

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

S. 87-7

As amended
by Senate
6/4/87

TO: Senate

FROM: Senate Committee on
Agenda and Rules

SUBJECT: Committee to Review
Rules of Senate -
Section IV - Elections

DATE: March 24, 1987

During the recent elections of students to the Senate and the Board of Governors, it was evident that the Rules of Senate do not address in sufficient detail, the procedures for the conduct of elections. Specifically, there are no guidelines or policies relating to campaigning and the removal of campaign literature prior or subsequent to the time of polling. Under the University Act, (Part 9, Section 42), Senate has responsibility for such elections.

"The senate shall make and publish all rules necessary and not inconsistent with this Act in respect of nominations, elections and voting, and the registrar shall conduct all elections as are required"

In addition, it is the opinion of SCAR that Senate should review the eligibility of students to either hold office on Senate and the Board, or to vote in those elections. For example, current eligibility requirements are stated in terms of registration in credit courses. This would appear to exclude students who register for two consecutive Co-op work terms. Similarly, the Rules address the "downtown only" voting, but there is no mention of process for students in the Prison Education Program. On the faculty side, the Rules of Senate refer specifically to Academic Policy 20 for eligibility/ineligibility of Faculty Associates, but the references to specific parts of that Policy no longer pertain.

MOTION: "That Senate approve the establishment of a Committee to review Section IV, Elections, of the Rules of Senate, and to bring forward to Senate, for approval, recommendations for changes to those Rules. Composition of the Committee shall include: two Faculty Senators, one of whom shall be Chair; one Student Senator; and the Registrar. Members will be named by the Senate Nominating Committee"

↳ one Lay Senator;