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REPORT TO SENATE

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

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Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries Report to Senate, July 1996

This report covers all business activities of the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) for the three semesters 95-2, 95-3 and 96-1.

Meetings

The committee held meetings on

May 18, 1995
July 20, 1995
November 10, 1995
March 1, 1996

Committee members:

K. Heinrich, Chair
J. Osborne
W.R. Heath
B.P. Clayman
C. Dean (June/95 - Feb./96)
S. Roberts (Feb./96 -)
G. Blazenko
E. Palmer
V. Dunsterville
C. MacQuarrie
Y. Irani (Oct./95 - Apr./96)

Entrance Awards:

The UBC OSI entrance scholarship of up to \$10,000 (\$2,500 in the first year and the remainder in annual installments provided a high GPA is maintained) is awarded to all BC students with an entering GPA of at least 86%. This award is well known and is one we cannot match. However, its existence led us to repackage our existing entrance scholarships as follows: the Summit, Regional Summit, Diamond and Specht Scholarships, are now all worth \$3,500 in the first year and following that the student will automatically be considered for the Open Scholarship (currently paying \$77 per credit hour) for a maximum total current value of close to \$10,500. A similar increase in the first year amount was made to the Caple College Transfer Scholarship. The value of the Dean's Scholarship was raised to \$3,500 in each of the first two years with the student then becoming eligible for the Open - the total current value is, therefore, potentially just over \$11,500. No changes were made to the values of other awards.

Changes were also made to the scholarship application process in an attempt to simplify applications for the students and adjudication at SFU. With that in mind, all students admitted to the university are automatically eligible for the Summit and Specht awards. These are awarded based on GPA only and, to ensure their effectiveness as a recruitment tool, may be awarded at any time. In Fall 1995, the admission average required was 92% and in Fall 1996, is 93%.

In the case of all entrance awards of higher value, students are required to write only one essay on a given topic, may apply for a Dean's Scholarship in only one faculty and are advised that they should expect a final academic standing of at least 90% before applying for a Shrum or either of the other two major awards. The number of Dean's scholarships awarded to a faculty is based on the faculty enrolment and faculties may (and should) make Dean's scholarships available to transfer students roughly proportional to the number of transfer students they have. Unfortunately, despite our attempt to consult we learned after decisions had been made that this could cause difficulties in

the awarding of the Dean's Scholarship in Arts and the issue will have to be reconsidered for the 1996/1997 adjudication process.

The above changes all took place for the 1996 competition.

Award Name		Total Value	Duration	Registered Female Male	
1995-2	College Morisse	\$3,000	2 semesters	1	1
1995-3	International Shrum	\$40,000	8 semesters		1
	Simon Fraser	\$30,000	8 semesters	1	
	Alumni Leadership	\$25,000	8 semesters		1
	Gordon M. Shrum	\$20,000	8 semesters	5	12
	Deans	\$6,000	4 semesters	13	6
	Summit	\$3,000	2 semesters	41	32
	Regional Summit	\$3,000	2 semesters	7	5
	Specht Applied Science	\$3,000	2 semesters	7	7
	Specht Science	\$3,000	2 semesters	10	11
	Jack Diamond	\$3,000	2 semesters	3	2
	Gordon M. Shrum (National)	\$22,000	8 semesters	1	2
	Kenneth Strand (National)	\$4,000	2 semesters	2	1
	Specht in Science (National)	\$4,000	2 semesters	1	2
	Jack Diamond (National)	\$4,000	2 semesters	1	1
	Hamilton (College)	\$10,000	6 semesters	1	
	Ken Caple (College)	\$3,000	2 semester	4	2
1996-1	Deans (College)	\$7,000	4 semesters		1
	Ken Caple (College)	\$3,000	2 semesters	1	1
	Specht Applied Science	\$3,000	2 semesters		1
	Summit	\$3,000	2 semesters	1	1

Note that at the end of Fall 1995 two students who did not receive an entrance scholarship but who achieved GPAs over 4.00 after a full load in 95-3 were awarded a one-semester Summit for the 96-1 semester. The committee feels that this is appropriate action.

Open Scholarships:

The committee remains committed to work to reduce the GPA required for students to receive the Open Scholarship until it is equal to that required for continuation of the Shrum Entrance Scholarship (3.60). With this intention and with the possibility of a major tuition increase for Fall 96, the committee approved the following: that the Open Scholarship no longer be valued at the full cost of a credit hour but that its value be set annually. For 96-3, 97-1 and 97-2 it is set at \$77 per credit hour. It was decided to modify the terms of the Open Scholarship to "capture" students who had had high GPAs over several semesters but did not qualify for Opens because of poor results in their first semesters. Such students will have to self-identify to be considered for an Open Scholarship (at this time there are no students in this category).

Open Scholarships by semester:

<u>Semester:</u>	<u>CGPA:</u>	<u># of Awards:</u>	<u>Total \$\$:</u>	<u>Avg Award:</u>
95-2	3.70	172	\$118,260	\$688
95-3	3.70	233	\$220,605	\$947
96-1	3.68	276	\$246,708	\$894
Total for three semesters:		681	\$585,573	\$860
International Students:		93	\$ 86,597	\$931

Stanley Morisse Scholarship: The terms of reference for this endowed scholarship were revisited to determine an appropriate mechanism that would ensure applications from students in Cyprus. Contact has been made with the University of Cyprus and the first student (Sotiroulla Aristodemou) has registered in Fall 1996.

International Entrance Scholarship: This scholarship continues to attract outstanding international students from the World Colleges. Three awards have now been made:

- 1994 Lily Fang, China, Lester Pearson College - Management and Systems Science
- 1995 Marko Vasiljevic, Serbia, Lester Pearson College - Engineering Science
- 1996 Baran Doda, Turkey, United World College of the Adriatic - Economics

Undergraduate Policies: Charlotte French, Director, Student Academic Resources, has prepared a policy manual describing SPCSAB principles and the specific regulations regarding the establishment, distribution and administration of awards and programs that are the responsibility of the Registrar's Office. The final set of policies were approved by SPCSAB in 96-2 and have been made available to Chairs and other officers.

Graduate Entrance Scholarships: The committee approved a recommendation from the Dean of Graduate Studies on the distribution of Graduate Fellowships. No significant changes have been made over past years.

Graduate Awards Budget in Fiscal Year 1995/1996

	Award Name	Number	Value	Total
1995-2	GF Master's	74	\$4,200	\$310,800
	GF Ph.D.	56	\$4,800	\$268,800
	Stipend	26	\$4,800	\$124,800
	Nelson	11	\$5,333	\$58,663
	Entrance	0	\$4,000	\$0
		0	\$3,000	\$0
		0	\$2,000	\$0
	SUBTOTAL			\$763,063
1995-3	GF Master's	107	\$4,250	\$454,750
	GF PhD	70	\$4,850	\$339,500
	Stipend	18	\$4,850	\$84,875
	Nelson	12	\$5,333	\$63,996
				\$0

	Entrance	11		\$42,500
		0	\$3,000	\$0
			\$2,000	\$0
			\$5,000	\$0
	SUBTOTAL			\$985,621
1996-1	GF Master's	66	\$4,250	\$280,500
	GF PhD	42	\$4,850	\$203,700
	Stipend	26	\$4,850	\$126,100
	Nelson	11	\$5,333	\$63,996
	Entrance	7		\$31,250
		1		\$0
		1		\$0
		0		\$0
	SUBTOTAL			\$705,546
	GRAND TOTAL			\$2,454,230
	Bal. Fwd 94/95 f.y.			\$396,020
	Allocation 95/96 f.y.			\$2,265,107
	Bal. Carryover to 96/97			\$206,897

Bursaries: The office of Financial Assistance distributes bursaries to both undergraduate and graduate students. Recent data collected by that office shows that students at all academic levels require additional financial support through bursaries and they, therefore, fill an essential need for all students.

Bursaries are awarded on the basis of financial need to undergraduate students registered in a minimum of 9 semester hours and graduate students registered in an approved full-time program.

In the 1995/96 award year the total calculated financial need after government student loan awards of bursary recipients was \$1,335,069. The total dollars awarded was \$945,195. The SFU funded, Endowed and Private bursary programs awarded \$101,353 total additional dollars in 1995/96 compared to 1994/95.

1. UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES

SFU Open (domestic)			SFU Open (international)		SFU Daycare		Private and Endowed	
# of Students	Ttl. \$		# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$
95/96	608	381,443	176	145,325	30	6,540	429	316,235
94/95	535	289,518	152	117,014	65	12,695	477	329,135
Change	+73	+91,925	+24	+28,311	-35	- 6,155	-48	-12,900

2. GRADUATE BURSARIES

SFU Open (domestic)			SFU Open (international)		SFU Daycare		Private and Endowed	
# of Students		Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$
95/96	37	36,825	54	44,700	19	4,727	6	9,400
94/95	58	41,225	53	43,600	23	6,005	9	4,650
Change	-21	-4,400	- 1	+1,100	-4	-1,278	-3	+4,750

*For detailed reports of awards for 1995/96 in the following programs contact Charlotte French, Student Academic Resources: government student loans and grants, the Work-Study program, Part-time Student Assistance, endowed and private scholarships, University service awards, athletic awards and emergency loans.

Budget and Fundraising: Each year the university increases scholarship/bursary funding according to a formula based on enrolment and increase in tuition. The committee was asked by the VP Academic to make a recommendation as to how these additional funds should be split between the undergraduate and the graduate budgets. Looking at historical information and what takes place at other universities, the committee did more than requested and recommended that, of the entire university budget for scholarships, awards and bursaries, the allocation per graduate FTE be 6.5 times the allocation per undergraduate FTE. This has been adopted and will be reviewed regularly. The committee is also interested in seeing a substantial increase in the university's endowments that support scholarships and bursaries. It was decided that we would use an unassigned endowed fund of \$100,000 (currently used to augment the scholarships and bursary programs) to support the 1996 Campus Campaign. We offered to add 50 cents to each dollar donated to an endowed university scholarship or bursary fund during the campaign. In total \$10,200 was donated and we matched it with \$5,100. It is our intention to continue this support until the \$100,000 is depleted - and hopefully that will be soon.

The undergraduate budget of \$2,484,292 and the graduate budget of \$2,508,030 is distributed as follows. Note that more detailed information on the distribution of funds at the graduate level can be found in the annual report to Senate of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Undergraduate Open Scholarships:	\$ 550,000
Entrance Scholarships:	\$1,198,250
Undergraduate Bursaries:	\$ 388,491*
Undergraduate Awards:	\$ 107,000*
SFU-Funded Workstudy:	\$ 24,000*
International Graduate/Undergraduate Bursaries:	\$ 149,900*

Graduate Fellowships:	\$1,858,050
President's PhD Research Stipend:	\$ 335,775
CD Nelson Entrance:	\$ 186,655
Special Entrance:	\$ 73,750
Graduate Bursaries:	\$ 53,800*

*Administered by Financial Assistance

Recruitment: One of the roles of the entrance scholarship programs is to attract the best students to study at SFU. At the graduate level the responsibility of this lies with the departments and their graduate studies committees. At the undergraduate level it is done mainly through the recruitment office. In an effort to ensure that counsellors in the schools understand the scholarships process and are able to give their students the best advice possible, during 96-1 and 96-2 school district counsellors from North Vancouver, Vancouver, Surrey, Abbotsford, Coquitlam and Burnaby were invited to lunch at the Diamond University Club to meet with the Chair and members of SPCSAB, the Registrar and Dean of Student Services, and the Directors of Admissions, Student Recruitment and Student Academic Resources. These have proven to be very valuable (some counsellors had not previously been on the campus). Two other important recruitment activities are the reception for new scholarship winners and their parents, and the information evening for all new students and their families, both of which are held in the Summer before the student must decide whether to accept our offer of scholarship and/or admission.

Motions: The following motions were approved by the Committee during the year.

Undergraduate:

Motions (November 1995):

That the basic value of the Dean's Entrance Scholarships be increased to \$7,000 over four semesters and that the process of awarding them be simplified and moved closer to the Faculties as a whole. Faculty recommendations should include some proportion of college transfer applicants.

That the basic value for the Summits, Regional Summits and Specht Scholarships be increased to \$3,500. No application required and adjudication based solely on admission averages.

That the basic value of the Caple College Transfer Scholarships and the Diamond Entrance Scholarships be increased to \$3,500.

That the University proceed to tie some entrance scholarships to the Open Scholarships on the understanding that the promotional literature makes it very clear that this is a potential amount, with the actual amount determined by the student's ability to meet stipulated requirements.

That the value of an Open Scholarship be set by the Committee on a fixed dollar per credit basis each fiscal year, and that this provision be reviewed when the details of the grant, tuition fees and enrolment projections for 1996/1997 are known. For 1996/1997, the value was exactly equal to the tuition charged at \$77/credit.

Motion (March 1996):

That the Committee should encourage and support the Campus Campaign through matching funds on the basis of \$.50 for each \$1. donated to awards for undergraduate and graduate students.

Graduate:

Motion (May 1995):

That, in determining the distribution of funding between the graduate and undergraduate components of the scholarships, awards and bursaries budgets, the allocations per graduate FTE be 6.5 times the allocation per undergraduate FTE, and that for year X+1 the allocation would be based on enrolments in year X.

Motion (March 1996):

That the recommendations for the awarding of graduate fellowships in 1996/1997 as set out in SPCSAB 96-3 be approved.

Acknowledgements: Thanks should be extended to the many people involved in both recruiting students and making the scholarship and bursary decisions.