

**Simon Fraser University
Memorandum**

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(Revised)**

To: Senate

From: Alison Watt, Secretary, Senate Nominating Committee

Date: November 4, 2002

Subject: Elections at Senate Meeting – Monday, November 4, 2002

The following vacancies on the undernoted Senate committees are outstanding and are brought forward to the November meeting of Senate. Elections, if required, will be conducted by ballot at the Senate meeting of November 4, 2002.

Under Senate regulations, any Senator who wishes to submit nominations may do so by notifying the Secretary of Senate in writing (email watt@sfu.ca) of such nominations. Nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than Friday, November 1, 2002.

Nominations received after that time cannot be accepted. Senators making nominations must ensure in advance that the nominee is willing to stand for election.

Committee to Review University Admissions (CRUA)

One Faculty Member (at-large) to replace John Craig for term of office to May 31, 2004.

One Undergraduate Student (at-large) to replace Odai Sirri for term of office to May 31, 2003.

Reza Pourvali

Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA)

One Student (Alternate) to replace Chris Steinbach for term of office to May 31, 2003.

Wojtek Gerwel

Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA)

One Undergraduate Student Senator for term of office to May 31, 2004.

Senate Appeals Board (SAB)

One Undergraduate student to replace Chris Steinbach for term of office to May 31, 2003.

Nicola Kretz

Senate Library Committee (SLC) and Library Penalties Appeal Committee (LPAC) Dual position

One Undergraduate Student (Alternate) (at-large) to replace Jennifer Siegfried for term of office to May 31, 2004.

Reza Pourvali

Research Ethics Board

One Faculty or Staff member (at-large) Kathleen Akins for term of office to May 31, 2005.

One Student (at-large) to replace Wendy Gibbons for term of office to May 31, 2003

Krista Muis
Reza Pourvali

Muis, Krista

I, Krista Muis, am interested in the position of student representative for the Research Ethics Board Committee (REB). Since I have been a PhD student here at SFU, I have participated in a variety of committees in order to gain valuable knowledge and insight with regards to various aspects of a university. Serving on this committee will only enrich my experience here as a PhD student, and further prepare me for my future career. After I have completed my PhD, I plan to obtain a position at a university as an assistant professor. I believe that participating on a number of committees will only benefit me by preparing me to serve effectively and efficiently on committees in the future.

I am particularly interested in being student representative for the Research Ethics Board Committee. I have always had a keen interest in conducting research, the various research methodologies, and the ethical considerations one needs to be aware of when conducting research. I have taken a variety of research methods courses and courses specifically focusing on ethical considerations when conducting research (readings included "Beyond regulations: Ethics in human subjects research" King, N., Henderson, G, & Stein, J, [Eds], 1999; "Ethical principles in the conduct of research with human participants" APA, 1982). I have also had the opportunity to teach an undergraduate research methods course (Educ 222) and a graduate research methods course (Educ 864), both of which had one section devoted to ethical considerations. I believe that my interest and knowledge in research and ethics in conducting research will be an asset to the REB. I also believe that I will benefit from being a student member as I will gain valuable information as to the underlying processes that occur for ethics review. For me, this is a perfect opportunity to experience "theory into practice".

Please consider me for the position of student representative on the REB. I look forward to hearing from you.

Pourvali, Reza

Dear SFU Senate members,

I am a third year Molecular Biology & Biochemistry (Honours) student, with an A+ GPA. Throughout the years of my university education, I have strived for academic excellence as well as dedicated service to my university and community. I am the Vice-President of our departmental (MBB) Student Union. I helped with establishing the MBB Student Union, and helped organize many events: seminars/forums on bioethics and GMF, Christmas Food Drive to help the homeless, and more. I also helped establish the MBB Student Union Bursary to help students with financial need. In the past, I have been the Student Representative in our Departmental Curriculum Committee (DUCC). In addition I am currently a member of 3 SFU Senate committees: Senate Nominating Committee, Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee (SUAAC), and Senate Policy Committee on Scholarship, Awards, and Bursaries (SPCSAB). Being a member of SFU Senate committees was a wonderful experience: I could further improve my volunteer and leadership skills, and meanwhile give back to the university in a new and effective way. I am very much willing to extend my service to the university by participating in yet more Senate committees. In addition to service to university, I volunteer at Burnaby Hospital and Fellburn Care Centre. Recently, I won the 2002 SFU Alumni Association Outstanding Student Leadership Award (one of SFU's major leadership awards).

My interest to serve the Research Ethics Board stems from the fact that I am a scientist. Obviously, ethics is of tremendous importance in scientific research. As I mentioned before, I have helped organize a series of seminars and forums on bioethics, Genetically Modified Foods and more. I have learned much from those seminars, and would like to help with regulation of research through the Research Ethics Board. In addition, I have worked in many SFU research labs as a Research Assistant; I have worked at a biotechnology company as well. Like many other students, I spend a lot of time in the SFU library and use the library resources (textbooks, journals, etc.) regularly. Library is indeed of great importance to every student. I am willing to get involved in SLC/LPAC, and help make our library and its services even better. Finally, since undergraduate admissions and awards policy & adjudication are similar in many aspects, I would like to get involved in CRUA. I believe this is very helpful since I am currently a member of SUAAC/SPCSAB.

Thank you for giving this Election Statement your consideration.