

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Office of the Dean of Student Services and Registrar

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: W. Ronald Heath
Dean of Student Services
and Registrar

Subject: Election Rules

Date: January 7, 1999

The Rules of Senate (Section IV, Elections A. Elections for the Board and Senate, section 1.b) state:

"The nomination and election of members to the Senate under the University Act be undertaken in the Spring Semester and completed by April 15."

The timetable for the Convocation Election 1999 is structured around the publication of the call for nominations in the Alumni Journal. Using the Journal is a cost-effective way of announcing the Chancellor and Convocation Senator Elections, and calling for nominations. The Term of Office for the new Chancellor would commence following the June 1999 Ceremonies; the Terms of Office for the Convocation Senators would commence on June 1, 1999. Consequently the proposed dates allow for the transition of membership. The publication schedule of the Journal requires that the schedule for the election be as follows:

19 February, 1999	Call for nominations published in Alumni Journal
15 March, 1999	Close of nominations (noon) (20 days - Senate Rules specify not less than 20 days or more than 28 days)
12 April, 1999	Distribution of ballots by regular post
7 May, 1999	Deadline for the return of ballots (17 days - Senate Rules specify not less than 14 days or more than 28 days)

We therefore require a waiver of the Rules of Senate for this particular election.

Motion:

That for the 1999 Convocation Election, the date by which the election shall be completed shall be May 7th and not April 15th as stated in the Rules of Senate.

I have advised the Electoral Standing Committee of this proposed change and have the support of the majority of the members of that Committee, and I am now forwarding this recommendation to SCAR for consideration by Senate.