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MEMORANDUM

SENATE

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FOR INFORMATION

SECRETARY OF SENATE

Subject SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS,
AWARDS AND BURSARIES - BACKGROUND
DATA

Date MARCH 20, 1973

At the Senate meeting of March 5, 1973, Senator Brown requested from the Chairman of Senate that background information be distributed to all Senators on the incorporation of University awards and athletic awards into jurisdiction of the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries - by distributing Paper S.216, dated March 11, 1969, considered by Senate April 8, 1969.

As that paper provides limited information only, on the recommendation of the Senate Agenda Committee it was agreed that a more complete summary would be provided for information.

A summary review was included in the report of the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, dated May 18, 1972, considered by Senate June 5, 1972, Paper S.72-74. Copies should be available in most University departments. Copies are available in the Library. Copies are available to Senators from the Secretary of Senate on request. The attached papers give the general summary provided last year, without the individual supporting papers and minutes. The notes below identify actions referred to in the summary.

- (a) Appendix 1 - Original Senate Committee for Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries - February 25, 1966 (and separate Presidential Committees for Athletic Awards and for University Awards).
- (b) Recommendation for a single committee - Incorporation of University Awards and Athletic Awards into Jurisdiction of Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, S.216, dated March 11, 1969, considered by Senate April 8, 1969 - with final motion by Senate to postpone the recommendations made.
- (c) Further recommendations for a single committee - Incorporation of University Awards and Athletic Awards into Jurisdiction of Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, S.422, dated October 27, 1970, considered by Senate November 9, 1970, with approval in principle.
- (d) Interim organization and functions assumed in 1971-72 (Item 3 of the attached).
- (e) The development of new terms of reference, and a change of membership for the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, S.72-44 dated March 23, 1972, approved by Senate April 10, 1972.

ANNUAL REPORT

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND AWARDSI. PREAMBLE

A number of significant changes have transpired in the last twelve to fourteen months which have and will greatly influence the function and operation of the Senate Scholarship Committee as well as the Financial Aid Office insofar as the latter interacts with the Committee. This report will, as a consequence, include a considerable number of appendices in which will be found detailed descriptions of various items in the event such may be desired by members of the Senate. In view of the recent adoption by Senate of the new terms of reference of this Committee, some review of developments leading to this might be in order.

II. REVIEW OF ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND AWARDS PRIOR TO 71-72

The Senate Scholarship Committee prior to 71-72 assumed responsibility of awarding scholarships, awards and bursaries other than S.F.U. Athletic and S.F.U. Awards. The general terms of reference of the Senate Committee which were then in existence are found in Appendix 1. Two separate Presidential Committees, appointed by the President, were generally responsible for screening and approving candidates or nominees for athletic awards and university awards. The desirability, or otherwise, of the existence of the above three separate Committees, only one of which was directly responsible to Senate, was reviewed by various members of the individual Committees and others within the University Community. These various considerations eventually culminated in recommendations (S-216) that a single Senate Committee be established to encompass the functions of the three separate committees (see Appendix 2). After further discussions, another proposal was presented to Senate (S-422, Appendix 3). Senate accepted the intent of S-422 and requested the then Senate Scholarship Committee to develop terms of reference consistent with the intent of S-422. The essence of these deliberations will be summarized in a succeeding section of this report.

III. INTERIM ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION OF COMMITTEE IN 71-72

A basic intent of S-422 (Appendix 3) was the amalgamation of the Senate Scholarship Committee and the Presidential Committees on Athletic Awards and University Awards. The "interim" Senate Committee on Scholarships,

III. INTERIM ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION OF COMMITTEE IN 71-72 (cont'd)

Awards and Bursaries informally subsumed the responsibilities of the two Presidential Committees and all nominations for University Awards and Athletic and Recreation Awards were reviewed at scheduled meetings of the Senate Committee. The membership of the Senate Committee during this interim period (ca 14 mos.) consisted of:-

- a) three Senate appointees (one full time faculty member from each of the Faculties of Science, Education and Arts)
- b) three faculty representatives, are elected (or appointed) by each of the three Faculties of Arts, Education and Science. As in previous years, the Financial Aid Officer served as Secretary to the Committee. The Registrar was an ex-officio member of the Committee.

IV. DEVELOPMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

The interim Senate Scholarship and Awards Committee was charged by Senate to develop terms of reference for the "amalgamated" committee and to convey their recommendations to Senate (see Appendix 3). After numerous deliberations over approximately two semesters, a draft document was approved and submitted to the Chairman of senate for consideration. It was subsequently agreed that a significant proportion of the Committee's draft was concerned with operational procedures and the document was consequently revised to more succinctly reflect and conform to those relevant sections of the present British Columbia Universities Act. After further examination of the revised terms of reference, a concise document which had been approved by the members of the Committee was submitted to Senate for ratification.

V. SENATE ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS OF REFERENCE OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND AWARDS

The relevant document together with certain recommendations concerning implementation of the suggested terms of reference (see Appendix 4) was submitted to Senate which considered the same during a scheduled meeting of that body, April 10, 1972. The terms of reference and recommendations were accepted without amendment. Senate requested that since an annual report of the Committee had not been received at the date stipulated in the newly accepted terms of reference, such a report be submitted for consideration during the June meeting of Senate. Since it became apparent that the proposed terms of reference of the enlarged Committee would be considered during or shortly after the stipulated date for submission of an annual report, it was deemed advisable, by the Chairman of the "interim Committee", to submit such a report after imminent acceptance of the proposed terms of reference.