English - Changes to the PhD Program

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.93-41, the changes to the Ph.D. Program in English"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.93-42 - Department of Psychology - New Course - PSYC 999

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.93-42, the following
New Course PSYC 999 - PhD Comprehensive Examination"

In reply to an inquiry as to why this was not being implemented university-wide, Senate was advised that because of the wide variety of traditions in different disciplines, the Senate Graduate Studies Committee did not advocate a university-wide entry of this type.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Secretary's Note: The course number was changed from PYSC 990 to PSYC 999 in order to avoid duplication of numbering with an existing course.

d) SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES

i) Paper S.93-43 - Annual Report - For Information

P. Percival provided Senate with background information with respect to the covering memo which had been written by the Chair of the Committee at the committee's request because of their concern about the difficult financial situation faced by the scholarships, awards and bursaries budget. An updated report with respect to developments which have occurred since the memo was written was also provided - the outstanding deficit has been forgiven so that in future years the financial aid budget can begin with a fresh start; extra money has been added to the budget this year; and the Board of Governors has recently passed a motion reaffirming their commitment to support scholarships and awards. As a result, the situation is much better than set out in the covering memo even though it is still not quite back to the level it was just over a year ago.

Reference was made to a discrepancy in the first table "13-R-10 Entrance Scholarships Number and Type of Scholarships Accepted 1978 to 1992" wherein it is stated that for 1990-92 there were 150 awards given to 170 students. It was suggested that this might refer to the number of awards offered but attempt will be made to find out the correct information and report back to Senate.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

On behalf of Senate, M. Bowman extended a vote of thanks to R. Brown for his service as Chair of Senate for the past several months.

7. INFORMATION

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, September 20, 1993.

The Assembly recessed briefly at 7:35 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

W.R. Heath
Secretary of Senate