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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1995 IN ROOM 3210 WMX, 7:00 P.M.
OPEN SESSION

Present: Stubbs, J.O., Chair

Alderson, E.
Arnason, K.
Barrow, R.
Beattie, S.
Blazenko, G.
Boland, L.
Chan, K.
Ciconte, R.
Clayman, B.
Dahl, V.
Dean, C.
Dhir, R.
Dobb, T.
Eaton, C.
Etherington, L.
Gagan, D.
Heinrich, K.
Jahn, R.
Karabotsos, F.
Keto, D.
LeMare, L.
Lewis, B.
Luk, W.S.
Marteniuk, R.
Mathewes, R.
Mauser, G.
McAskill, I.
Morrison, T.
Naef, B.
Osborne, J.
Percival, P.
Peterson, L.
Rawicz, A.
Reed, C.
Ross, D.
Sanghera, B.
Scharfe, E.
Shapiro, S.
Stewart, M.L.
Underhill, O.
Wideen, M.
Winne, P.
Yerbury, C. (representing J. Blaney)

Absent: D'Auria, J.
Dunsterville, V.
Giffen, K.
Howlett, M.
Jones, C.H.W.
Lord, T.
McInnes, D.
Segal, J.
Warsh, M.
Wickstrom, N.

In attendance:

Tietz, J.
Ward, R.

Heath, N., Acting Secretary
Grant, B., Recording Secretary

1. Approval of the Agenda
The Agenda was approved as distributed.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of June 5, 1995
Referring to the top of page 2, it was noted that the name of R. Jahn had been omitted from the list of newly elected Senators being welcomed by the Chair.

Following the above amendment, the Minutes were approved.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes
There was no business arising from the Minutes.
4. Report of the Chair
The Chair welcomed returning Senators to the start of a new semester, and extended a particular welcome to new Senators D. Gagan, Vice-President, Academic and B. Lewis, School of Communication.
 - i) Paper S.95-44 - Financial Statement - For Information
R. Ward, Vice-President, Finance and Administration was in attendance in order to respond to questions. The Financial Statement was received by Senate for information.
5. Report of Committees
 - a) Senate Committee on Academic Planning
 - i) Paper S.95-45 - Report - SFU Partnership with University College of the Cariboo - For Information
The report concerning SFU's partnership with the University College of the Cariboo was received by Senate for information.
 - ii) Paper S.95-46 - External Review - Department of Philosophy - For Information
J. Tietz, Chair of the Department of Philosophy was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

Brief discussion ensued with respect to clarification of a statement concerning personnel issues, following which the report was received by Senate.

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

i) Paper S.95-47 - Graduate Curriculum Revisions - Political Science

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by E. Alderson

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.95-48, the proposed curriculum revisions including

New courses: POL 825-5 Canadian Political Economy
 POL 826-5 Parties and Ideologies in Canada
 POL 827-5 Issues in Canadian Government and Politics
 POL 845-5 Foreign Policy Analysis
 POL 846-5 International Security Studies
 POL 856-5 Issues in Social and Economic Policy
 Deletion of: POL 822-5 Canadian Provincial Government and Politics
 POL 824-5 Canadian Federalism
 POL 854-5 Development and Administration
 POL 862-5 Political Parties
 POL 863-5 Ethnic Politics: A Comparative Approach
 POL 864-5 Political Elites"

Discussion ensued with respect to how class participation is evaluated, and how grade appeals would be handled particularly in courses in which such participation is worth 40% of the grade.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Senate received information that, acting under delegated authority, the Senate Graduate Studies Committee has approved change description for POL 801-5, 812-5, 814-5, 821-5, 829-5, 830-5, 838-5, 839-5, 841-5, 842-5, 843-5, 844-5, 851-5, 852-5, 853-5, 855-5, 893-5, 897-5, 898; change of title and description for 832-5, 861-5; and a change of description and credit hour for 891.

ii) Paper S.95-48 - Graduate Curriculum Changes - Psychology

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by E. Alderson

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.95-48, the proposed curriculum revisions including

- i) Revision to the composition of the Ph.D. Supervisory Committee
- ii) Changes to the Experimental Psychology regulations regarding timing of the Ph.D. requirements
- iii) New Graduate Course - PSYC 825-2 - Intervention (Ongoing)
- iv) Changes to course requirements in Statistics and Research Design"

Senate was informed that the proposed changes were relatively minor housekeeping measures. In response to a concern expressed about the lack of an external member on the Ph.D. committee, it was noted that the proposed change was consistent with University regulations and that the Department uses a number of external practitioners as committee members for their PhD students but not all students require this particular membership makeup.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Paper S.95-49 - Graduate Curriculum Revisions - Chemistry

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by L. Boland

"that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.95-49, the proposed curriculum revisions including

- i) Change in credit hours from 4 to 3 for CHEM 805 and 806
- ii) CHEM 806 be graded satisfactory/unsatisfactory
- iii) Deletion of CHEM 802-3
- iv) Changes to the Degree Requirements for the Masters, Ph.D., and transfer from the M.Sc. to the Ph.D."

Senate's attention was drawn to the additional documentation - S.95-49 Appendix - which was distributed prior to the meeting.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Senate received information that, acting under delegated authority of Senate, the Senate Graduate Studies Committee has approved change of title and description for the following courses: CHEM 801-3, 805-3, 806-3.

c) Senate Committee on University Budget

i) Paper S.95-50 - 1995 Budget Report - For Information

K. Heinrich, Chair, Senate Committee on University Budget introduced the paper by providing Senate with brief background information with respect to the preparation of the report and the input received from the entire University community, both academic and non-academic staff.

Discussion ensued with respect to issues such as hiring of new faculty members, the difference between budget priority and academic enhancement funding, and the issue of the registration/admission deposit. K. Heinrich stressed that the report simply presented the views of the community and that SCUB's mandate was not to investigate the feasibility of any issues raised or make specific recommendations.

The Chair felt that this budget process has worked extremely well and has involved many more members of the University community each time it has been undertaken. He wished to thank SCUB members for their efforts, and extended a special thanks and appreciation to K. Heinrich who has Chaired SCUB for the past two years and whose term of office comes to an end shortly.

The Chair reported that indications from the Ministry imply that the University will face a very difficult financial year beginning in April 1996. The Ministry advises that the University not only should expect cuts in terms of the reduction of federal transfer payments but should anticipate the possibility of even larger cuts. University Presidents are working together to lobby against the situation but expectations are that post-secondary education is heading into a very difficult financial environment starting next Spring.

d) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

i) Paper S.95-51 - Presidential Search Committee

Moved by B. Clayman, seconded by S. Shapiro

"that Senate approve the revisions in membership and terms of reference of the Presidential Search Committee, as set forth in S.95-51"

S. Shapiro provided Senate with brief background information concerning previous Senate actions which resulted in the proposal being sent back to the Board of Governors, and advised Senate of the additional revisions recommended by the Board of Governors.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

R. Barrow requested his opposition to the motion recorded.

ii) Paper S.95-52 - Changes to various Senate Committees

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by R. Dhir

"that Senate approve, as set out in S.95-52, the revised committee structures and terms of reference for the Senate

Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) and the Senate Appeals Board (SAB); and the membership and terms of reference of the Committee to Review Undergraduate Admissions (CRUA); and the dissolution of the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board (SUAB), for implementation commencing at the beginning of the 96-1 Spring Semester, and further that Faculties advise SCAR by November 1st, 1995 of the new procedures and committee structures that will be put in place within the Faculties to support the revised responsibilities"

J. Osborne briefly introduced the paper by advising Senate that the intent of the proposal is to simplify the committee structure for undergraduate studies so that it mirrors the Senate committee structure for graduate studies, and divide the function of the Senate Appeals Board to separate out admission appeals from appeals on academic standing.

Concern was expressed about the large number of members the establishment of five new committees at the Faculty level represented, especially if these committees followed the pattern of the SAB, and the time commitment involved for these members to hear appeals every semester. It was noted that the time commitment would be reduced since cases would be spread across Faculties and each Faculty would be dealing with much smaller numbers, and expectations are that Faculties will not put in place anything as complex or as large as the Senate Appeals Board. It was also pointed out that as the University grows it becomes more difficult for a large centralized committee to be familiar with all the practices within individual Faculties, and it is hoped that by transferring the initial decision on withdrawal to the Faculty level, decisions will be made in a forum where people are more familiar with the program and perhaps even know the student and are familiar with their circumstance.

In response to an inquiry as to how uniformity in decisions across Faculties will be ensured, Senate was advised that the process would be similar to the process followed in cases of academic dishonesty where initial decisions are made at a local level and there is a centralized appeal body. In addition, Faculties have been requested to develop procedures concerning this process and report back to SCAR by November 1st.

Since students will be appealing a decision of the administration, concern was expressed about the Associate Vice-President, a member of the administration, chairing CRUA. It was pointed out, however, that this person does not make admission/re-admission decisions in the first instance and only votes in case of a tie.

Discussion turned to the terms of reference of SCUS and brief discussion took place concerning grading/examination practices and course evaluation. It

was noted that these were existing terms of reference and that nothing was being changed relative to these issues.

Amendment moved by E. Scharfe, seconded by K. Arnason

"that the student membership of CRUA be changed to have parallel structure to the faculty membership"

The Chair clarified that the intent of the above motion would be to replace one Student Member and one Student Member Alternate having one-year terms of office, with two Student Members and one Student Member Alternate having two-year staggered terms of office.

In response to a concern that two-year terms of office would essentially eliminate all fourth year students from membership, it was noted that practice has been for students to remain on committees until they graduate and then replacement is sought to fill the remainder of the term of office.

Amendment to the amendment was moved by L. Boland, seconded by R. Dhir

"that the two-year term of office be replaced by one-year term of office"

Opinion was expressed that a two-year term of office provided consistency and allowed student members to gain experience to become more effective participants.

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

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT FAILED

Question was called on the original amendment as follows:

"that the student membership of CRUA be changed to have parallel structure to the faculty membership"

Vote taken.

ORIGINAL AMENDMENT CARRIED

Amendment moved by K. Chan, seconded by R. Dhir

"that the conditions of appointment of student members for both the Regular and Alternate positions on the Senate Appeals Board and the Committee to Review Undergraduate Admissions be changed from Selected by the Student Society to Elected by Senate"

Considerable discussion ensued in which a variety of opinions were expressed about students selected by the Student Society versus students elected by Senate, and procedures of selection by the Student Society were explained to Senate.

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Amendment moved by P. Winne, seconded by L. Peterson

"that the quorum of CRUA be changed from two voting members, to four voting members, in addition to the Chair"

Opinion was expressed that decisions on admission to the University ought to be made with equal representation of faculty and students and therefore it was necessary to require a quorum of four. The impracticability of requiring full membership as quorum was pointed out, and it was suggested that it would be better to simply refer issues back for further consideration rather than proceeding to amend matters on the floor of Senate which require very careful consideration.

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

AMENDMENT FAILED

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

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

iii) Paper S.95-53 - Change end dates of terms of office of Senate Committees

Moved by P. Percival, seconded by L. Boland

"that Senate approve a change in the end dates of terms of office on Senate Committees from September 30 to May 31, and further that all current terms of office for members on Senate Committees should be modified from September 30 to May 31 of the same year. Elections to fill vacancies at the October meeting of Senate would have terms of office commencing on that date and continuing through until May 31 of the appropriate year"

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Other Business

i) Paper S.95-54 - Vice-President, Research and Dean, Graduate Studies Search Committee

For this item, J. Stubbs vacated the Chair and L. Boland, Vice-Chair of Senate took over.

Moved by J. Osborne, seconded by K. Chan

"that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the composition and terms of reference for the search committee for the combined position Vice-President, Research and Dean, Graduate Studies as set out in S.95-54"

J. Stubbs briefly introduced the paper by explaining to Senate that under current regulations the search process should be in place and underway not later than 10 months before the expiration of the incumbent's term of office. He also pointed out that since the offices of the Dean of Graduate Studies and the Vice-President, Research were fused into one position, it was necessary to amend the two current search procedures into one. If approved by Senate, the proposal will go forward to the Board of Governors at its meeting next week so that the election process can commence immediately following Board approval.

Amendment moved by K. Arnason, seconded by A. Rawicz

"that the undergraduate student be removed from the membership and replaced by a second graduate student elected by the graduate student body"

Reference was made to the ex-officio membership position of the President of the Student Society (or designate) and the suggestion by T. Morrison to insert the word 'undergraduate' between 'or' and 'designate' was accepted as a friendly amendment.

Senate's attention was drawn to the old terms of reference which have a provision for the selection of up to two additional faculty members to ensure gender representation, and it was noted that the revised terms of reference have removed this option. Since this was an issue which Senate might like to consider as an amendment, opinion was expressed that this and the issue of student membership be taken as expressions of concern and the matter referred back to SCAR for further consideration. It was felt that proposals coming before Senate have been given careful consideration as to the consequence of the action proposed, and concern was expressed about making

changes that may not always be as well considered when proceeding with amendments on the floor of Senate which then may not be subject to further consideration once a vote is taken.

Moved by E. Alderson, seconded by M.L. Stewart

"that Senate move into a Committee of the Whole to allow open discussion of this issue"

The Chair briefly explained the purpose and consequence of the above motion.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION FAILED

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Brief discussion took place with respect to issues such as how to ensure gender representation and the requirement of having an academic appointment for external candidates.

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

MAIN MOTION
AS AMENDED, CARRIED

J. Stubbs returned to the Chair.

ii) In response to an inquiry from T. Morrison for updated information on the status of the proposed diverse qualifications policy, Senate was advised that approximately one year ago Senate had referred the issue back to SUAB and the policy was distributed to the University community for comment. SUAB reviewed the comments received in the Spring Semester and a sub-committee was appointed to make changes to the proposal. The sub-committee has met several times and is ready to refer the revisions back to the main committee.

iii) R. Jahn presented a report to Senate concerning the availability in departments of course outlines prior the start of registration. He explained that the previous Vice-President, Academic viewed this matter very seriously and he wished to make D. Gagan aware of this issue.

iv) K. Arnason referred to the proposed Bill of Student Rights which he wished to distribute to Senators, and advised that copies were available if anyone had not received a copy prior to the meeting and copies would be mailed to those Senators not present.

K. Arnason also reported that the UBC Alma Mater Society has organized a march on October 13th, the Trek for Post-Secondary Education, to support funding for post-secondary education. Anyone interested in more details was asked to contact him.

7. Information

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate will take place on Monday, October 2, 1995.

The Assembly moved directly into Closed Session at 9:00 p.m.

N. Heath
Acting Secretary of Senate