

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S. 88-34
(Previously S.C.88-16)

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: W. G. Saywell
Chair of Senate

Subject: Membership on Senate
- Vice-President,
Research and Information Systems

- Vice-President,
Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre

Date: August 12, 1988

Motion: "That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 34(1)(l) of the University Act, the Vice-President, Research and Information Systems hold membership on Senate, with such membership adding two faculty members to be elected under Section 34(1)(g), and one student member to be elected under Section 34(1)(h),

and, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 34(1)(l) of the University Act, the Vice-President, Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre hold membership on Senate, with such membership adding two faculty members to be elected under Section 34(1)(g), and one student member to be elected under Section 34(1)(h).

The membership is to be effective November 1, 1988."

[Note: Subject to approval of this motion, an election will be called for four faculty members to be elected by and from the faculty members jointly, and for two student members to be elected by and from the students at large.

Current Composition of The Senate:

Ex-officio:	12	Convocation:	4
Faculty:	24	Appointed by the Lieutenant	
Students:	12	Governor in Council (to be appointed)	4]

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

**From: W. G. Saywell
President**

Subject: Senate Membership

Date: September 1, 1988

I recommend that the Vice-President, Research and Information Systems and the Vice-President, Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre be added as ex-officio members of the Senate, with the corresponding addition of faculty and student members to maintain the ratio as set out in the University Act. This recommendation is made with the following rationale.

The Vice-President, Research and Information Systems has responsibilities which are at the academic core of the institution's fundamental mission. Together with teaching, research is at the very heart of our mission and it is inconceivable that the Vice-President who has responsibility for leadership in this vital area not be a member of the University's highest academic body. The central role of the Library cannot be questioned and the Librarian (an ex-officio member of the Senate) reports to the Vice-President. The responsibility for all areas of computing is demonstrably academic as all modern universities move increasingly toward the use of computers in both their instructional and research activities. In addition to providing leadership in these general areas, the Vice-President also has explicit line authority for Computing Services, the Instructional Media Centre, the University Archives and the Library. All areas are more or less central to the academic goals of the University and it is essential that the senior administrator who provides leadership for them should participate in academic planning as a member of the Senate.

The Vice-President, Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre has responsibility for the administration of the academic programs as approved by the Senate. Some will be extensions of programs on the Burnaby campus while others will be developed exclusively for Harbour Centre. The Vice-President will be involved directly with the academic planning process for downtown as Chair of a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning. He will also play a role of fundamental

importance in program implementation. It is therefore appropriate and important that the person involved in these Senate matters be a member of, and accountable to, the Senate.

Senate will benefit from the direct and immediate interaction with both Vice-Presidents. These individuals need to include in their decision-making responsibilities the information arising out of Senate debate and discussion. As well, Senate will benefit from their improved communication. In short, the addition to Senate of two Vice-Presidents with major responsibilities that are essential components of the academic enterprise of this institution will serve to strengthen and inform communication on issues of academic importance for the University.