

To: ALL MEMBERS OF SENATE

From: K.T. Strand,
Chairman of Senate and
Acting President

Subject: Incorporation of University
Awards, and Athletic Awards
into jurisdiction of Senate
Committee on Scholarships,
Awards and Bursaries.

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The purpose of this paper is to set before Senate certain proposals relevant to University Awards, and Athletic Awards, thereby correcting certain anomalies which have arisen in the past.

As Senate is aware, there exists a Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, brought into being 4 April 1966. The composition of this Committee, at present, consists of two representatives from each of the three Faculties, with the Registrar as Secretary. The terms of reference of the Committee are as follows:

- (1) To award University Scholarships and Prizes.
- (2) To propose candidates for Scholarships and Prizes awarded by bodies outside the University.
- (3) To review the Athletic Awards and University Awards proposed by the President's Committees established for that purpose.
- (4) To review the bursaries proposed by the Registrar.
- (5) To deal generally with proposals to establish Scholarships, Prizes, Awards, and Bursaries in the University.

Therefore, as of this point in time, there exists both a Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, and two Presidential Committees, one for University Awards, and one for Athletic Awards with overlapping jurisdictions. The problem of this overlap has been commented upon by both Chairmen of the Presidential Committees, and by the Financial Aid Officer, Mr. Nelles, in a special report to the Acting President, dated 22 January 1969. Certain problems governing the inter-relationship of the two types of awards were raised by the Student Affairs Committee in its report to the Acting President dated 18 December 1968.

A consensus of the opinions held by the Chairmen of the Presidential Committees and the Financial Aid Officer is that they can see little merit in there continuing to be in existence these two Committees, when the terms of reference of the Senate Committee clearly indicate that this is an area in which it has jurisdiction. A typical comment is that of Professor E.M. Gibson in the annual report of the President's Athletic Award Committee Report for the year 1968-1969, dated 14 February 1969, "The type of committee be changed from its present form

of President's Committee to that of a committee or sub-committee of Senate. The Committee believes that Athletic Awards are justified as a component of the Faculty of Education's programme, and therefore are a legitimate subject of Senate control. The Committee also believes that all University bursaries, Awards and Scholarships should be the responsibility of one committee and should have more or less consistent and related budgets and procedures".

The Student's Affairs Committee in its aforementioned report made two specific recommendations with respect to the interaction of University Awards and Athletic Awards. After pointing out certain limitations of the present Athletic Awards programme, such as voluntary participation in non-varsity sports, they went on to make the following two recommendations:

1. That University Awards be made available to all student extra curricular activity endeavours, athletic or otherwise, in recognition of strong participation in the non-academic life of the University.

2. That the term 'Athletic Award' be discontinued in order that the Physical Development Centre may disburse its funds as it sees fit in the form of stipends, grants, honoraria, scholarships, etc.

The nature of these two latter recommendations which suggest a detailed examination of the whole concept of University Awards and Athletic Awards, and their relationship, one to another, only serve to reinforce the idea of one Senate Committee having sole jurisdiction over this area.

It is intended therefore that the two Presidential Committees on Athletic Awards and University Awards be disbanded at the end of this semester.

It is proposed therefore:

1. all reference to Presidential Committees be deleted from paragraph (3) of the terms of reference of the Senate Committee and that this paragraph be amended to read "To review the proposed Athletic Awards and University Awards".
2. that paragraph (4) be amended to read "To review the Bursaries proposed by the Financial Aid Officer".
3. that the following Faculty member be appointed to the Committee as an ex-officio voting member: The Director of Athletics.
4. that the following members of the Administrative Staff be appointed to the Committee as ex-officio, non-voting members:
 - (a) the Resources Officer
 - (b) the Awards and Grants Accountant

The rationale for the first proposal has already been set forth in this paper. The second proposal reflects the existence of a full-time Financial Aid Officer who handles the day to day operations of student financial assistance. Proposals 3. and 4. are designed to give the Senate Committee increased expertise and specific knowledge upon which to draw in the performance of its tasks.