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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate

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FROM Stephen T. Easton, Chair 
Senate Policy Committee on
Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

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RE: Annual Report

I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

Overview

SPCSAB is the committee charged by Senate with setting policy for the administration of awards, student scholarships, bursaries and other forms of financial aid at SFU. This is primarily for internal awards. Three other Senate committees, namely SUAAC (Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee), SGAAC (Senate Graduate Awards Adjudication Committee) and SCUH (Senate Committee on University Honors) adjudicate financial awards to students where adjudication is needed. Financial Aid and Awards is a unit within Student Services, which processes bursary applications.

SPCSAB is not responsible for setting the amount of money available for scholarships, awards or bursaries. We include for information, reports from both undergraduate (Appendix 1) and graduate studies (Appendix 2) indicating how funds were distributed. Policy decisions by SPCSAB in the 2014-15 period are detailed in Table 1.

Table 1

September 2014	Graduate Student Society Emergency Aid Fund	Terms of reference for the establishment of a non-repayable source of emergency funding available to Canadian (domestic) graduate students who encounter an “exceptional and unexpected” financial circumstance.”
September 2014	Aga Khan Academies Entrance Scholarship	Terms of reference for the Aga Khan Academies Entrance Scholarship.”
September 2014	Delegated authority	SPCSAB delegates the authority to draft and approve terms of reference for donor funded student financial aid and awards to the Financial Aid and Awards office and the Office of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Fellows.
January 2015	Lieutenant Governor’s Silver Medal Award	terms of reference for the Lieutenant Governor’s Silver medal program effective Spring 2015
January 2015	Provost Prize of Distinction	Revisions to the terms of reference for the Provost Prize of Distinction
January 2015	C.D. Nelson Memorial Graduate Entrance Scholarship	Revision to the terms of reference for the C.D. Nelson Memorial Graduate Entrance Scholarship.
March 2015	Graduate Fellowship Award	Increase in value of a GF from \$6250 to \$6500.
March 2015	Professional Programs Award	Revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Professional Programs in the Faculty of Education effective Summer 2015.

Appendix 1

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Appendix 2

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Disbursement Summary of Funding Administered or Supported through Financial Aid and Awards
Comparative Report: Fiscal Year 2014/2015 vs. 2013/2014

Type of Financial Aid Support	FY 2014/2015		FY 2013/2014	
	# of Awards Disbursed	Total Disbursements	# of Awards Disbursed	Total Disbursements
INTERNALLY MANAGED FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS				
Entrance Scholarships (University funded)	1,158	\$ 3,692,238	1,185	\$ 3,564,065
Entrance Scholarships (Annual/Endowed)	96	\$ 277,250	175	\$ 396,750
Subtotal	1,254	\$ 3,969,488	1,360	\$ 3,960,815
Open Scholarship (Undergraduate)	1,514	\$ 1,839,970	1,723	\$ 1,649,210
In-Course Awards (University funded)	455	\$ 440,850	317	\$ 289,122
In-Course Awards (Annual/Endowed)	253	\$ 311,838	228	\$ 263,269
In-Course Scholarships (Annual/Endowed)	428	\$ 413,195	382	\$ 361,689
Subtotal	2,650	\$ 3,005,853	2,650	\$ 2,563,290
Bursary (Open - Undergraduate - Domestic - University funded) ^a	1,577	\$ 2,146,568	1,880	\$ 2,185,156
Bursary (Open - Undergraduate - International - University funded)	1,030	\$ 1,602,535	975	\$ 728,706
Bursary (Open - Graduate - Domestic - University funded)	223	\$ 300,306	272	\$ 351,645
Bursary (Open - Graduate - International - University funded)	431	\$ 506,087	484	\$ 502,499
Bursary (Designated) ^b	190	\$ 410,236	136	\$ 275,204
Bursary (Credit Based Graduate Programs)	104	\$ 110,150	70	\$ 74,686
Bursary (Annual/Endowed - Undergraduate) ^c	3,428	\$ 893,613	2,058	\$ 831,190
Bursary (Annual/Endowed - Graduate)	56	\$ 67,708	56	\$ 57,416
Subtotal	7,039	\$ 6,037,203	5,931	\$ 5,006,502
Athletics Awards (University funding) ^d	456	\$ 705,350	321	\$ 349,928
Athletic Awards (Additional institutional funding) ^d		\$ 151,432		\$ 148,117
Athletic Awards (Externally Fund-Raised) ^e				
Athletics Awards (Annual/Endowed) ^e	327	\$ 483,450	427	\$ 780,047
Subtotal	783	\$ 1,340,232	748	\$ 1,278,092
Work-Study Program (Undergraduate)	367	\$ 455,310	477	\$ 626,258
Work-Study Program (Graduate)	34	\$ 47,143	42	\$ 54,912
Subtotal	401	\$ 502,453	519	\$ 681,170
TOTAL INTERNALLY MANAGED FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS	12,127	\$ 14,855,229	11,208	\$ 13,489,869
EXTERNALLY MANAGED OR SUPPORTED FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS				
StudentAid BC Loans and Grants ^f	29,695	\$ 50,366,645	31,218	\$ 52,307,865
Subtotal	29,695	\$ 50,366,645	31,218	\$ 52,307,865
Out of Province Loans and Grants	1,246	\$ 4,251,037	1,162	\$ 3,899,979
U.S. Loan Awards	313	\$ 1,168,114	361	\$ 1,422,660
Subtotal	1,559	\$ 5,419,151	1,523	\$ 5,322,639
Aboriginal Emergency Assistance	48	\$ 33,600	51	\$ 33,952
Subtotal	48	\$ 33,600	51	\$ 33,952
Non-SFU Administered Scholarships ^g	206	\$ 336,834	220	\$ 346,658
Non-SFU Administered Awards ^g	24	\$ 26,825	42	\$ 37,663
Non-SFU Administered Bursaries ^g	68	\$ 52,100	78	\$ 56,589
Subtotal	298	\$ 415,759	340	\$ 440,910
Athletics Awards (B.C. Athletic Assistance Program)	57	\$ 54,906	52	\$ 58,449
Subtotal	57	\$ 54,906	52	\$ 58,449
TOTAL EXTERNALLY MANAGED OR SUPPORTED FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS	31,657	\$ 56,290,061	33,184	\$ 58,163,815

Notes:

- (a) Bursary - Open - includes funding for World University Services of Canada (WUSC) student and other university funded bursaries
 (b) Bursary - Designated - includes Field School, Exchange, International Co-op, Aboriginal (Ugrad/Grad), Youth in Care (new for 2014-15) and SFU Intl Emergency Assistance (new for 2014-15)
 (c) Now includes # of awards disbursed for SFSS BuildSFU Bursary which was initiated in Spring 2014
 (d) The total # awards disbursed (456) is associated to both University funding and additional Athletic Award funding
 (e) Externally fund-raised Athletic Awards were combined with the Annual/Endowed Athletic Awards category for 2013/14 onwards. In 2014/15 the total # awards disbursed (327) was associated with both the Externally-Fund Raised and Annual/Endowed funding.
 (f) StudentAid BC funding for full-time and part-time students including any federal and provincial loan funding along with possible grant funding. Number awarded includes same student receiving more than one loan in the year.
 (g) Non-SFU administered financial aid and awards normally just requires proof of enrollment from institution. Funds are then disbursed to the student's SFU account.

Expense Summary of Graduate Award Funds Administered by Dean of Graduate Studies
Three-Year Overview: Fiscal Years 2012/2013 through 2014/2015

Name and Type of Award	FY2014/2015			FY2013/2014			FY2012/2013	Number of Award Recipients	Total Expenses (\$)
	Value per Award (\$)	Number of Award Recipients	Total Expenses (\$)	Value per Award (\$)	Number of Award Recipients	Total Expenses (\$)	Value per Award (\$)		
INTERNALLY-FUNDED GRADUATE AWARDS									
Graduate scholarships/fellowships/awards funded by Graduate SBA budget									
C.D. Nelson Scholarships ⁽¹⁾	8,000-18,000	87	931,333.00	15,000-18,000	62	753,000.00	15000-18000	58	601,832.00
Graduate Fellowships ⁽²⁾	3,125-6,250	806	4,206,250.00	3,125-6,250	835	4,321,875.00	3,125-6,250	761	4,192,875.00
Graduate Fellowships Supplemental ⁽⁸⁾	3,125-6,250	17	103,125.00	3,125-6,250	13	71,875.00	3,125-6,250	9	56,250.00
President's PhD Scholarships ⁽³⁾	6,250	87	543,750.00	6,250	121	756,250.00	6,250	123	768,750.00
Special Graduate Entrance Scholarships	500-8,000	85	341,017.00	1,000-10,000	97	381,455.00	1000-10000	91	329,465.00
Provost Scholarship	4,000 to 5,000	138	463,241.00	5,000 annually	104	348,781.00	5000 annually	90	304,356.00
Travel & Minor Research Awards ⁽⁴⁾	varies (avg 500)	431	290,553.00	varies (avg 500)	421	357,876.00	varies (avg 500)	350	190,785.78
Graduate International Research Travel Awards ⁽⁵⁾	2,450-6,250	24	121,590.00	2,650-6,250	19	91,266.00	2650-6250	41	202,217.00
Graduate Student Research Award	0	0	0.00	2,000-7,500	128	722,125.00			
Dean's Leadership Award	0	0	0.00	1,000	4	4,000.00			
Graduate Aboriginal Travel Stipends	1,000	5	5,000.00	varies	varies	5,000.00	varies	2	5,333.00
Graduate scholarships/fellowships/awards funded by Graduate SBA budget		1,675	7,005,859.00		1,804	7,813,503.00		1,525	6,651,863.78
Graduate scholarships/fellowships funded by Faculties/Schools									
Faculty of Applied Sciences Graduate Fellowships	3,125	22	68,750.00	3,125	18	56,250.00	3,125	1	3,125.00
Faculty of Business Administration Graduate Scholarships	750-10000	28	108,900.00	2,000-13,300	30	117,800.00	2,500-4,000	28	114,000.00
Faculty of Communication, Art & Technology Graduate Fellowships	3,125	8	25,000.00	3,125-6250	15	48,438.00	3,125-6250	7	21,875.00
Faculty of Education Graduate Scholarships	3,125-6250	7	25,000.00	3,125	9	28,125.00	3,125-6250	6	25,000.00
Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Scholarships	3,125-6250	51	166,500.00	305-6,250	60	196,640.00	3,125	5	15,625.00
School of Computing Science Graduate Fellowships/Scholarships	0	0	0.00	3,000	9	27,000.00	3,000	8	24,000.00
School of Interactive Arts and Technology Graduate Fellowships	6,250	1	6,250.00	6,250	1	6,250.00	3,125	1	3,125.00
Global Communication Scholarship	5,750-11,500	7	57,498.00	5,750-11,500	6	38,332.00			
Graduate Liberal Studies Scholarship	2,300-6,000	5	20,300.00						
Graduate scholarships/fellowships funded by Faculties/Schools		129	478,198.00		148	518,835.00		56	206,750.00
Other internally-funded awards									
Additional Graduate Fellowships (from UPF funds)	0	0	0.00	3,125-6,250	40	250,000.00	3,125-6,250	81	450,000.00
Graduate Aboriginal Entrance Scholarships ⁽⁶⁾	15,000-18,000	5	73,000.00	15,000-18,000	5	55,000.00	15000-18000	2	22,000.00
Private Awards (supported by endowments & annual donations)	210-27,000	297	1,116,625.00	210-27,000	290	1,056,956.00	210-27,000	290	1,050,348.00
CTEF Graduate Fellowships (supported by Community Trust Endowment Fund)	6,250	15	93,750.00	6,250	15	93,750.00	6,250	17	106,250.00
VPR-Climate Justice Project Graduate Fellowships (funded by VP Research)	3,125	0	0.00	3,125	2	6,250.00	3,125-6,250	2	9,375.00
VPR- USRA Science ⁽⁷⁾	4,500	80	340,570.47	4,500	57	249,468.75	4,500	57	256,500.00
VPR-USRA Social Science and Humanities ⁽⁷⁾	2,250-4,500	54	169,171.91	2,250-4,500	41	105,159.15	2250-4500	49	136,884.50
Other internally-funded awards		451	1,793,117.38		450	1,816,583.90		498	2,031,357.50
TOTAL INTERNALLY-FUNDED GRADUATE AWARDS		2,255	9,277,174.38		2,402	10,148,921.90		2,079	8,889,971.28

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EXTERNALLY-FUNDED GRADUATE AWARDS									
National scholarships funded by Federal funding agencies									
NSERC Graduate Scholarships	17,500-50,000	85	1,567,667.00	17,300-50,000	102	1,963,481.00	17,300-50,000	116	2,170,869.47
NSERC Industrial Post-Grad Scholarships (excludes industrial portion)	15,000	15	158,750.00	15,000	15	185,000.00	15,000	18	170,000.00
SSHRC Graduate Scholarships	17,500-50,000	151	2,757,935.69	17,500-50,000	170	3,111,822.00	17,500-50,000	201	3,511,783.95
CIHR Graduate Scholarships	1,7500-50,000	48	877,831.00	17,500-50,000	31	644,330.00	17,500-50,000	36	660,626.72
Canada Graduate Scholarships-M. Smith Foreign Study Supplements	5950	1	5,950.00	5,250-6,000	10	60,000.00	5,250-6,000	8	46,650.00
NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards	4,500	71	313,143.75	4,500	75	331,760.34	4,500	62	275,681.25
National scholarships funded by Federal funding agencies		371	5,681,277.44		403	6,296,393.34		441	6,835,611.39
Major scholarships funded by Provincial funding agencies									
MSFHR Graduate Trainee Awards	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,000-20,000	3	16,417.00
Pacific Century Graduate Scholarships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific Leaders Graduate Student Fellowships	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	1	13,334.00
Pacific Institute Climate Solutions Graduate Fellowships	12,000-18,000	12	109,000.00	12,000-18,000	9	105,000.00	12,000-18,000	11	135,000.00
Major scholarships funded by Provincial funding agencies	-	12	109,000.00	-	9	105,000.00	-	15	164,751.00
Other externally-funded awards and grants									
NSERC IPGS Industrial Sponsorships (contributed by industrial partners)	6,000	15	63,500.00	6,000	15	86,626.76	6,000	18	67,058.06
External Awards	varies	49	276,996.00	varies	58	438,963.00	varies	48	327,536.00
Northern Scientific Training Program Grants	varies	5	11,839.80	varies	5	9,679.27	varies	4	11,580.90
Centre for Digital Media Scholarships (MDM program)	2,000-8,100	35	355,752.00	1,230-8,100	33	208,412.00	1,250-15,224	31	191,204.00
NSERC & SSHRC GGSF Expenses (8)	varies	varies	43,824.42	varies	-	-	varies	1	337.50
CIHR Health Professional Student Awards	4,251	4	17,004.00	4,251	3	12,753.00	4,251	4	17,004.00
Other externally-funded awards		108	768,916.22		114	756,434.03		106	614,720.46
TOTAL EXTERNALLY-FUNDED GRADUATE AWARDS (9)		491	6,559,193.66		526	7,157,827.37		562	7,615,082.85
TOTAL GRADUATE AWARD FUNDS EXPENSED BY FISCAL YEAR									
		2,746	15,836,368.04		2,928	17,306,749.27		2,641	16,505,054.13



**Expense Summary of Graduate Award Funds Administered by Dean of Graduate Studies
Three-Year Overview: Fiscal Years 2012/2013 through 2014/2015**

NOTES

- (1) C.D. Nelson Scholarships are paid over three terms, normally starting in the Fall term. The figures reported may include recipients receiving their first award payment in previous years. The total number of award recipients reflects the number of students that were paid at least one installment of their C.D. Nelson Scholarship within the current fiscal year.
- (2) The total number of Graduate Fellowships (excluded GF Supplemental) reflects the number of award payments made to graduate students within the fiscal year.
- (3) Formerly called the President's Research Stipend. This award was changed to the President's PhD Scholarship in Fall 2012.
- (4) In Fiscal years 2012 to 2015, there were two options to receive funds for the Travel & Minor Research Awards program. Departments can choose to pay the funds directly to the students and be reimbursed by Graduate Studies
- (5) Formerly called Graduate International Scholarships. Name was changed to Graduate International Research Travel Awards effective May 2008. These awards are now funded out of the SBA budget starting in FY2011-2012.
- (6) The first offers for the Graduate Aboriginal Entrance Scholarships went out in Fall 2013. Formerly, this was paid from the SBA account (91211). In January 2014, the funds were transferred to its own account (91222). These awards are funded by the VP Academic office.
- (7) The Vice President's Undergraduate Research Student Awards (VPR-USRA) for Science and Humanities were offered starting in FY 2010-2011. These awards are funded by the VP Research office. The disbursements were moved to SIMS (formerly from payroll payments) starting in Summer 2014. The figures in FY2014-15 includes a few awards that started in Spring 2014, but where the actual payments continued to April 2015
- (8) The NSERC & SSHRC GGSF expenses for FY2014-2015 consists of expenses for SSHRC award adjudication meeting, and reimbursement for GF supplemental awards spending.



OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS
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**Summary of Graduate Scholarships/Bursaries/Awards (SBA) Base Budget Allocations
Five-Year Overview: Fiscal Years 2011/2012 through 2015/2016**

FY2011/2012 Base Budget - approved by BoG	6,772,236
<i>Adjustments for FY2011/2012:</i>	
Add: University Priority Funding	650,000
FY2011/2012 Graduate Students Unique headcount (based on IRP data)	5,513
FY2012/2013 Base Budget - approved by BoG	6,772,236
<i>Adjustments for FY2012/2013:</i>	
Add: University Priority Funding	450,000
FY2012/2013 Graduate Students Unique headcount (based on IRP data)	5,363
FY2013/2014 Base Budget - approved by BoG	6,772,236
<i>Adjustments for FY2013/2014:</i>	
Add: University Priority Funding	250,000
FY2013/2014 Graduate Students Unique headcount (based on IRP data)	5,422
FY2014/2015 Base Budget - approved by BoG	6,772,236
<i>No adjustments for FY2014/2015</i>	
FY2014/2015 Graduate Students Unique headcount (based on IRP data)	5,339
FY2015/2016 Base Budget - approved by BoG	6,947,236
<i>No adjustments for FY2015/2016</i>	