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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1995 IN ROOM 3210 WMX, 7:00 P.M.
OPEN SESSION

Present: Stubbs, J.O., Chair

Alderson, E.
Arnason, K.
Barrow, R.
Blazenko, G.
Boland, L.
Bullock, D.
Chan, K.
Ciconte, R.
D'Auria, J.
Dean, C.
Etherington, L.
Jahn, R.
Karabotsos, F.
Keto, D.
Lord, T.
McInnes, D.
Morrison, T.
Munro, J.
Naef, B.A.
Osborne, J.
Percival, P.
Peterson, L.
Rawicz, A.
Reed, C.
Ross, D.
Sanghera, B.
Shapiro, S.
Stewart, M.L.
Swartz, N.
Underhill, O.
Yerbury, J.C. (representing J. Blaney)

Absent: Beattie, S.
Clayman, B.
Dahl, V.
Dhir, R.
Dobb, T.
Dunsterville, V.
Eaton, C.
Giffen, K.
Hafer, L.
Heinrich, K.
Howlett, M.
Jones, C.H.W.
LeMare, L.
Luk, W.S.
Marteniuk, R.
Mathewes, R.
Mauser, G.
McAskill, I.
Scharfe, E.
Segal, J.
Warsh, M.
Wickstrom, N.
Wideen, M.
Winne, P.

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

The Chair welcomed and extended congratulations to the following newly elected and re-elected Senators: Faculty Senators - G. Blazenko, Faculty of Business Administration; V. Dahl, School of Computing Science; J. D'Auria, Department of Chemistry; M. Howlett, Department of Political Science; L. Peterson, Department of Chemistry; C. Reed, Department of Economics; P. Winne, Faculty of Education. Student Senators - K. Arnason, Faculty of Arts; D. Bullock, Faculty of Applied Sciences; K. Chan, Faculty of Arts; R. Ciconte, Faculty of Science; R. Dhir, Faculty of Business Administration; K. Giffen, Faculty of Arts; F. Karabotsos, Faculty of Arts; D. Keto, Faculty of Arts; T. Lord, Faculty of Education; T. Morrison, Faculty of Arts.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of May 15, 1995

Senators were asked to note the following corrections: (a) Page 3, Item b) - first paragraph after the motion should read: "I. Dyck, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of History..."; and (b) addition of the following statement on Page 5, Item v) after the motion pertaining to Senate Paper S.95-33, "*Question was called, and a vote taken. Motion Carried*"

Following the above amendments, the Minutes were approved.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. Report of the Chair

a) The Chair reported that arguments are being made on behalf of the university that the Provincial Government should not simply accept proportional cuts in funding for post-secondary education as passed directly from the Federal Government in 1996/97 and beyond, but rather should look at this question in terms of the overall provincial priorities. While it is hoped that post-secondary education will be given a high priority, an early sense of what the Province's priorities will be for 1996/97 is very unlikely.

b) Senators were reminded, and encouraged to attend, the upcoming Convocation ceremonies on Thursday, June 8th and Friday, June 9th, 1995. Convocation has been reorganized to allow students to graduate by departmental programs and it is hoped that this change will also help facilitate attendance of faculty members.

5. Report of Committeesa) Senate Nominating Committeei) Paper S.95-38 - Elections

Following are the results of elections conducted by Senate for membership on the following Senate committees.

Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA)

One Senator (at-large), as Chair, to replace C. Crawford for term of office from date of election to April 30, 1996.

Elected by acclamation:

Paul Percival

Senate Committee on Academic Planning (SCAP)/Senate Committee on University Budget (SCUB)

One Senator (at-large) to replace J. Driver, for balance of term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1995.

Candidates: C. Eaton, W.S. Luk, D. Ross

Elected:

Curtis Eaton

Two Student Senators to replace K. Arnason and S. Wu for balance of terms of office, from date of election to September 30, 1996.

Candidates: K. Giffen, F. Karabotsos, E. Scharfe

Elected:

Frank Karabotsos

Elaine Scharfe

Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR)

Two Senators (at-large) - one Senator to replace J. Driver for balance of term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1996, and one Senator to replace C. Crawford for term of office from date of election to April 30, 1996.

Candidates: K. Arnason, R. Mathewes

Elected for term of office to Sept 30, 1996:

Rolf Mathewes

Elected for term of office to April 30, 1996:

Kristjan Arnason

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

One Faculty Senator to replace L. Hafer for balance of term of office, from September 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996.

No nominations received

Vacant

One Student Senator to replace J. Bacani for balance of term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1996.

No nominations received

Vacant

Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees (SCHD)

One Student Senator to replace J. Bacani from date of election for no specified term of office.

Candidates: R. Dhir, K. Giffen

Elected:

Robin Dhir

Senate Library Committee (SLC)

Two Senators (at-large) to replace T. Perry and J. Driver for balance of terms of office, from date of election to September 30, 1995.

Elected by acclamation:

Ken Giffen

Mary Lynn Stewart

Senate Library Committee (SLC)/Library Penalties Appeal Committee (LPAC)

One Student Senator to fill an existing vacancy for term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1996.

Elected by acclamation:

Ralph Jahn

Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

One Senator (at-large) to replace T. Perry for balance of term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1995.

Candidates: L. Etherington, L. LeMare

Elected:

Lois Etherington

One Student Senator to replace J. Bacani for balance of term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1995.

Elected by acclamation:

Ralph Jahn

Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries (SPCSAB)

One Faculty Member to replace C. Crawford for term of office from date of election to April 30, 1996.

Candidates: C. Dean, L. Peterson

Elected:

Charmaine Dean

Senate Graduate Awards Adjudication Committee (SGAAC)

One Faculty Member to replace A. Ciria for balance of term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1995.

Candidates: C. Dean, P. Fankboner

Elected:

Charmaine Dean

Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA)

Two Faculty Senators to replace A. Ciria and J. Driver for balance terms of office, from date of election to September 30, 1996.

Candidates: C. Reed, D. Ross, M. Wideen

Elected:

Clyde Reed

Douglas Ross

International Undergraduate Student Exchange Committee (IUSEC)

One Undergraduate Student to replace J. Bacani for balance of term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1995.

Elected by acclamation:

Frank Karabotsos

Vice-Chair of Senate

One Senator (at-large) to replace L. Boland as Vice-Chair of Senate for term of office from date of election to May 31, 1996. Please note the Vice-Chair of Senate also becomes an ex-officio member of the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules.

Re-elected by acclamation:

Larry Boland

b) Senate Committee on Academic Planning

i) Paper S.95-39 - Annual Report - For Information

Brief discussion took place with respect to the Applied Health Programs and the quota for International Students, and a minor correction to the section 'Committee Membership in 1994' amending the name K. Keinrich to K. Heinrich was noted.

c) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee

i) Paper S.95-40 - University College of the Fraser Valley - Extended Minor in Mathematics or Mathematics with Statistics Option in the Faculty of Arts

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by K. Chan

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.95-40, the proposed Extended Minor in Mathematics or Mathematics with the Statistics Option in the Faculty of Arts at the University College of the Fraser Valley"

Senate was advised that the proposal represents a further development in SFU's partnership with the University College of the Fraser Valley and will allow the present program in Mathematics towards the B.Sc. to be offered as an Extended Minor in Mathematics with a Bachelor of Arts degree paralleling existing programs within the University.

Brief discussion followed with respect to Extended Minor Programs in general and the amount of time normally required to process proposals such as this.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Graduate Studies Committee

i) Paper S.95-41 - M.Ed. in Counselling Psychology

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by R. Barrow

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.95-41, the proposed M.Ed. in Counselling Psychology"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Paper S.95-42 - Executive MBA Program

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by S. Shapiro

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.95-42, the changes to the mode of delivery of the Executive Master of Business Administration program in the Faculty of Business Administration, effective September 1995"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

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

i) Paper S.95-43 - Report, including revised Terms of Reference and Membership of the Presidential Search Committee

Moved by S. Shapiro, seconded by R. Barrow

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.95-43, the composition and terms of reference for the Presidential Search Committee"

Senate was provided with background information with regard to the establishment of the Committee and given brief details as to the Committee's rationale for making the proposed changes and recommendations.

Discussion ensued in which concerns were expressed about the addition of a Vice-President, particularly the Vice-President, Academic, the Board's charge to the Committee, the lack of opportunity to involve the campus community in the search process, and the deletion of one undergraduate student.

In response to concerns about the addition of a Vice-President, it was noted that the Vice-Presidents probably have among the best perspectives of what is needed in a President and best understand the role of the President in relation to how the University operates. With regard to a perceived concern about the VP Academic having a conflict of interest because of his/her close working relationship with the President and because of the committee having five members who report directly to him/her, it was noted that the search committee is a team with the VP Academic having only one voice. It was also noted that the composition of this committee paralleled that of other search committees in that Deans were members of search committees for Vice-Presidents, and Chairs/Directors were members of search committees for Deans.

Responding to concerns about the Board's charge to the committee and a more open search process, Senate was advised that the Ad Hoc Committee considered a number of possibilities and examined how other universities conducted such searches. As a result, the proposal before Senate represented, in the Committee's opinion, the most appropriate procedure for Simon Fraser University, and allowed the Board to be somewhat more involved in the process yet still allowed sufficient flexibility to the search committee.

Amendment moved by J. Munro, seconded by R. Jahn

"that a second undergraduate student be added to the membership of the Presidential Search Committee"

It was noted that the undergraduate student body represents a very large group within the University community and opinion was expressed that reducing student representation on this committee is inappropriate. Brief discussion followed.

It was pointed out that the amendment, as it stands, is inconsistent with Item 5 under Terms of Reference and clarification was requested. With the agreement of the mover and the seconder, the amendment was changed as follows:

"that a second undergraduate student be added to the membership of the Presidential Search Committee, and Item 5 under Terms of Reference be changed from 9 of 14 to 10 of 15"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
(22 in favour, 8 opposed)

In response to an inquiry as to why changes were being made to the Committee at this time, it was pointed out that it has been seventeen years

since the membership and terms of reference were last looked at and it was felt that reviews of this nature should take place periodically. It was also noted that there was some apparent disquiet about the make-up of the committee during the last selection process but since there was insufficient time to make any changes the issue was to be examined at a later date.

Reference was made to Item 2 under the Terms of Reference, and concerns were expressed about the cost of conducting an analysis of institutional needs and objectives. It was pointed out that a detailed quantitative analysis was not expected and the wording probably implies more than what was intended which is more of a determination of the characteristics of the person in relation to the needs of the institution.

Amendment moved by J. Munro, seconded by L. Boland

"that Item 2 under Terms of Reference be changed to read: The Committee will carry out a review of institutional needs and objectives"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Brief discussion ensued with respect to the selection of Deans and the election of faculty members.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MAIN MOTION (AS AMENDED)
CARRIED

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Information

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate will take place on Monday, July 10, 1995.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 8:25 p.m.

W. R. Heath
Secretary of Senate