

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: Nick Heath
Secretary, SAB

Subject: Senate Appeals Board (SAB)
Annual Report 1990

Date: March 20, 1991

The Senate Appeals Board met 15 times in 1990.

Membership

F. Riahi - Chair (Elected by SAB)

From SUAB - 1 Member

D. Ryeburn (Faculty member)
R. Rogow (Alternate member-elected Oct. 9/90 to replace J. Spagnolo)

From Senate - 1 Member

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

T. Pagliacci (Student member appointed Aug/89 replacing A.
Richmond)
T. Hendrickson (Student member appointed July/89 replacing W.
Dang)
D. Belado (Alternate appointed Oct/89 replacing T.
Hendrickson)
S. Bukovac (Alternate appointed Nov/90 to fill vacant position)

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

	Sustained	Denied	Total
Admission	21	83	104
Readmission	17	1	18
Early Readmission	3	0	3
Retroactive withdrawal	43	1	44
Selective Retroactive withdrawal	9	3	12
Other	1	8	9
Total	94	96	190

Readmission Appeals:

Personal hearings for readmission appeals were again suspended in 1990, because of the volume of appeals. The Senate Appeals Board was again gratified to see that most readmitted students (formerly RTW or PW) performed well at SFU in their first semester following readmission, indicating that the criteria being used for readmission were effective. These criteria are: "The Senate Appeals Board generally expects that students who wish to be readmitted will have completed one or two semesters of further transferable coursework (12 or more semester hours) at another institution in order to demonstrate that their academic performance has improved. A GPA of approximately 3.0 will be expected if the student has a further 12-15 semester hours of coursework; a GPA of approximately 2.5 will be expected from students who have completed a further 18-30 semester hours of credit. These averages are estimates only and are subject to change without notice." These criteria are published in *"A Guide to Academic Standing and Continuance,"* which is distributed to every student who is placed on 'Academic Probation' or who is withdrawn for academic reasons. At one readmission appeal meeting, the Director of the Academic Advice Centre was invited to attend as an observer, and this proved helpful in providing feedback to the Academic Advice Centre's Special Advisers on the nature of decision making in the SAB and the criteria used.

Forms

The Board discussed revised appeal forms both among themselves and with the Director of the Academic Advice Centre. In 1990, significant revisions were not achieved, although agreement was reached to delete a contentious question on the readmission appeal form, namely, "Do you give authorization for a Special Adviser in the Academic Advice Centre to have access to the information included in this appeal? "

The University benefits greatly from the efforts of the SAB and the voluntary contributions of its members deserve appreciation from students, faculty and administration.



Table 1: Results of Appeals
January - December 1990

Date of Meeting	5-Jan	9-Jan	2-Feb	9-Mar	16-Mar	26-Apr	9-May	18-Jun	12-Jul	14-Aug	7-Sep	22-Oct	29-Oct	17-Dec	Total
Admission															
Readmission	2	2		58					95	2	1		85		0
Early Readmission				7		1	3		27		3		16		245
Retroactive Withdrawal	5	2	6		4	8	5	8		8	10	9		8	57
Selective Retro W/D	2	2	6		9	5		3		7	6	6		5	73
Transfer Credit															51
															0
Total	9	6	12	65	13	14	8	11	122	17	20	15	101	13	426
Decisions Made															
Readmission															
Sustain	1			23					35	2	1		35		97
Deny	1			34					60				50		145
Defer				1											1
Early Readmission															
Sustain				2			2		11				4		19
Deny		2		5		1	1		16		3		12		40
Defer															0
Retroactive Withdrawal															
Sustain	5	1	4		3	6	4	8		6	9	7		8	61
Deny		1	2		1	1	1			2		1			9
Defer						1					1	1			3
Selective Retro W/D															
Sustain	2	1	2		7	1		3			6	5		5	37
Deny		1	4		2	4				5		1			14
Defer										2					0
Total	9	6	12	65	13	14	8	11	122	17	20	15	101	13	426