



**A letter from the Biology Graduate Caucus Executive
to Margo Dunnet and the SFSS Board of Directors
Tuesday September 19th, 2006**

We are writing to request a reversal of Ms. Dunnet's September 15th decision to accept the position of member of the Hiring Committee for the Graduate Issues and University Relations Coordinator (GIURC).

This hiring committee consists of two Directors and is charged with overseeing the hiring process for a staff position of which the primary job functions are to work with the Graduate Issues Officer (GIO) in resourcing graduate students, and to resource the University Relations Officer (URO). As such, it is apparent to us that this two-person hiring committee should consist of the GIO and the URO. The GIURC is the only staff position that specifically resources graduate students, and at present a graduate representative is not on this hiring committee. We find this unacceptable.

To remedy this, we request that Ms. Dunnet immediately resign from this committee and that the Board of Directors elect GIO Joel Blok to replace her.

Understand that this is a very serious matter. The Biology Graduate Caucus currently has a standing motion of no confidence in the SFSS Board of Directors. We, as elected representatives of the Caucus, will be unable to recommend to our members a motion of restored confidence until this situation is remedied. Furthermore, unless Ms. Dunnet resigns from the hiring committee or offers a satisfactory explanation for why Mr. Blok should not hold the position, we will have no choice but to recommend to our Caucus membership that they vote in favour of impeaching Ms. Dunnet at the upcoming Special General Meeting.

Sincerely,

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Clea Moray, Biology Graduate Caucus Forum Representative
Raul Ursic, Biology Representative to the Graduate Issues Committee

cc: All Graduate Caucuses
Biology Student Union
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