

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
MEMORANDUM

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Referred to
SPCSAB by Sen.
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TO: Senate

FROM: M. Warsh

SUBJECT: SFU Open Undergraduate
Scholarships

DATE: December 17, 1987

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It is my intention to have the notice of motion presented to the May, 1987 Senate meeting now brought forth to Senate. I am not satisfied with the response of the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries. I believe it is proper for this matter to be presented to the full Senate.

MOTION: "that Senate expand the eligibility for all undergraduate scholarships to include those students enrolled in diploma programs"

Rationale:

Students enrolled in diploma programs at Simon Fraser are considered undergraduate students. They pay fees accordingly and are regulated by the same set of rules and procedures used to regulate other undergraduate students (e.g. admissions). By policy and practice, diploma students are eligible for all undergraduate scholarships with the exception of SFU entrance scholarships (for College or University transfer students). The exclusion of the group is based on the rationale "that students possessing a degree have had adequate opportunity to obtain an undergraduate entrance scholarship and that they should not expect society to offer them a second chance, at the expense of new generations of students." It is my belief that the committee failed in making several fundamental assumptions:

- 1) A degree is one of the requirements for entrance into Extended Studies diploma programs. It hardly seems reasonable for the University to design and offer undergraduate programs requiring a first degree for admission, and then to declare students in these

programs ineligible for undergraduate entrance scholarship as a consequence of having a degree.

- 2) The purpose of the entrance scholarship is to recruit the best students into the University. It is designed as an instrument of recruitment for College and University transfer students in the same manner that an entrance scholarship for secondary students is designed as an instrument of recruitment for graduating secondary students. SPCSAB has declared that some undergraduate programs can not use this tool, while other undergraduate programs can. Is it the intention of the Policy committee to make decisions as to which SFU undergraduate programs need (or deserve) recruitment tools and which do not?
- 3) It appears that the committee was confused over the difference between second degree candidates and Extended Studies Diploma students. Entrance requirements to Extended Studies Diploma programs include a first degree. It does not seem reasonable to assume these students "expect society to offer them a second change, at the expense of new generations of students." In making that assumption, does SPCSAB assume that graduate students should also be excluded from any form of entrance scholarship? Graduate programs require a first degree too.

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REGISTRAR AND
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November 12, 1987

Mr. Michael Warsh
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Dear Mr. Warsh

Attached is a copy of the response I have received from the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries to your notice of motion that was referred by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules.

Could you please advise if you are satisfied with this response or if you would like to have SCAR bring the matter forward to Senate. If the latter applies, it would be useful to members of Senate if you were to supply a statement setting out your position and rationale. If it is the former, please give me a note to the effect that you are satisfied with the resolution suggested by SPCSAB.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Ronald Heath".

W. Ronald Heath
Registrar



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MEMORANDUM

To: R. Heath,
Secretary, SCAR

From: Peter Kennedy,
Chairman, SPCSAB

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Subject: M. Warsh notice of motion

Date: Oct. 20, 1987

Re: Notice of motion by Senator Warsh, namely, **"That Senate expand eligibility for all undergraduate scholarships to include those students enrolled in diploma programs."**

The director of Financial Aid and Awards, Vern Loewen, spoke with Senator Warsh to clarify the concerns he has with the present policy. This conversation laid to rest all but one of Senator Warsh's concerns. The concern that remains is that students entering an SFU diploma program would be ineligible for the category of undergraduate scholarships called "Entrance Scholarships" if they had already completed a degree elsewhere.

Since it appeared that SPCSAB (and its predecessors) had no official policy on this, the matter was addressed at the next meeting of SPCSAB. At that meeting the committee voted unanimously to make students already possessing a degree ineligible for all undergraduate entrance scholarships.

A major rationale for this decision is the feeling of some committee members that students possessing a degree have had adequate opportunity to obtain an undergraduate entrance scholarship and that they should not expect society to offer them a second chance, at the expense of new generations of students.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Peter Kennedy
Chair, Senate Policy Committee
on Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries

FROM: W. R. Heath
Registrar

SUBJECT: Notice of Motion

DATE: Apr. 29, 1987

At the meeting of Senate on April 6, 1987 the following notice of motion was presented by Michael Warsh, Lay Senator:

"That Senate expand the eligibility for all undergraduate scholarships to include those students enrolled in diploma programs"

The Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules met on Wednesday, April 29th to discuss the agenda for the May Senate meeting and it was the decision of SCAR that this matter should first be formally presented to the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries for recommendation to Senate. As noted in the attached rationale statement from Senator Warsh, this matter had been considered by the former Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries some time ago but was never formally presented on the floor of Senate. Given this history, in referring this to the SPCSAB, SCAR requests that a recommendation on this matter come forward to SCAR to be included in a Senate agenda. It is SCAR's preference that this matter be discussed at the meeting of Senate on June 1, 1987 but given that such a recommendation would be required by May 14th this deadline may not be practicable especially if SPCSAB decided to obtain Departmental/Faculty input. Consequently, the matter should be presented no later than the September meeting of Senate which would require a report by Thursday, August 27th. Since Senator Warsh is not a member of SPCSAB it was the opinion of SCAR that he might be invited to attend a meeting of SPCSAB when this matter was being discussed.

cc: M. Warsh

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TO: Senate

FROM: Michael Warsh

SUBJECT: Notice of Motion -
Senate - Apr. 6, 1987

DATE: Apr. 23, 1987

At the meeting of Senate held on April 6, 1987, the following Notice of Motion was duly presented:

"That Senate expand the eligibility for all undergraduate scholarships to include those students enrolled in diploma programs"

Rationale:

With regards to the placement of my motion on the agenda:

- 1) A similar motion went to SCSAB in 1983. At that time SCSAB allowed all PDP students to be eligible for the SFU Open Undergraduate Scholarship. It did not, however, allow PDP students with degrees to be eligible for other Undergraduate Scholarships.
- 2) In 1984 a motion went to SCSAB which would "allow all PDP students to be eligible for all Undergraduate Scholarships". The motion was defeated.
- 3) The reason given for defeating the 1984 motion was that such a motion would be contrary to the will of Senate. The will of Senate was reported to be the exclusion of all second degree candidates from the list of those eligible for Undergraduate Scholarships. Diploma students were defined as second degree candidates.
- 4) It is nearly three years later and SCSAB has not brought the issue to the attention of Senate. I am challenging the veracity of the reasons given for defeat of the motion.
- 5) Although the composition and organization of SCSAB has changed during the past three years, I believe the issue should be brought directly to Senate.