

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To.....SENATE.....

From... K. George Pedersen.....

..... President .....

Subject...SEARCH PROCEDURE FOR ASSOCIATE  
VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

Date... April 25, 1980.....

At the March 25, 1980 meeting of our Board of Governors, approval was given to the procedures to be used in identifying a suitable candidate for the position of Associate Vice-President, Academic. These procedures which were approved made no provision for a ratification vote to be taken by regular, full-time faculty. These procedures were then forwarded to Senate for approval, as required in Section 28 (e) of the Universities Act, as follows:

Powers of Board

28. Subject to the powers of the Universities Council, the management, administration, and control of the property, revenue, business, and affairs of the university are vested in the board, and, without limiting the foregoing or the general powers conferred upon or vested in the board by this Act, the board has power

(e) with the approval of the senate, to establish procedures for the recommendation and selection of candidates for president, deans, librarians, registrar, and other senior academic administrators as the board may designate.

As you are aware, Senate at its regular meeting on April 14, 1980, elected to amend the proposed procedures through the inclusion of ratification procedures. The legality of such an amendment aside, the amended procedures were further considered by our Board at its meeting on April 22, 1980. In addition to considering the wishes of Senate on this matter, the Board heard arguments on behalf of the Faculty Association in support of the ratification provision. After considerable discussion on this matter, the Board, by majority vote, defeated inclusion of a ratification procedure of the candidate, thereby retaining the procedures of the original proposal as submitted to Senate for approval.

Clearly, the Board of Governors has no desire to assume a position of confrontation with Senate. However, the Board does feel it has sound reasons for the action which it proposes and I will attempt to elaborate on them at our meeting on May 12, 1980. In the meantime, I would like to remind Senate of the necessity to move ahead with this appointment as soon as possible. In this regard, I urge you to consider seriously the need to approve the procedures submitted for consideration by the Board of Governors.

*K. G. Pedersen*

MOTION: "That Senate approve the proposed Search Procedure for Associate Vice-President, Academic, as follows:

1. Search Committee Composition

Chairman -Vice-President, Academic  
2 Deans - selected by the Deans  
3 faculty - elected at large  
President, Faculty Association, or his designate  
2 students - appointed by Student Forum

2. Terms of Reference:

- a) To recommend to the President a candidate to be appointed Associate Vice-President, Academic, if possible effective September 1, 1980.
- b) The search is to be limited to current faculty members at Simon Fraser University.
- c) The Committee is expected to undertake an active search for candidates.
- d) The Committee's deliberations shall be confidential and shall be conducted according to the rules of procedure for Senate committees. A decision on recommendation to the President of a candidate for appointment shall be made by majority vote.
- e) If the President does not find it possible to recommend to the Board of Governors the appointment of the candidate recommended by the Committee, the Committee shall undertake once more the responsibilities outlined above."