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REPORT TO SENATE

**SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE ON
SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES**

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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This report covers the activities of the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) for the period May 1, 1989 to April 30, 1990.

During the first nine months, the Committee was chaired by Peter Kennedy. Roger Blackman served as chair during the remainder of the period.

Two meetings were held during the reporting period (on June 26th and November 30th, 1989).

The Committee agreed to change the membership of the Senate Graduate Awards Adjudication Committee such that the Director, Financial Aid and Awards will continue to be ex-officio non-voting member. However, the Assistant to the Dean of Graduate Studies will become ex-officio, non-voting Secretary.

The Committee expressed concern that the Annual Budget allocations for Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries do not take into account enrollment increases. This is the case for both Undergraduate and Graduate Programs.

In addition to routine business, SPCSAB dealt with the following issues:

Undergraduate Programs

A decision was taken to ensure that a grade of GN (grade not reported) would not affect a student's chances of receiving a scholarship.

Because the number of students with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 had increased substantially faster than the budget for scholarships and awards, the minimum CGPA requirement for the Open Scholarship was raised from 3.50 to 3.60. For donated scholarships, the minimum CGPA was to remain at 3.50.

The Committee reviewed the Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship Programs and chose to introduce only very minor changes to the previous year's programs. Consideration was given to the recruitment performance of the programs, especially in view of competition from the B.C. Universities, the Ontario Universities, McGill University and certain prestigious Universities in the U.S.

Graduate Programs

The Committee approved increases in the value of Graduate Awards as follows:

NAME OF AWARD	CURRENT VALUE September 1989	PROPOSED VALUE September 1990
Master's Graduate Fellowship	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,700
Ph.D. Graduate Fellowship	\$ 4,100	\$ 4,300
Graduate Stipends	\$ 4,100	\$ 4,300
C.D. Nelson Mem. Grad. Schol.	\$12,600	\$15,000
William and Ada Steel Scholarship	\$14,600	\$17,000

The Committee agreed that the Terms of Reference of the William and Ada Steel Scholarship should be changed so as to exclude new Graduate students. The revised Terms of Reference are as follows:

To be eligible to apply, a student must:

- A. Be enrolled in a Graduate Program at Simon Fraser University and
- B. Be engaged in research which requires work outside the Lower Mainland of British Columbia.

The criteria for this award are:

- A. Demonstrated academic excellence at the Graduate level and
- B. Evidence of outstanding achievement at the Graduate level, with particular emphasis on intellectual ability, originality and ability in research.

With regard to the limit of total support from Graduate Scholarship Programs for Graduate students, the Committee approved the following:

A recipient of a C.D. Nelson Memorial Graduate Scholarship or a Graduate Fellowship may accept other scholarship support from external sources. If the total of the Graduate Fellowship or the C.D. Nelson Memorial Graduate Scholarship and the other support exceeds \$20,000 per annum, the value of the Graduate Fellowship or the C.D. Nelson Memorial Graduate Scholarship will be reduced so that the total equals \$20,000.

II. FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS BUDGET 1989/90
Supervised by the Director, Financial Aid and Awards

A	<u>Graduate</u>	<u>1989/90</u>
1.	Bursaries	\$ 20,000
2.	Emergency Loans (non-recovery)	<u>600</u>
	Sub Total A	\$ 20,600
B.	<u>Undergraduate</u>	
1.	Scholarships (Open and Entrance)	\$1,283,448
2.	Bursaries (Open, Emergency and Daycare)	263,000
3.	Work Study	20,000
4.	Awards	108,000
5.	Emergency Loan (non-recovery)	<u>3,000</u>
	Sub Total B	\$1,677,448
	Sub Total A + B	\$1,698,048
C.	<u>Other</u>	
1.	International Bursaries and Scholarships	\$ 267,430
	Sub Total C	\$1,965,478

III. UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS STATISTICS 1989/90

A. SFU OPERATING AWARDS BUDGET (Number of Awards)

	<u>89-2</u>	<u>89-3</u>	<u>90-1</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. <u>Scholarships</u>				
Open	383	386	388	1,157
Entrance	22	235	206	463
International	21	19	20	<u>60</u>
		Sub Total:		1,680
2. <u>Awards</u>				
Athletic	1	26	21	48
Recreation	-	16	15	31
University Arts and Service	70	8	40	<u>118</u>
				197
3. <u>Bursaries</u>				
Open	191	118	333	642
Daycare	13	18	21	52
International	21	30	49	<u>100</u>
		Sub Total:		794
4. <u>Honour Roll</u>	50	103	117	270

Note: Students may receive up to three honour roll designations per year.

B. PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND AWARDS (Number of Awards)
(Awards are made to eligible students from privately donated funds which have specific Terms of Reference, as listed in the SFU Calendar.)

	<u>1989/90</u>			
	<u>89-2</u>	<u>89-3</u>	<u>90-1</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Scholarships	27	34	67	128
2. Bursaries	62	112	265	439
3. Awards, Medals and Prizes	20	27	14	<u>61</u>
			Total:	628

IV. GRADUATE BURSARIES

	<u>89-2</u>	<u>89-3</u>	<u>90-1</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Open Bursaries	20	15	19	54
2. International	28	11	21	60
3. Daycare	1	1	2	<u>4</u>
			Total:	118

V. EMERGENCY LOANS: UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE
Short Term, Interest-Free loans are available to students who require interim emergency funding while awaiting funds from other sources.

Value: Normally \$300 - \$500

During 1989/90, 1,286 loans were issued totalling \$527,095

VI. WORK-STUDY PROGRAM: UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE

The SFU Work-Study Program provides part time employment which is intended to be mutually beneficial to students and the University. Every effort is made to provide career-related job experience, which is primarily of a research nature. The Work-Study program is intended normally to supplement Provincial and Federal student loan programs, as per policy requirements of the government funded programs. However, Work-Study funded through SFU requires only that students demonstrate financial need to qualify. All students must meet a basic needs test, must be registered in, and maintain 9 credit hours or more in undergraduate studies, or be registered in a Graduate Program for Graduates, and must be in satisfactory academic standing.

Work-Study

	<u>89-2</u>	<u>89-3</u>	<u>90-1</u>	<u>Total</u>
Undergraduates employed	137	249	245	631
Graduates employed	16	18	25	59

VII.

1989/90 GRADUATE AWARDS
Administered by the Dean of Graduate Studies

Disbursement by Award Category

Graduate Fellowships	\$ 1,088,450
President's Ph.D. Research Stipends	\$ 218,550
C.D. Nelson Memorial Graduate Scholarships	\$ 95,400
Special Graduate Entrance Scholarships	\$ 22,200
Carryforward to 90-2	\$ 15,900
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,440,500
TOTAL BUDGET ALLOCATION	\$ 1,439,452

Disbursement by Semester & Award Category

<u>Name</u>	<u>89-2</u>	<u>89-3</u>	<u>90-1</u>	<u>Total</u>
GF	23 @ \$3350 40 @ \$3950 \$235,050	69 @ \$3500 58 @ \$4100 \$479,300	53 @ \$3500 46 @ \$4100 \$374,100	\$1,088,450
Stipend	19 @ \$3950 \$ 75,050	18 @ \$4100 \$ 73,800	17 @ \$4100 \$ 69,700	\$ 218,550
Nelson	6 @ \$4000 \$ 24,000	9 @ \$4200 \$ 37,800	8 @ \$4200 \$ 33,600	\$ 95,400
Special	1 @ \$3000 3 @ \$1000 \$ 6,000	1 @ \$1500 1 @ \$1100 7 @ \$1000 \$ 9,600	1 @ \$1500 1 @ \$1100 4 @ \$1000 \$ 6,600	\$ 22,200
TOTAL	\$340,100	\$600,500	\$484,000	\$1,424,600

VIII.

1989/90 PRIVATE GRADUATE AWARDS
Administered by the Dean of Graduate Studies

These awards are made from privately donated funds which have specific terms of reference as listed in the graduate section of the SFU calendar.

Disbursement by Semester & Award Value

<u>89-2</u>	<u>89-3</u>	<u>90-1</u>	
1 @ \$6,000	1 @ \$6,000	1 @ \$7,500	
1 @ \$4,000	1 @ \$4,200	1 @ \$6,000	
5 @ \$3,084	3 @ \$3,850	1 @ \$4,200	
1 @ \$2,250	4 @ \$3,250	1 @ \$4,000	
1 @ \$ 583	4 @ \$3,084	3 @ \$3,850	
1 @ \$ 250	1 @ \$3,200	4 @ \$3,250	
	3 @ \$2,500	4 @ \$3,084	
	1 @ \$2,000	1 @ \$3,000	
	1 @ \$1,900	3 @ \$2,500	
	1 @ \$1,600	2 @ \$1,500	
	1 @ \$1,500	1 @ \$1,100	
	2 @ \$1,250	6 @ \$1,000	
	1 @ \$ 650	1 @ \$ 700	
	1 @ \$ 600	1 @ \$ 600	
	3 @ \$ 500	2 @ \$ 583	
	1 @ \$ 440	1 @ \$ 501	
		1 @ \$ 500	
			TOTAL
\$ 28,503	\$ 70,476	\$ 82,653	\$181,632