

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

FOR INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM

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To..... R. Heath,	From... W.A. Stewart,
..... Registrar	 Director,
	 Student Services
Subject.....	Date... 5th March, 1990

I understand that the President has asked for a report to Senate regarding campus security. Ralph Yeomans and I would be pleased to attend Senate to comment about the current situation and to answer questions members may have.

The Senators may find the following general comments useful as a background to our personal presentation.

The University has always used a contract security force. The current force is approximately the same size as the force we had when the University first opened - and we now have more than twice the building square footage to control as we did then. In addition, the number of students and staff on campus has increased three-fold.

A significant problem associated with Contract Security Forces is that employee training and development by the contractor is inadequate, and employee turnover is very high, particularly when the economy is growing.

With significant increases in purchases of expensive equipment in recent years, combined with a larger and more complex institution to control, we are having to upgrade the calibre of service in order to provide a secure campus environment.

Steps to upgrade our Security service in fiscal year 1989-90 included:

1. hiring a new Manager, Mr. Ralph Yeomans, who has extensive security management experience with the air force and with B.C. Transit; and
2. increasing the budget so as to hire a Security Programs Coordinator, Mr. Jake Meijer, who has twenty-five years of RCMP experience. During his last seven years in the RCMP, Mr. Meijer was directly responsible for supervising a large Crime Prevention and Victim Services section. In Campus Security, Mr. Meijer will be responsible for developing a campus education and crime prevention program, and for improving our campus security systems.

R. Heath

19th March, 1990

In fiscal year 1990-91, SFU will further upgrade campus security by:

1. making the four Security Shift Supervisor positions (currently part of the security contract) SFU staff positions, and hiring trained personnel for these positions; and
2. developing a 'Campus Student Patrol Service' to work with Campus Security on both a volunteer basis (Safe Walk Program) and on a paid basis (patrolling alcohol-related events such as dances, etc.)

With regard to the status of campus security, theft from automobiles and theft of computers are our most serious problems. We appear to have relatively few criminal problems compared to most other campuses. The RCMP consider us to be a low crime incidence area.

Our parking lots are relatively very safe areas. However, in order to improve security in our lots, we will be installing two well-lighted telephone islands. One will be located in B-Lot and the other in G-Lot. Both will have a public telephone and a direct emergency line to Campus Security.

Our planning has taken into account our current situation and our areas of vulnerability, and a number of programs are in the design stage.



W.A. Stewart.

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