# Simon Fraser University Memorandum 

TO: Senate

FROM: John O. Stubbs, Chair, Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules
DATE: $\quad$ March 25, 1997


SUBJECT: Senate Nominating Committee recommendation on student representation on various committees

Action undertaken by the Senate Nominating Committee and the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules gives rise to the following motion:

## MOTION:

"that Senate approve the revision of the membership of the five Senate committees as set forth in S. 97-45 .

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To: Dr. John O. Stubbs, Chair, Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules<br>From: Dr. Louis Peterson, Chair, Senate Nominating Committee<br>Subject: Student representation on Senate Committees<br>Date: 18 March, 1997 (amended 25 March, 1997)

The Senate Nominating Committee met on 3 March to consider the difficulty in getting student representation on certain committees. All Student Senators were invited to attend, and 3 Student Senators did attend. We had a good discussion concerning ways in which information about student positions could be made available and methods for encouraging more student participation.

At the present time, there are 12 Student Senators and 17 committee positions for Student Senators on Senate Committees. The student positions on Senate committees are shown on the attached summary of positions (Student Senators; Students at large; students appointed by the SFSS). The summary also includes those positions which are available to all Senators (Senator at large).
The Senate Nominating Committee recommends the following course of action to SCAR and Senate:
"That the following student senator positions be changed into student at large positions:

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\text { Senate Committee on Continuing Studies: } & \text { 1 Student Senator Alternate } \\
\text { Senate Library Committee: } & \text { 1 Student Senator Alternate } \\
\text { Library Penalties Appeals Committee: } & \text { 1 Student Senator } \\
\text { Senate Nominating Committee: } & 1 \text { Student Senator Alternate } \\
\text { Senate Committee on International Activities: } 1 \text { Student Senator" }
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Rationale: Some committees are more closely allied with the central focus of Senate, such as SCAP/SCUS and the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees, and as such, require Student Senators. Some other committees, such as the ones listed above, could be equally well served by a Student elected at large. This proposal does not disenfranchise the Students Senators; it enfranchises the student body at large. Student Senators would still be able to run for these and other committee positions.

If Senate took this action, there would still be 12 committee positions designated solely for Student Senators.

Student
Senators

Students at large
$3+2$ Alts

## SCAP/SCUB

## 3

## (S.C. on Academic Planning/University Budget)

SCAR - Agenda and Rules

1
(S.C. on Agenda and Rules)
SCCS- Continuing Studies $\quad 1+1$ Alt
(S.C. on Continuing Studies)
SGSC- Graduate Programs $5+5$ Alts (G)(S.C. on Graduate Studies)
ACNGP1 from SGSC
Assessment Cttee for New Graduate Prgs.
SCHD - Honorary Degrees ..... 1
SLC Library Cttee 1 + 1 Alt
LPAC Library Penalties Appeals 2 (from SLC) 1 G/1 UG
SNC (Nominating) ..... $1+1$ Alt
SPCSAB 1 G/1 UG

- Policy Cttee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries
SUAAC ..... 2- Undergradaute Awards Adjudication Cttee
SGAAC ..... 2
- Graduate Awards Adjudication Cttee
SAB - Appeals Board ..... $2+2$ alts
CRUA$2+1$ alt
- Review Undergraduate Admissions
SCUS- undergrad. studies 1
SCEMP1
- Enrollment Management and Planning
ESC - Electoral Standing Cttee. 1 ..... 2
SCIA - International Activities 1 ..... 1
IUSEC ..... 1
- International Undergraduate Student Exchange Cttee
SCUTL - Univ. Teaching and Learning ..... 1G/1UG
DQAC - Diverse Qualifications ..... 1 ..... 1

| Total | $14+3$ alts | $17+10$ | $\mathbf{2 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ |
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|  | 17 |  |  |  |

