

## SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

### MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: Nick Heath  
Secretary, SAB

Subject: **Senate Appeals Board (SAB)**  
**Annual Report 1989**

Date: March 14, 1990

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The Senate Appeals Board met 10 times in 1989.

#### Membership

F. Riahi - Chair (Elected by SAB)

#### From SUAB - 1 Member

D. Ryeburn (Faculty member)  
J. Weinkam (Alternate)

#### From Senate - 1 Member

R.W. Mathewes (Faculty member - elected June/86 - May/89)  
P. Winne (Alternate - elected June/88 - May/89)

P. Winne (Faculty member - Elected June/89 replacing  
R.W. Mathewes)

E. Palmer (Alternate - Elected June/89 replacing P. Winne)

#### From Student Society - 2 Members

A. Richmond (Student member appointed May/88 - Aug/89)  
T. Pagliacci (Student member appointed Aug/89 replacing A.  
Richmond)

W. Dang (Student member appointed May/88 - Jan/89)  
T. Hendrickson (Student member appointed July/89 replacing W.  
Dang)

S. Nyvik (Alternate appointed Sept./88 - May/89)  
T. Hendrickson (Alternate appointed May/89 replacing S. Nyvik)  
D. Belado (Alternate appointed Oct/89 replacing T.  
Hendrickson)

A. Gutteridge (Alternate appointed May/88 - Jan/89)  
(Vacant)

Attendance at Board meetings was very good in 1989 in spite of the length of meetings and the difficult cases involved. Readmission appeals dominated, and the volume of these appeals is such that personal hearings cannot be conducted. This has dismayed some appellants, who have felt that their appeals have not been given a fair hearing. This view was echoed in the Student Society Ombudsperson's report. There is little to be done in the present circumstances.

Board members have been gratified to see that the subsequent academic performance of readmitted students has been significantly better than before the imposition of more stringent screenings. In the case of students who are required to withdraw in their lower levels, the Board's advice to study at a college appears to serve the student's academic interest well, but for those who are withdrawn in the upper levels, it is difficult to suggest suitable coursework which would both advance the student's program and provide evidence for a favourable readmission appeal.

Members of the Board perform a very valuable service for the University and their service is much appreciated.

In addition to the appeals shown on the attached table, the Director of Admissions and Liaison handled cases through delegated authority as follows:

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Admission                        | 96  |
| Readmission                      | 10  |
| Early Readmission                | 5   |
| Retroactive withdrawal           | 37  |
| Selective Retroactive withdrawal | 7   |
| Other                            | 2   |
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| Total                            | 157 |

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Table 1: Results of Appeals January - December 1989

| Date<br>of Meetings                    | Jan 12    | Feb 09    | Mar 16    | Apr 07    | May 11   | Jun 21     | Aug 18    | Sep 07    | Nov 01     | Nov 29    | Total      |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Admission                              | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0          | 3         | 2         | 1          | 0         | 8          |
| Readmission                            | 1         | 0         | 69        | 2         | 0        | 107        | 1         | 0         | 81         | 0         | 261        |
| Early Read.                            | 6         | 1         | 12        | 0         | 1        | 23         | 0         | 0         | 16         | 0         | 59         |
| Retroactive<br>Withdrawal              | 5         | 6         | 2         | 6         | 2        | 0          | 14        | 11        | 8          | 10        | 64         |
| Selective<br>Retroactive<br>Withdrawal | 1         | 8         | 2         | 7         | 4        | 1          | 8         | 2         | 0          | 6         | 39         |
| Transfer Credit                        | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0         | 1          |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>85</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>131</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>106</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>432</b> |
| <b>Decisions Made</b>                  |           |           |           |           |          |            |           |           |            |           |            |
| Sustain                                | 7         | 7         | 14        | 6         | 1        | 39         | 14        | 7         | 14         | 6         | 115        |
| Prov. Sustain                          | 0         | 0         | 7         | 0         | 0        | 12         | 0         | 0         | 27         | 0         | 46         |
| Deny                                   | 6         | 8         | 61        | 8         | 4        | 80         | 7         | 4         | 61         | 4         | 243        |
| Defer                                  | 2         | 1         | 3         | 1         | 2        | 0          | 5         | 4         | 4          | 6         | 28         |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>85</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>131</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>106</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>432</b> |