

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

Subject: Senate Membership

Date: November 21, 1995

Part 7 Section 34(2)(h) of the University Act stipulates that the membership of Senate shall include "a number of full-time students, equal to the number provided in paragraphs (a) to (f), elected from the student association in a manner that ensures that at least one student from each faculty is elected".

Currently, there are 12 student positions on the Senate.

Section IV.E of the Rules of Senate further defines the conditions for eligibility of students to nominate, stand for office, vote, and continue to hold office. There are no provisions within the current Rules to ensure representation from both undergraduate and graduate students. It is the opinion of SCAR that Senate and the student constituencies would be best served if there was a provision to ensure that, among the student representatives on Senate, there should be at least one undergraduate student and one graduate student. While history and the number of voters in each category suggest it is unlikely that undergraduate students would not be represented, it is the recommendation of SCAR that the Rule should address either possibility.

Senate is reminded that alterations of the Rules of Senate require written notice at a regular meeting of Senate prior to the meeting at which a vote on the proposed alteration is taken, and this vote requires an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the voting members present to carry.

Notice of Motion:

SCAR recommends to Senate that the Rules of Senate relating to the election of students be amended to include the following provision:

4. There shall be at least one graduate student and one undergraduate student among the total number of students elected to Senate under Part 7, Section 34(2)(h) of the University Act.