

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1994 KLAUS RIECKHOFF HALL, 7:00 P.M.
OPEN SESSION

Present: Stubbs, J.O., Chair

Alderson, E.
Amason, K.
Bacani, J.
Beattie, S.
Blaney, J.
Boland, L.
Bowman, M.
Bullock, D.
Cavers, J.
Ciria, A.
Clayman, B.
Crawford, C.
Dhir, R.
Driver, J.
Dunsterville, V.
Etherington, L.
Hafer, L.
Heinrich, K.
Hoefflich, K.
Jespersen, J.
Jones, C.
Lord, T.
Mauser, G.
McAskill, I.
McInnes, D.
Meredith, L. (representing S. Shapiro)
Mezei, K.
Morrison, T.
Mueller, B.
Munro, J.
Naef, B.
Palmer, E.
Palmer, L.
Percival, P.
Pinfield, L.
Sanghera, B.
Stewart, M.L.
Swartz, N.
Wade, S.
Wickstrom, N.
Yerbury, C. (representing J.L. Hoegg)

Absent: Barrow, R.
Carlson, R.
Chunn, D.
D'Auria, J.
Dean, C.
Dill, L.
Dobb, T.
Eaton, C.
Giffen, K.
Jahn, R.
LeMare, L.
Luk, W.S.
Mamchur, C.
Marteniuk, R.
McKeown, B.
Osborne, J.
Segal, J.
Waite, K.
Warsh, M.
Wideen, M.

In attendance:
Chant, J.
Heath, N.

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

On behalf of Senate, the Chair welcomed newly elected Senator, B. Mueller to the meeting and extended congratulations on his election as President of the Simon Fraser Student Society.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF MARCH 7, 1994

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Provincial Budget

The Chair advised Senate that grant allocations for colleges and universities are expected to be announced on April 25th, and at the present time no detailed information with respect to funding is available.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair referred to the document circulated to the University community by the Senate Committee on University Budget with respect to 1994/95 budget planning which provided members of the University community with an opportunity to comment on a series of budget models and planning processes. The Chair reported that meetings with various Faculties over the past several days have provided a fair amount of response and commentary on the various budget models.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

a) SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

i) Paper S.94-25 - Elections

The following are the results of elections conducted at Senate:-

Joint Ad Hoc Senate-Board Committee to Review Composition and Terms of Reference of the Presidential Search Committee

Two Senators to be elected by and from Senate for no specified term of office.

Candidates: S. Beattie, L. Boland, J. D'Auria, B. Naef, S. Shapiro, S. Wade

Elected:

S. Beattie

S. Shapiro

Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees (SCHD)

One Lay Senator to replace A. Wotherspoon for no specified term of office.

Candidates: S. Beattie, B. Naef (B. Sanghera requested withdrawal of his candidacy).

Elected:

S. Beattie

b) SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING

i) Paper S.94-26 - External Review - Department of Economics - For Information

J. Chant, Chair of the Department of Economics was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Discussion ensued with respect to the question of gender issue as it related to the Department of Economics and in a more general sense with respect to University policy. A concern was raised that the language in the revised guidelines for external reviews relating to the issue of gender/racial issues was too general and may need to be reconsidered. However, it was noted that since no reviews have been completed under the new policy, it is not yet known whether the language in the policy will be effective.

Questions were raised with respect to the preparation of the summaries presented to Senate and the process of selecting reviewers, and Senate was provided with brief background information. There was no objection to a suggestion that the source of the summary be identified in future documents.

ii) Paper S.94-27 - David See-Chai Lam Centre for International Communication

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.94-27, formal approval of the David See-Chai Lam Centre for International Communication under Schedule B of Policy R 40.01"

Brief discussion took place with respect to funding for the Centre, and its status within the University.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.94-28 - Centre for Tourism Policy and Research

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.94-28, formal approval of the Centre for Tourism Policy and Research under Policy R 40.01"

Discussion ensued with respect to the activities of and funding for the Centre.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) Paper S.94-29 - Access to Telephone Registration for New (Semester 1) Students

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by L. Wong

"that Senate approve as set forth in S.94-29, the change to the registration priority of new students"

In the interest of fairness, particularly to second year students, suggestion was made that the policy should be disseminated to students three semesters in advance of implementation so that continuing students will be warned and have the opportunity to complete courses that are most likely to be taken by entering high school students. Suggestion was also made that new (Semester 1) students should be clearly advised not to expect in their second and successive semesters the same special registration priority given to them in their first semester. Opinion was also expressed that extra sections of first year courses should be offered in order to ease the anticipated access problems this policy will create at the time of its introduction.

It was noted that the recent revision in the course drop policy is expected to make more spaces available, and that the Faculty of Arts plans to take special measures this Fall to increase first and some second year course offerings in order to accommodate the anticipated bulge of students which the proposed increase in enrolment is expected to create.

Discussion ensued with respect to the data sheets in Appendix A concerning the reduction in the number of places available between the start of registration and the first week of classes, and was followed up with general discussion about accessibility problems at universities locally and across Canada.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

c) SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

i) Paper S.94-30 - Annual Report - For Information

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

Following very brief discussion, the Annual Report of the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board was received by Senate for information.

d) SENATE APPEALS BOARD

i) Paper S.94-31 - Annual Report - For Information

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

The Annual Report of the Senate Appeals Board was received by Senate for information.

e) SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULES

i) Paper S.94-32 - Proposal to implement charges for Computing service - For Information

Discussion ensued with respect to the status of the proposal in relation to Senate and the Board of Governors, followed by a brief discussion with respect to the consultation process that the proposal had received prior to being presented to Senate.

Moved by N. Swartz, seconded by G. Mauser

"that the proposal be sent back to the Senate Committee on Academic Planning with instructions to bring back a report and motion for debate at Senate"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED
(20 in favour, 19 opposed)

6. OTHER BUSINESS

i) Paper S.94-33 - Report - Revised Tuition Refund Policy - For Information

Brief discussion took place with respect to the number of appeals, and Senate was informed that all of the additional tuition fee revenue generated from this policy has been allocated to the student financial aid budget.

Reference was made to the graph on page 4 concerning student course loads, and suggestion was made that incentives should be considered to encourage students to take full time course loads. Brief discussion followed in which it was pointed out that from its inception Simon Fraser University has emphasized part time studies and has gone out of its way to accommodate part-time students so they are not denied access to a university education simply because they can not attend on a full-time basis.

ii) External Review - Faculty of Education

It was noted that an external review of the Faculty of Education had taken place last May/June, and inquiry was made as to when the report will come before Senate. J. Munro indicated that he would make inquiries as to the report's status at the present time.

7. INFORMATION

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, May 16, 1994.

The Assembly recessed briefly at 8:30 p.m. prior to moving into Closed Session.

W.R. Heath
Secretary of Senate