

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.03-116

Memorandum

TO: Senate

FROM: Camilla Sears
Student Member
Senate

RE: February 4th National Day of Action

DATE: November 13, 2003

I wish to bring forward the following motion and rationale concerning the February 4th National Day of Action before the attention of the Senate.

Motion:

Whereas the Senate of Simon Fraser University has called on the provincial and federal governments to increase funding to post-secondary education, and

Whereas the National "Day of Action" is an event that gives students across Canada an opportunity to draw attention to student issues, and

Whereas funding to post-secondary education has been a prominent student issue in Canada in recent years,

Be it resolved that Senate requests that *instructors do not penalize students* ~~no student~~ be penalized academically for his or her participation in the February 4, 2004 National "Day of Action," and

Be it further resolved that Senate requests that faculty make every effort to accommodate those students who wish to participate in the February 4, 2004 National "Day of Action."

Rationale:

Student associations across Canada are working together to organize a National "Day of Action" to raise awareness for student issues in Canada on February 4th, 2004. National Days of Action have traditionally given students across Canada an opportunity to have their voices heard and to make issues of post-secondary education visible. As well, National Days of Action are historically among the most heavily promoted and massively attended events at Simon Fraser University. Therefore, the Simon Fraser Student Society is currently encouraging as many students as possible to take part in the rally and activities that will take place on that day.

Many other institutions' Senates and/or Education Councils have passed similar resolutions in the past, including Carleton, York, Dalhousie, King's College, Ryerson, Kwantlen, University of Toronto, University of Winnipeg, University College of Cape