

Simon Fraser University
Memorandum

To: Senate

From: Alison Watt, Secretary, Senate Nominating Committee

Date: January 25, 2005

Subject: Elections at Senate Meeting – Monday, February 7, 2005

The following vacancies on the undernoted Senate committees are outstanding and are brought forward to the February meeting of Senate. Elections, if required, will be conducted by ballot at the Senate meeting on February 7, 2005

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, February 4, 2005.

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 Undergraduate Student (Alternate) to replace S. Hunsdale for term of office to May 31, 2005.

Sarah Caufield

SENATE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINARY APPEALS (SCODA)

Two Students (1 Regular, 1 Alternate) to replace S. McKinnon and S. Hunsdale respectively for terms of office to May 31, 2005.

Sarah Caufield
Kevin Dhillon
Sean Magee
Andy Tugume
Jennifer Yoon

SENATE UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE (SUAAC)

One Undergraduate Student to replace S. McKinnon for term of office to May 31, 2005.

Sean Magee

RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD (REB)

One member from the community outside of the University to replace L. Kennedy for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Margit Nance

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY IN STUDENT LEARNING AND EVALUATION (SCAISLE) Note: Terms of office for faculty and student positions are for two years. In this first election, these terms will be staggered so all positions will not change at the same time.

Faculty Senator (Chair) for three year term of office to May 31, 2008

Two Faculty Members for terms of office to May 31, 2007

Alton Harestad

One Faculty Member for term of office to May 31, 2006

Two Undergraduate Students (1 Regular, 1 Alternate) for term of office to May 31, 2007 for the Regular position, and term of office to May 31, 2006 for the Alternate position.

Celeste Bickford
Sarah Caufield
Shirin Farrahi
Stephanie Kim
Bernard Smit
Andy Tugume
Josephine Wong

One Graduate Student (Regular position) for terms of office to May 31, 2007

Camilla Sears

One Graduate Student (Alternate position) for term of office to May 31, 2006

Douglas Grant

Candidate Information for elections to Senate Committees at Senate Meeting on February 7, 2005

Bickford, Celeste

Dear Members of Senate,

This letter is to express my interest in sitting on the Senate Committee for Academic Integrity in Student Learning and Evaluation. I can bring to the committee a strong desire to promote academic integrity and honesty as well as a perspective from two faculties, as I am pursuing a double major in Molecular Biology/Biochemistry and Business Administration. Currently, I am involved in supporting the university community through volunteering as an Orientation Leader for new students and being a member of both the Business Administration Student Society and the Bioscience Student Union. It is my hope that I will be able to do even more for the community through this committee.

Caufield, Sarah

I would like to express my interest in joining SCODA, SCAISLE, and CRUA. My interest in all three of these committees stems from an increased curiosity in the intricacies of how Simon Fraser University runs, and my interest in becoming more involved in this process. I have been studying here for many years now, but it's only in this past year that I have become more involved in broader aspects of the SFU community -- becoming more involved in The Peak (as an editor, rather than solely a part-time writer) and other SFU clubs, as well as student politics (I was recently elected to the Constitution and Policy Review committee of the SFSS) -- and I hope to continue to expand my experiences here at SFU.

My hope in joining these committees is to learn more of the policies that the university follows, and to uphold student participation and representation within the university functions.

Dhillon, Kevin

I am interested in becoming a regular or alternate member with the Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals. I am currently a second year criminology student; with an alternative interest in politics. In regards to discipline, I generally adhere to the principles of utilitarianism.

Basically entailing the general principles that all violations of law are committed rationally, and in turn, all dealings with violations of law should be dealt with rationally. On a personal level, I am bondable and partake in many volunteer activities, including: organizing various bottle/food drives, completing the Youth Volunteer Corps program and volunteering with the federal and provincial factions of the NDP. As an individual, I am also known to be honest, hardworking and responsible. On the whole, a decision to appoint me to the SCODA will not be one which will disappoint.

Farrahi, Shirin

I am writing to express my interest in becoming one of the student members of the Senate Committee on Academic Integrity.

I am a fourth-year electronics engineering student intending to graduate in May 2006. I pride myself on having very good academic standing (4.23 CGPA) and being involved in the engineering community at SFU. I have been heading the SFU Women in Engineering Group for the past two years. In this role, I have started a mentorship program for first-year female engineering students and was involved in advising the Engineering Department's Equity Committee on the students' perspective when they were preparing their list of recommendations to the department on increasing the role of women in engineering. I was also a member of the Engineering Undergraduate Student Society in my first year at SFU.

In the past three and a half years at SFU, I have realized that a student's merit is often determined by his or her GPA, but at the same time, there are many flaws with the way that students are evaluated, often resulting in unfair grades. I especially see this problem in the engineering department, where many students are very competitive and would do anything to get a good grade. In this close-knit program, students often have access to material from previous offerings of a course. There have been many cases where professors re-use material for homework

assignments and even exams, giving an unfair advantage to those who have access to these "course files". To further compound the problem of academic dishonesty in the engineering department, not only do the students not uphold the principles of academic integrity, but also in some cases the professors promote academic dishonesty.

Having been exposed to this widespread academic dishonesty in my department, I am very concerned that it has degraded the value of my education. Therefore, I am passionate about putting an end to academic dishonesty at SFU. I believe that this should be done by educating the students and instructors about proper academic conduct and enlisting members of various faculties to be in charge of promoting academic integrity in their departments.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me by e-mail to further discuss my interest in and qualifications for this position.

Magee, Sean

Application: Student position on Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (Preferred student position, willing to take on role of alternate)

Dear all members of the Simon Fraser University Senate. I am very interested in taking on the role of student member of the Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA).

I am currently in my second year at SFU, and am studying Environmental Science with a focus in Biology. I am also currently the Faculty of Science Representative for the Simon Fraser Student Society. I am interested in being a student representative to SCODA because I would like to engage myself in a wide array of learning opportunities while I am at SFU. I also think that disciplinary issues are pertinent today, and I would like to take on an active role the evolution of disciplinary policy.

Beyond my perspective on the subject of discipline, I believe that my experience over the last year on the Faculty of Science Undergraduate Curriculum Coordinating Committee (FSUCCC), in the Simon Fraser Student Society; in which I sit on the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and the Advocacy Committee, and the Biology Undergraduate Curriculum Coordinating Committee, will make me an effective member of SUAAC.

Finally I am committed to the activities that I dedicate my time to. So I make it a point to be timely, efficient, and persistent. I hope that you take my perspective and experience into account when considering me for the student position on SCODA.

Smit, Bernard

Re nomination for SCAISLE and statement of intent:

I am very interested in working with SCAISLE as I feel that the University is an intellectual community of learning and research whose quality is fundamentally dependent on the principles of honesty and integrity. Cases of academic dishonesty deprecates the quality of our community's scholarship and undermines the educational experience of our students. Students must be made aware of the importance of holding high principles of academic integrity and need to understand their responsibilities towards these principles.

I have been involved with the Engineering Undergraduate Student Society as its President for the past two years and through this position I have been involved with the academic issues surrounding our school. I

believe that working with SCAISLE will be a natural extension of my experiences and I will be able to make an effective contribution.

Tugume, Andy

My name is Andy Tugume and I am writing to you expressing my interest in two vacancies on the senate committees of SCAISLE and SCODA. I have already expressed my interest to Alison Watt in writing as well.

After reviewing the past report on academic integrity released by the group headed by Susan Stevenson, I would like to commend them on the work well done and I believe I can build upon their findings with dedication and commitment. Being an international student, I come with diverse experience and knowledge that will prove fresh in devising and moving forward ways to improve university practices, processes, and policies to enhance academic integrity and discipline at SFU.

Integrity, Hard work and discipline are the virtues that make a student excel not only in his academic work but also in extra curricular activities. With the opportunity to sit in any of the above committees, I can help find ways that will facilitate SFU students find the right balance between all three characteristics. I would appreciate it if I was given the opportunity to serve my University at such a level for the betterment of students welfare. Your consideration on this matter is warmly appreciated. Thank you.

Yoon, Jennifer

Statement of interest for Senate position Committee on Disciplinary Appeals

Third Year Economics Major.

During my years at Simon Fraser, I've come across many opportunities for a wide range of committees and organizations. But, none have interested me to participate as strongly as the Committee on Disciplinary Appeals. I was very inclined to apply for this specific position for the following reasons. During my entire academic career, I've been taught values of hard work, effort, honesty, fairness, and justness. Simple as they seem, these values have been the guiding framework of principles to follow, not just in terms of academics, but also in everyday societal relations. More importantly, I learned to truly believe in these values, and become passionate about them. I feel that with my participation in the Senate, I will be able to reflect the values I hold as a student and a person in society while making a difference in the SFU community. I am confident in offering my most sincere and serious efforts for the position.