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VANCOUVER SENATE

MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 1994

Attendance

Present: President D. W. Strangway (Chair), Mr. S. Alsgard, Mr. J. A. Banfield, Dr. J. Barman, Dr. J. D. Berger, Dr. A. E. Boardman, Mr. J. Boritz, Dr. D. M. Brunette, Dr. D. G. A. Carter, Mr. P. G. Chan, Ms. L. Chui, Dr. D. H. Cohen, Dr. T. S. Cook, Dr. M. G. R. Coope, Mr. K. A. Douglas, Dr. J. H. V. Gilbert, Mr. E. B. Goehring, Dean M. A. Goldberg, Dr. J. Gosline, Dean J. R. Grace, Dr. S. E. Grace, Mr. B. B. M. Horner, Dr. J. G. T. Kelsey, Mr. J. A. King, Dr. S. B. Knight, Mr. H. H. F. Leung, Dr. M. Levine, Mr. C. Lim, Professor P. T. K. Lin, Dr. S. C. Lindstrom, Mr. R. W. Lowe, Dr. D. M. Lyster, Dr. D. J. MacDougall, Dr. M. MacEntee, Dr. R. T. A. MacGillivray, Mr. W. B. McNulty, Mr. R. L. de Pfyffer, Rev. W. J. Phillips, Mr. D. B. Preikshot, Mrs. M. Price, Dr. H. B. Richer, Dr. R. A. Shearer, Dean N. Sheehan, Dr. C. E. Slonecker, Dean C. L. Smith, Ms. C. A. Soong, Ms. L. M. Sparrow, Mr. S. C. S. Tam, Dr. R. C. Tees, Dr. S. Thorne, Dr. W. Uegama, Mr. D. R. Verma, Dr. D. A. Wehrung, Dr. R. M. Will, Dr. D. L. Williams, Mr. E. C. H. Woo, Dr. W. C. Wright, Jr.

Regrets: Chancellor R. H. Lee, Vice-President D. R. Birch, Dr. A. P. Autor, Dr. S. Avramidis, Dean C. S. Binkley, Dean pro tem. M. A. Boyd, Mr. P. T. Brady, Ms. S. Y. Dawood, Dr. G. W. Eaton, Rev. J. Hanrahan, Mr. A. G. Heys, Dean M. J. Hollenberg, Dr. M. Isaacson, Professor V. J. Kirkness, Mr. K. R. MacLaren, Dean M. P. Marchak, Dean B. C. McBride, Dean J. H. McNeill, Dean A. Meisen, Dr. R. J. Patrick, Professor M. Quayle, Mr. A. A. Raghavji, Dr. D. J. Randall, Professor R. S. Reid, Professor J. A. Rice, Dean J. F. Richards, Dr. L. J. Stan, Mr. B. B. Telford, Dr. J. Vanderstoep, Dr. E. W. Whittaker.

Senate membership

DECLARATION OF VACANCY (UNIVERSITY ACT, SECTION 35(6))

Ms. Shannon J. Spence - student representative of the Faculty of Forestry

REPLACEMENT

Mr. Brian B. Telford - student representative of the Faculty of Forestry replacing Ms. Spence

LT. GOVERNOR APPOINTEES

The Chair welcomed to Senate Lt. Governor appointees Professor Paul T. K. Lin and Professor Verna J. Kirkness, noting that Professor Kirkness was unable to attend the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SENATORS

The Chair welcomed the following students who had been elected to serve on Senate for a one year term from April 1, 1994 to March 31, 1995 (one representative elected by each Faculty + 5 members at-large):

Agricultural Sciences

Mr. Azim A. Raghavji Third Year Agricultural Sciences

Applied Science

Mr. Keith R. MacLaren Fourth Year Applied Science

Arts

Mr. Andrew G. Heys Fourth Year Arts

Commerce and Business Administration

Mr. Steven C. S. Tam Second Year Commerce & Business Administration

Dentistry

Mr. Hugh H. F. Leung Third Year Dentistry

Education

Mr. Paul G. Chan First Year Education

Forestry

Mr. Brian B. Telford Second Year Forestry

Graduate Studies

Mr. E. Brian Goehring Ph.D. Candidate in Geography

Law

Mr. Chris Lim First Year Law

Medicine

Mr. Emile C. H. Woo First Year Medicine

Pharmaceutical Sciences

Ms. Shelina Y. Dawood Second Year Pharmaceutical Sciences

Science

Mr. Kevin A. Douglas Third Year Science

Members at-large:

Mr. James Boritz	Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science
Ms. Lica Chui	Second Year Pharmaceutical Sciences
Mr. Byron B. M. Horner	M.A. Candidate in Political Science
Mr. Jan A. King	Third Year Human Kinetics
Mr. David B. Preikshot	Third Year Science

Minutes of the previous meeting

<i>Dr. Tees</i>	}	<i>That the minutes of the seventh regular meeting of Senate for the Session 1993-94, having been circulated, be taken as read and adopted.</i>
<i>Mr. Banfield</i>		

Carried.

Business arising from the minutes

Dr. Slonecker drew attention to page 10752 of the minutes and the reference made by Dr. Gilbert to the paucity of reporting on the activities of Senate in *UBC Reports*. Dr. Slonecker informed Senate that this matter had since been discussed with those concerned, and it had been agreed that *UBC Reports* would in future run a column called "Briefs on Senate". He pointed out that items that to go the Board of Governors would not be published prior to Board approval.

Chair's remarks and related questions

President Strangway informed Senate that Dr. Stefan Dupré, who had been appointed to look into the possibility of streamlining administrative activities and administrative costs, had now submitted a report. President Strangway stated that his response to the report had been distributed to Deans, Heads and Directors and that it would be published in *UBC Reports*. He stated that Dr. Dupré had concluded that although UBC is

as efficient as almost any other university in the country, there are many things that could be done better. He stated that the University would be taking action on the advice given in Dr. Dupré's report.

From the Board of Governors

Notification of approval in principle of Senate recommendations - subject, where applicable, to the proviso that none of the programs be implemented without formal reference to the President; and that the Deans and Heads concerned with new programs be asked to indicate the space requirements, if any, of such new programs.

- i. Curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Agricultural Sciences, Applied Science, Arts, Dentistry, Graduate Studies, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Science. (pp.10716-28)
- ii. Enrolment quotas for 1994-95. (pp.10743-5)
- iii. Change in name of the Department of Pathology to the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. (pp.10747-8)
- iv. Establishment of an Institute for Child and Family Health Research. (p.10748)
- v. Establishment of a Centre for Biodiversity Research. (p.10748)

The Chair noted that the Board of Governors had not yet discussed the proposed establishment of an Institute for Advanced Studies, and that this item should not have been included in the list shown on the agenda.

Senate Nominating Committee Membership

In accordance with established procedures, student vacancies on the Nominating Committee were declared.

Members were informed that a call for nominations to fill these vacancies would be sent to all members of Senate, and that nominations would remain open until the May 18, 1994 Senate meeting. If more than two nominations are received an election will be held at the May meeting.

Reports of Committees of Senate

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY

Dr. Tees, Chair of the committee, presented the following report, on the Academic Position of Students in Labour/Management Disputes:

In the event of a strike, it is the University's policy to take every reasonable measure to remain open. We are committed to maintaining instruction in all courses, access to core library services and examinations as scheduled. Faculty are responsible for teaching their courses and students are responsible for fulfilling course requirements. However, the University respects the right of a faculty member or a student, as a matter of conscience, to refuse to cross a picket line in a labour dispute.

As a matter of University policy, department heads will ensure that every reasonable effort is made to make alternate arrangements for classes for which an instructor is absent as a result of refusing to cross a picket line. However, as a matter of University policy, classes may not be relocated to a non-picketed location. Unavoidable cancellations or room changes will be posted in or near the departmental office in a place visible to students.

The attached guidelines were circulated by the Vice President Academic and endorsed by Senate in March 1992. At that time Senate resolved "that the Academic Policy Committee be requested to recommend a detailed policy to Senate regarding the academic position of students in future labour disputes with the University.

The Senate Academic Policy Committee has concluded that it is impossible and undesirable to attempt to anticipate all eventualities since many of the circumstances are unique to a specific labour/management dispute. It is essential that guidelines be provided for each particular occasion, that students be party to the articulation of such guidelines and that students who feel they have been treated unfairly have access to adjudication of their concerns. Therefore, the committee recommends that in the event of a labour/management dispute involving picket lines:

1. A committee on academic guidelines be established with membership as follows:

Vice President Academic and Provost, Chair

Chair, Senate Academic Policy Committee

Three Deans

Two student senators

Registrar

2. A senior faculty member be designated to serve as arbiter for students who have sought to resolve their concerns within their Faculties but feel they have been treated unfairly.

Position of Students in Case of a Strike

I) STUDENTS WHO DO NOT CROSS PICKET LINES

- a) Students who choose not to cross a picket line as a matter of conscience must inform the Dean of the Faculty in which they are registered, in person, by telephone or by letter, that they will not be attending classes or writing examinations; otherwise it will be assumed that they will be attending and writing. They will be responsible for fulfilling course requirements and, insofar as possible, they will be evaluated on the basis of the work they are judged to be able to do under the circumstances.
- b) A student who misses an essential component and/or a scheduled examination as a result of refusing to cross a picket line as a matter of conscience may be expected to attend a make-up session and/or to write an examination scheduled in a supplementary examination period.

II) CLASSES OR EXAMINATIONS NOT HELD BECAUSE OF A STRIKE

1) Students unable to fulfil course requirements as a result of the strike:

A student who, as a consequence of the strike, is unable to fulfil course requirements, e.g. because the strike has made it impossible to obtain necessary and unique library materials, is responsible for informing the instructor or, if the instructor is absent, the Head of the Department or the Dean of the Faculty.

2) Evaluation of student performance:

- a) Faculty will attempt to examine or otherwise evaluate students according to the normal evaluation plan for the course.
- b) If classes are not held, students will be evaluated on the readings or other sources for which they could reasonably be expected to be responsible, but will not be evaluated on material which would have been available only in cancelled classes.

For examination purposes, therefore, students may be responsible for:

- (i) the required readings for the entire course,
- (ii) the material presented in classes (lectures, seminars, laboratories, etc.) prior to the strike,
- (iii) the material presented in classes not affected by the strike (should there be periods in which some parts of the campus are struck and not others).

3) If examinations are cancelled:

If there were a minor disruption in the schedule, an attempt would be made to modify the examination schedule in order to hold all examinations close to their scheduled time and, if that were impossible, an attempt would be made to provide an evaluation without a final examination.

III) PROVIDING INFORMATION AND REASSURING STUDENTS

It is important that you anticipate the possibility of a strike and do your best to reassure students. Faculty should, therefore, ensure that:

- 1) students have a clear and up-to-date course outline in which required readings are identified,
- 2) students realize they are responsible for having access to the required textbook(s),
- 3) students know where the Department office is so they can check for the posting of information on classes cancelled or otherwise interrupted,
- 4) evaluation of student performance at the onset of a strike is complete, up-to-date and available to the Department Head.

Dr. Tees
Dean Sheehan

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That the recommendations of the committee concerning the academic position of students in labour/management disputes be approved.

Carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Williams, Chair of the committee, presented the report. The Nominating Committee nominated the following to fill vacancies on Senate committees:

Academic Building Needs:

Mr. Jan A. King - replacing Mr. R. S. McNeal
Mr. Keith R. MacLaren - replacing Mr. C. A. Woods

Academic Policy:

Ms. Shelina Y. Dawood - replacing Mr. A. Janmohamed
Mr. Byron B. M. Horner - replacing Mr. C. A. Woods
Ms. Leona Sparrow - replacing Dr. Hugh McDonald

Admissions:

Mr. Chris Lim - replacing Mr. F. B. N. Horsburgh
Mr. Azim A. Raghavji - continuing member

Agenda:

Ms. Shelina Y. Dawood - replacing Mr. M. A. Fuoss
Mr. Brian B. Telford - replacing Mr. H. Leung

Appeals on Academic Standing:

Mr. E. Brian Goehring - continuing member
Mr. Jan A. King - replacing Mr. W. F. Dick
Mr. David B. Preikshot - replacing Ms. C. L. Greentree

Budget:

Mr. E. Brian Goehring - continuing member
Mr. Emile C. H. Woo - continuing member

Continuing Education:

Mr. Kevin A. Douglas - replacing Mr. F. B. N. Horsburgh
Mr. Andrew G. Heys - additional member

Curriculum:

Mr. Kevin A. Douglas - replacing Mr. B. Horner
Mr. Keith R. MacLaren - replacing Mr. H. Leung
Mr. David B. Preikshot - replacing Mr. P. R. Marsden
Mr. Steven C. S. Tam - replacing Mr. R. S. McNeal

Elections:

Mr. Jan A. King - replacing Mr. C. A. Woods

Liaison with Post-Secondary Institutions:

Ms. Lica Chui - continuing member

Library:

Mr. James Boritz - replacing Mr. P. R. Marsden

Mr. Andrew G. Heys - replacing Mr. M. G. Schaper

Mr. Byron B. M. Horner - continuing member

Student Appeals on Academic Discipline:

Mr. James Boritz - replacing Mr. G. Kettyle

Mr. Hugh H. F. Leung - replacing Mr. M. G. Schaper

Mr. Chris Lim - replacing Ms. S. J. Spence

Student Awards:

Mr. Paul G. Chan - replacing Mr. A. Janmohamed

Mr. Brian B. Telford - replacing Ms. S. J. Spence

Tributes:

Mr. E. Brian Goehring - continuing member

Mr. Hugh H. F. Leung - replacing Mr. P. R. Marsden

Ad Hoc Committee on University Organization:

Ms. Lica Chui - continuing member

Mr. Byron B. M. Horner - replacing Ms. C. L. Greentree

Dr. Williams

Dr. Tees

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*That the recommendations of the Nominating
Committee be approved.*

Mr. Goehring, student senator, noted that students had always been made welcome on Senate committees in the past and expressed the hope that this would continue, particularly for those students participating in committee work for the first time.

The motion was
put and carried.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATION

Dr. Shearer, Chair of the committee, gave a brief report. First, Dr. Shearer expressed thanks to Ms. Christa Greentree, student senator, for her participation in the work of the committee, and welcomed Mr. Byron Horner who will replace Ms. Greentree as student representative on the committee.

Dr. Shearer informed Senate that the university health sciences had been added to the agenda of issues that the committee is studying. He stated, however, that the committee did not anticipate making a report on this matter at the May meeting.

Dean Grace drew attention to the release of the Dupre Report on Administrative Organization and Processes at The University of British Columbia, and the reference in that report to the future of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Dean Grace stated that he had not been consulted on this matter and deplored the fact that it had been made public in such a manner without the Dean of the Faculty first being informed. He noted that the Dupre Report mentioned matters arising from discussions with the *Ad Hoc* Committee on University Organization which had not been mentioned in the committee's reports to Senate. Senate had been told that some matters were sensitive and highly confidential, and yet it had been made public through the Dupre Report that the future of the Faculty of Graduate Studies was in question. The Dean stated it would be very demoralizing for the 6400 graduate students, 40 faculty members whose

Other business

appointments are in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, the 25 units that report to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the hard-working staff in the Graduate Studies office to learn of this matter in such a public manner. He felt that the way in which this matter had been handled undermined the credibility of the committee. In response, Dr. Shearer stated that he had not seen the Dupré report and had not, of course, been consulted on its contents. He stated that the question of the role and nature of the Faculty of Graduate Studies was near the bottom of a long list of things that had been suggested to the committee as matters that might be considered but that there had been no discussion. Dr. Shearer assured Dean Grace that if and when the committee did consider the future of the Faculty he would be informed and consulted.

Other business

NOTICE OF MOTION

Dr. Kelsey gave notice of the following motion:

"That Senate establish an *Ad Hoc* Committee for the purpose of reviewing the progress made following the adoption of the recommendations of the Senate *Ad Hoc* Committee on Teaching Evaluation (1990)."

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8.25 p.m.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of Senate will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 1994.