

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on Monday,
October 3, 1994 in Room 3210 WMX at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Present: Stubbs, J., Chair

Alderson, E.
Amason, K.
Bacani, J.
Beattie, S.
Blaney, J.
Boland, L.
Bullock, D.
Chan, K.
Ciria, A.
Clayman, B.
Crawford, C.
D'Auria, J.
Dean, C.
Dhir, R.
Eaton, C.
Einstein, D.
Giffen, K.
Hafer, L.
Heinrich, K.
Manley-Casimir, M. (representing R. Barrow)
Marteniuk, R.
Mathewes, R.
McAskill, I.
Morrison, T.
Munro, J.
Naef, B.
Osborne, J.
Percival, P.
Perry, T.
Peterson, L.
Rawicz, A.
Sanghera, B.
Shapiro, S.
Swartz, N.
Thomas, S. (representing T. Dobb)
Thompson, J.
Vining, A.
Winne, P.

Absent: Cohen, M.
Driver, J.
Dunsterville, V.
Etherington, L.
Hoeflich, K.
Jones, C.
Lord, T.
Luk, W.S.
McInnes, D.
Mueller, B.
Segal, J.
Stewart, M.L.
Warsh, M.
Wickstrom, N.
Wideen, M.
Wu, S.

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

Following a brief discussion about how to place an item on the agenda for consideration, the Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of September 19, 1994

Reference was made to Item 4 - Report of the Chair and the following item, Paper S.94-52 at the top of page 3 which appeared unnumbered. Suggestion was made that S.94-52 should be numbered as item five with all remaining sections subsequently re-numbered.

Secretary's Note: Paper S.94-52 should appear in the Minutes, as it appeared on the agenda, as Item 4.i) under Report of the Chair and therefore it was unnecessary to re-number all subsequent sections.

It was further pointed out that the Minutes in both discussion of Paper S.94-52 on page 3 and discussion of Paper S.94-55 on page 8 relating to reductions in expenditures, particularly in the area of student financial aid and awards, failed to reflect that \$700,000 less had been expended on the budget for scholarships, awards and bursaries in the 93/94 fiscal year than in the 92/93 fiscal year.

Following these observations, the Minutes were approved.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

The Chair wished to correct information given to Senate with respect to Mr. Axworthy's paper on social policy. The paper is due to be released on October 5th rather than the 3rd as reported at the last meeting.

4. Report of the Chair

At the request of the Chair, J. Munro presented Senate with a brief report on undergraduate enrolment for Fall 94-3. Senate was advised that the total undergraduate head count enrolment is 15,931 students which represents an increase of 7.3% (head count enrolment) or 9.3% (FTE enrolment) over the previous Fall and is within 81 of the head count projection for this semester. The average course load per student has increased. J. Munro expressed opinion that this increase reflected two things - the effects of the revisions to the tuition refund policy, and the cooperation of Faculties and Departments in increasing the number of course places. J. Munro further reported that even though enrolment had increased, there was a large decrease in the number of students who were turned away from courses - 20,000 in Fall of 94 compared to 40,000 in Fall of 93. In response to an inquiry about how the 9.3% FTE increase was distributed over the University, Senate was advised that a report on FTE enrolment is distributed to all Departmental Chairs. Every Faculty showed an increase in enrolment, with the Faculty of Education showing the highest and the Faculty of Business Administration showing the lowest.

Senate was also informed that as a result of the change in policy relating to the registration priority for students being admitted directly from BC Grade 12, this Fall the average student from Grade 12 was turned away from 0.9 courses as compared to last Fall when the average turnaway for a Grade 12 student was six courses. In response to an inquiry as to how this new policy affected second-year

students, Senate was advised that there was a slight increase in course turnaways for second-year students but it was less than two.

Discussion turned to the issue of turnaways and explanation was provided as to how 'turnaway' was statistically determined. Concern was expressed about turnaways from 'sections' being counted, especially in large courses with many sections as it was felt that this determination inflated the numbers unrealistically. In response to an inquiry about a breakdown of turnaways by Departments/Faculties, Senate was advised that there is a report by Department which focuses on majors and is available through the Office of the Vice-President Academic to any Senator who is interested in it.

In response to an inquiry as to the number of new international students, Senate was advised that the total had slightly increased as a percentage of the total number of new students.

5. Report of Committees

- a) Senate Nominating Committee
- i) Paper S.94-57 - Elections

The following represents the results of elections to the following Senate Committees:

Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA)

Two Faculty Members (who are not also Chairs, Deans or Vice-Presidents) for one-year terms of office, from date of election to September 30, 1995.

Elected by acclamation:

D. Chunn
K. Akins

Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

One Senator (at-large) for one-year term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1995.

Candidates: K. Giffen, T. Perry

Elected:

T. Perry

International Undergraduate Student Exchange Committee (IUSEC)

One Faculty Member (at-large) for two-year term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1996.

No nominations received:

Vacant

Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL)

Four Faculty Members (at-large). Balloting at the last meeting resulted in the election of C. Banerjee and P. Coleman and in a tied vote among three candidates for the remaining two positions. A run-off election was therefore required for two Faculty Members (at-large) for terms of office from date of election to September 30, 1995.

Candidates: I. Gordon, R.K. Pomeroy, A. Rawicz

Elected:

I. Gordon

A. Rawicz

b) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

i) Paper S.94-58 - Search Committee - Vice-President, Academic and Provost

J. Stubbs vacated the Chair and requested that the Vice-Chair of Senate, L. Boland, take charge of the meeting for this agenda item.

Moved by J. Stubbs, seconded by J. Osborne

"that the membership and terms of reference of the search committee for the Vice-President, Academic and Provost as set out in S.94-58 be approved"

Opinion was expressed that the membership of this committee should have a strong academic emphasis and concern was expressed about adding non-academic members such as a staff member and the President of the Alumni Association. It was noted that the role of the Vice-President, Academic is varied and decisions made by that office have implications not only on academics but also on the non-academic employees of the University. Senate was informed that the proposed composition of this search committee is consistent with the composition of the search committee recently approved by Senate for the Vice-President, Research and it was decided that a similar composition for a search committee for the Vice-President, Academic should also be brought forward. Senate was advised that the revised composition had been approved by the Board of Governors.

Amendment moved by J. D'Auria, seconded by L. Peterson

"that the President of the Alumni Association and the full-time employee be deleted from the membership of this committee"

In response to an inquiry as to how a difference between the Board and Senate would be resolved with respect to the composition of this committee, Senate was advised that should the amendment be accepted and the amended motion subsequently pass, the matter would then have to be returned to the Board of Governors for consideration.

In response to an inquiry, Senate was provided with information with respect to other search committees whose membership include employees.

Opinion was expressed that the proposed composition is heavily weighted with academics and it would be impossible for lay members to override the consensus of faculty members on the committee. It was also noted that non-academic members on selection committees bring valuable outside opinion and that it is a relatively well accepted practice to include lay members in such committees. Further opinion was expressed that the composition of the committee reflected the diversity of the University community and the kind of mandate that the Vice-President, Academic will be facing.

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

Amendment moved by I. McAskill, seconded by C. Crawford

"that the position of President of the Alumni Association on the membership of the Search Committee for Vice-President, Academic and Provost be deleted and replaced by a Lay Senator, elected by Senate"

In response to an inquiry about how Lay Senators are appointed to Senate, it was pointed out that there are currently eight Lay Senators, four of which are appointed by Order-in-Council by the Provincial Government, and four of which are elected by and from Convocation.

It was noted that the Board of Governors does not meet until the end of November and if this has to go back for consideration the search committee would not be able to function until sometime in January. It was suggested that perhaps the same objective as that of the amendment could be achieved by discussion with the Alumni Association, thus avoiding such a lengthy delay.

Opinion was expressed that the Alumni Association works very hard to keep themselves informed about the University and they are very helpful in a variety of external roles. It was also felt that deletion of this position would be seen to ignore the important role that the Alumni Association, and its President, plays within the University community.

It was pointed out that since the President of the Alumni Association is elected by the Alumni itself, that person is representative of that body and that substituting someone else selected in some other way may not be as desirable.

In response to a question about the mechanism of designation, Senate was advised that the designate must be a member of the respective body, ie Faculty Association, Student Society, and Alumni Association.

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

J. Stubbs resumed the Chair.

- c) Senate Committee on Academic Planning
- i) Paper S.94-59 - New Student Intake Targets for 1995/96

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by J. Osborne

"that Senate approve, as set forth in S.94-59 that the University propose to increase its enrolment by 450 funded FTE undergraduate students in the 1995/96 fiscal year"

Prior to moving the motion, J. Munro advised that the words "and recommend approval to the Board of Governors" should be deleted as the motion will not be taken to the Board of Governors because of the timing of Board meetings. Since the responsibility of the Board includes matters of enrolment, concern was expressed about this item not going forward to the Board. Senate was advised that this matter had been taken to the Board for information at its September meeting.

J. Munro explained that the nature of the motion before Senate arises directly from SCIMO recommendations and should not be confused with the motion brought forward to Senate in February/March each year which actually sets admission targets for the fiscal year.

Considerable concerns were expressed about the lack of support documentation and rationale/argumentation for this motion, and opinions were expressed that there was simply insufficient information to enable Senate to make an informed decision on this matter. Senate was provided with a brief summary as to the decisions by SCEMP and SCAP and was advised that past practice has been for the administration simply to send a letter to the Ministry indicating a level of funded enrolment increase we could accommodate. However, because the SCIMO recommendations call on the University to consider enrolment planning in a more organized and consultative fashion, this motion was brought to Senate prior to writing to the Ministry. Senate will still have the opportunity to debate the admission targets in the usual way next Spring. However, concern was expressed that approval of this motion at this time precluded debate next Spring because a commitment will have been made to the Provincial Government and, if funded, the matter will already have been resolved. It was noted that at this time the University is only sending a message to the Government saying, if funded, we are willing to accept a certain number of students. When more detailed information on funding is obtained next Spring, Senate will still have an opportunity at that point to determine if the projected number is still acceptable. In response to an inquiry about the connection between the motion this Fall and the motion next Spring, it was pointed out that there is a link between the two and it would seem reasonable to vote consistently.

Although Senate was assured that considerable debate had occurred at all committee levels and there was no opposition to the level of enrolment increase from any of the Deans following consultation with their Faculties, opinion was expressed that in future Senate should receive summaries of the pertinent arguments and debates for whatever is being proposed. Senate was reminded that the subject of growth and the costs and benefits to the University was part of the SCIMO report which was before Senate at its meeting last July, and this motion arises from recommendations in that report which received approval by Senate.

In a more general sense, specific problems concerning some very large first-year classes were pointed out and opinion was expressed that increases in certain kinds of resources need to be addressed when increases in enrolment are being considered as it was felt that some areas were strained to their upper limits.

Opinion was expressed that a negative vote would still allow the University to forward its recommendation to the Ministry without having Senate commit itself until next Spring when more budget information is known. However, it was noted that a negative vote might not be construed as leaving the University free to do as it has done in the past and suggestion was made that it would be more appropriate to table the motion.

Moved by N. Swartz, seconded by K. Amason

"that the motion be tabled"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO TABLE FAILED

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

MAIN MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.94-60 - Proposed Coursework/Examination M.Ed. Program in Arts Education

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.94-60 the proposed Coursework/Examination M.Ed. program in Arts Education, including a new course - EDUC 852-5"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- iii) Paper S.94-61 - Proposed Master's Program in Mathematics Education, and changes to M.Sc. Program in Secondary Mathematics Education

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by B. Clayman

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.94-61, the proposed Master's Programs in Mathematics Education, including new courses EDUC 844, EDUC 845, MATH 601, MATH 602'; and revisions to the M.Sc. Program in Secondary Mathematics Education"

Brief discussion took place with respect to the degree designations within the proposed programs.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

- c) Senate Library Committee/Library Penalties Appeal Committee
i) Paper S.94-62 - Annual Report - For Information

Brief discussion took place with respect to the increasing price and purchase of serials, following which the Annual Report was received by Senate.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Information

The date of the next regular meeting of Senate is scheduled for Monday, November 7, 1994.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 8:45 p.m.

W.R. Heath
Secretary of Senate