

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S. 82-77

MEMORANDUM

To..... SENATE

From..... SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULES

Subject..... PROPOSED CHANGES TO PROCEDURES AND RULES
OF SENATE RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF
STUDENTS TO SENATE AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Date..... JUNE 17, 1982

Actions arising out of meetings of the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules on June 17, 1982 and June 22, 1982 gives rise to the following motions:

MOTION #1:

"That Senate approve changes to the procedures for the election of student representatives to Senate and to the Board of Governors as follows:

1. All registered graduate students (other than those with 'on leave' status) and all undergraduate students taking at least one credit course (other than a Downtown course) will be eligible to cast votes in-person on the Burnaby campus of the University. The balloting period will be two to five consecutive working days and some opportunity will be given for balloting after 4:30 p.m. for evening-only students.
2. All undergraduate students registered in at least one credit course at the Downtown Centre, and who are not taking any courses at the Burnaby campus, may vote in-person at the Downtown centre. The balloting period will be as in 1. above.
3. All undergraduate students who were registered in at least one credit course in the previous semester, but who are not currently registered may vote in-person as in 1. above. They will be informed of the date of the forthcoming scheduled student elections by means of a typed message on the registration intent mailer, which is normally distributed during week 4 of each semester to all those eligible to register in the following semester."

MOTION #2:

"That Senate approve a change to the Rules of Senate relating to student elections to Senate and to the Board of Governors as follows:

J.3. Delete and replace with:

- J.3. The period for casting of ballots shall be not less than ten days nor longer than fifteen days in the case of elections by and from the faculty members and by and from members of staff who are not faculty members. It shall be not less than fourteen days nor longer than twenty-eight days in the case of elections by Convocation to Senate and of the Chancellor. It shall be not less than two days nor longer than five days in the case of elections by and from students."

A 2/3 majority vote is required for approval.

These changes are consistent with revisions made by the Committee to an earlier paper, S.82-65, following referral by Senate.

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Following referral by Senate on June 7, 1982 of S.82-65, the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules considered the comments made by senators at that meeting and received written submissions from Senators Hale and Wotherspoon.

Agreement was reached on the following measures which are intended to reduce election costs substantially without disfranchising the present student electorate.

1. All registered graduate students (other than those with 'on leave' status) and all undergraduate students taking at least one credit course (other than a Downtown course) will be eligible to cast votes in-person on the Burnaby campus of the University. The balloting period will be two to five consecutive working days and some opportunity will be given for balloting after 4:30 p.m. for evening-only students.
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These proposals will reduce the annual cost of elections from approximately \$15,000 p.a. to approximately \$4,000 p.a.

The changes required to Senate rules relate only to balloting periods, which because mail balloting will be discontinued, should be reduced from the current 14-28 days to 2-5 days.

The Committee also gave consideration to changes to rules and procedures relating to by-elections and second or subsequent calls for elections. Current procedures are the same as for the annual general elections, i.e. call for nominations followed by a full mail ballot of the student electorate,

if the election is contested. The intent is to develop rules and procedures which are parallel to those used to fill vacancies among the ranks of the Convocation Senators. Briefly, this involves election by Senate from a list of nominees submitted by either Student Senators, the Student Society or by some other body.

Further details of these proposals will be circulated separately. If approved and implemented the abolition of full by-elections would save at least \$2,000 p.a. under the revised procedures as proposed above, or approx. \$7,500 p.a. under current procedures, giving an eventual cost of student elections of \$2,000 p.a. instead of the current \$15,000.