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A special meeting of the Senate of The University of British Columbia was held on Saturday February 7, 1970 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board and Senate Room, Administration Building.

Present: President W. H. Gage (Chairman), Chancellor A. M. McGavin, Miss D. Allen, Deputy President W. M. Armstrong, Dr. C. S. Belshaw, Rev. J. Blewett, Mrs. A. Brearley, Dr. C. A. Brockley, Mr. D. M. Brousson, Dr. D. G. Brown, Dr. T. H. Brown, Mr. C. M. Campbell Jr., Dr. S. D. Cavers, Dr. J. D. Chapman, Dr. D. H. Chitty, Dr. R. M. Clark, Dr. M. F. Clarke, Dean G. F. Curtis, Dr. C. W. J. Eliot, Rev. R. W. Finn, Dean W. D. Finn, Dean J. A. F. Gardner, Dr. R. F. Gray, Mr. I. F. Greenwood, Dr. N. A. Hall, Dr. D. F. Hardwick, Dr. R. F. Kelly, Dr. J. M. Kennedy, Dr. D. T. Kenny, Dr. W. D. Kitts, Mr. P. Ladner, Mrs. W. T. Lane, Mrs. J. MacD. Lecky, Dean S. W. Leung, Miss E. K. McCann, Dean Helen McCrae, Dean J. F. McCreary, Dr. M. F. McGregor, Mr. K. R. Martin, Mr. J. R. Meredith, Dr. B. N. Moyls, Dr. J. M. Norris, Miss D. J. O'Donnell, Dean V. J. Okulitch, Mr. R. F. Osborne, Mr. S. Persky, Dr. R. A. Restrepo, Dean B. E. Riedel, Dr. G. Rosenbluth, Dr. I. Ross, Dr. R. F. Scagel, Dean N. V. Scarfe, Mr. G. R. Selman, Dr. R. F. Sharp, Dean M. Shaw, Dr. J. H. G. Smith, Dr. J. K. Stager, Mr. B. B. Trevino, Dr. G. M. Volkoff, Dr. H. V. Warren, Dr. W. A. Webber, Dean P. H. White, Mr. D. R. Williams, Dr. W. E. Wilmott, Mr. E. Wood, Dr. W. D. Young.

By Invitation: Dr. J. R. McIntosh, Mr. A. F. Shirran.

Observers: Mr. J. A. Banham, Miss D. Hopper, Mr. T. A. Myers, Mr. P. Thompson.

Messages of regret for their inability to attend were received from Mr. S. Black, Mr. A. Dobrey, The Hon. E. D. Fulton, Mr. D. S. M. Huberman, Mr. D. F. Miller, Dr. J. D. Spouge.

The Chairman extended congratulations to Dr. W. D. Finn on his appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science.

The Chairman then asked that a brief report be given by each of the Deans concerning the recommendations contained in the report of the Senate Committee on Long-Range Objectives.

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Dean Okulitch reported that the Faculty of Science had selected two committees to study the entire report. The overall reaction of the two committees and the Faculty to the report was unfavourable. The Dean said that the Faculty of Science was strongly of the opinion that undergraduate enrolment should not exceed 20,000 students and that this restriction should be based entirely on academic grounds. With regard to graduate enrolment it was felt that a reasonable balance would be attained if it were limited to a maximum of 5,000. In conclusion the Dean said that the Faculty of Science did not see the need for a standing Long-Range Objectives Committee.

Acting Dean Moyls stated that Executives of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and representatives of other Faculties had formed a committee to study the Report. The Committee reported and gave opinions on certain recommendations. Dr. Moyls referred specifically to Recommendation 29 which required the Faculty of Graduate Studies to report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in "A Review of Graduate Study at The University of British Columbia, 1966". Dr. Moyls said that much of the material had been collected from Department Heads and the information would be presented to Senate in due course.

Dean Finn explained that the Report had been discussed by the Faculty of Applied Science primarily at the Departmental level, then the Faculty Executive Committee discussed the results of the departmental deliberations. He stated that there had been a great deal of apathy and reluctance in the Faculty to deal with the report but they had held one Faculty meeting and confined the discussion to the enrolment question. The Faculty was strongly in favour of limiting enrolment but did not commit itself to the figures in the recommendation of the report.

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Dean Curtis said there was agreement in the Faculty of Law with the figures recommended in the report regarding limitation of enrolment. He said there had been a great deal of discussion by the Faculty, particularly concerning Recommendation 4 in which the Long-Range Objectives Committee opposed quotas limiting enrolment which were based upon geographic origin of students. The Faculty had considerable doubts about this. The Faculty felt there was a responsibility in cases where a professional Faculty was the only facility in the Province for the training and education of members of a profession. Regarding the periodic five year review of activities of Faculties and Departments, the Faculty of Law accepted the principle but felt that to tie it down specifically to a five year review might add complications and involve a considerable commitment of manpower.

Dean Shaw stated that the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences had set up five committees to examine the report. While the Faculty agreed with certain of the views in the report they disagreed with most of the major recommendations. With regard to enrolment the Faculty found itself in an equivocal position because it was unable to agree with the proposal for limiting enrolment in Agricultural Sciences or with the overall figure of 22,000.

Dean McCreary said that the recommendations of the Long-Range Objectives report had been debated by the Faculty of Medicine and asked Dr. Hardwick who was Chairman of their ad hoc committee to report. Dr. Hardwick stated that the Faculty had adopted a more positive approach to the report than some other Faculties. They felt it was a good beginning asking Faculty to bring out their own observations and goals

for the development of the University. They felt there was a lack of detailed information about job needs in various fields and that the Office of Academic Planning might assist in developing information on what manpower needs will be. The Faculty were in general agreement that enrolment should be restricted on the basis of academic achievement.

Dean Leung said that in the Faculty of Dentistry the report was considered by a committee of Department Heads, and members of Faculty endorsed the decision adopted by that committee. They were in favour of enrolment restriction but were uncertain what the size should be. They were in agreement that efforts should be made to improve teaching quality but were not sure they agreed with how the Long-Range Objectives Committee stated it should be done. They supported the suggestions that good teaching should be a recommendation for promotion. They were not in favour of a Federated Colleges system and were opposed to a Faculty of Continuing Education.

Acting Dean Kenny reported that the committee appointed by the Faculty of Arts worked very hard but the reaction to the report was disappointing in many ways. The general reactions of the Faculty to the report were distributed to Senate. The Faculty felt that a serious deficiency of the report was its failure to face up to the basic task of setting priorities. The Faculty did believe there should be some restriction on enrolment but did not necessarily agree with the recommended figures in the report. Reaction to a Federated Colleges system was negative. It was felt that each Faculty should themselves study in what way that Faculty could be arranged more appropriately. Regarding the use of residences for instruction, the Faculty felt that this should not be continued as it had not worked out well last year.

Dean Gardner said the Faculty of Forestry had also appointed a committee. The Committee had three meetings of the whole staff to consider the report point by point. In the case of enrolment the Faculty found themselves in a difficult position. They felt that Forestry enrolment was much too low, therefore they had very mixed feelings about any restriction in enrolment at U.B.C. that would affect enrolment in Forestry such as a restriction in First Year Science. They did not support the proposal for a Federated Colleges system.

Dean Riedel said that the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences had discussed the Long-Range Objectives Committee report at Faculty and staff meetings. They felt there should be a restriction on enrolment but could not make a decision as to what the total number should be. As far as their Faculty was concerned enrolment was not meeting the demand for this professional field. They were in favour of upgrading instruction and any approach to more effective teaching.

Dean Scarfe informed Senate that the Faculty of Education had set up a committee and asked Dr. Gray who was chairman of the Committee to report. Dr. Gray said the Faculty was strongly opposed to only one of the 39 Recommendations. It opposed the suggestion that the present 7-week summer session should be entirely phased out within five years. They considered the continual evaluation and assessment of long range planning to be necessary and supported the idea of a five year review. They felt recommendations on teaching and instruction were commendable but should not be made compulsory. The Faculty tended to support the principle of open enrolment but would support the kind of recommendations in the Long-Range Objectives Report as provisional measures only.

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Dean White stated that the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration felt that the report was overly concerned with forms of organization and administration and displayed a lack of appreciation of the role of professional schools on the campus. Of the 19 Recommendations on which the faculty took a specific stand it was in favour of 12 and opposed 7.

Dr. Belshaw said the statements made by the Deans were important information though very few of the comments revealed whether a particular analysis was right or wrong, and, if wrong, what should be done about it. He felt that Faculty interests were important but that Senate must not be limited by them. No-one on the committee expected that any particular recommendation could be accepted as written but anticipated that discussion would result in a positive statement acceptable to Senate.

After further discussion the Chairman suggested that Senate consider the first item on the agenda.

Dean Finn)
Dr. Clark)

That the admissions policy of The University of British Columbia be modified to limit the total undergraduate enrolment on this campus to a maximum of approximately 22,000.

Dean Finn said there was nothing reprehensible about limiting enrolment because resources are limited. Another reason for limiting enrolment was that when an institution gets too large it does not become very functional in the educational sense. He appealed to Senate to take a stand on the enrolment question.

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It was explained that in choosing the figure for limiting enrolment the committee had in mind the amount of time it takes for regional colleges to develop, the number of students coming out of high schools and the need for U.B.C. to establish a goal for planning purposes. It was estimated that the limit of 22,000 would not be reached for five years.

Dr. Young thought that the committee had aimed at too high a figure as the university was already overcrowded.

In amendment:

Dr. Young)
Dr. Willmott) *That the figure of 22,000 be struck out and replaced with a figure of 18,000.*

There was further discussion as to the suggested figures of 22,000 and 18,000. Some members felt that the University really did not know the capacities of Faculties, and that the figure of 22,000 was not a restriction but rather an increase by one-third over present enrolment.

It was pointed out that setting a figure now would give notice to the community and people presently planning their education.

Dr. Rosenbluth)
Dr. Chitty) *That the amended figure for limiting enrolment be changed from 18,000 to approximately 20,000.*

The amendment to the amendment was carried.

The amended amendment was lost.

The motion was then put and carried.

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Dean Finn) Dr. Norris)	*That the admissions policy of The University of British Columbia be modified to limit the annual rate of increase of total graduate enrolment on this campus to 15 percent and to limit the total graduate enrolment on this campus to a maximum of approximately 5,500.*

It was stated that the figure of 5,500 in relation to a total undergraduate enrolment of 22,000 seemed to be a feasible percentage though it was not thought that graduate enrolment would be anywhere near 5,500 at the end of the next five years.

The motion was carried.

Dr. Belshaw gave notice of the following motion:-

"That Senate endorse the technique of a student admission budget along the lines suggested in his minority report".

Dean Finn) Dean White)	*That Recommendation 1 (b) of the Long-Range Objectives Report which reads "That a Senate committee on long range objectives should review the impact of enrolment policy every five years, and make recommendations on enrolment policy for the next ten years", be tabled.*

Carried

Dr. Belshaw) Dean Curtis)	*That special meetings of Senate to discuss recommendations of the Long-Range Objectives Committee report be held on Wednesday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 18.*

Carried

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Dr. Young stated that the question of how U.B.C. limits enrolment affects other B.C. institutions of higher education. He gave notice of the following motion:-

"That Senate recommend to the Board (under section 54K of the Universities Act) that it make representations to the Department of Education with a view to the establishment of a four year degree granting institution in the interior of B.C., at the earliest possible time".

For similar reasons Dr. Gray gave notice of the following motion:-

"That whereas The University of British Columbia has found it necessary to recommend a limitation of enrolment, and whereas the overall needs of the province for higher education are undefined be it resolved that The University of British Columbia Senate recommends that this University call upon the Provincial Government to establish a representative province-wide commission on Higher Education for the purpose of developing an overall master-plan which will make provision for the higher education needs of the province over the next ten years".

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

J. E. Parnall
Secretary

Confirmed,
Walter H. Gage
Chairman.