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FROM Jonathan Driver, Dean of Graduate Studies

RE SGSC membership: Changes (GS2008.09)

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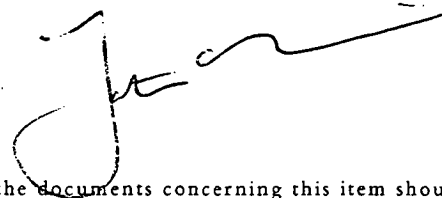
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Motion

Currently the membership of SGSC includes "Graduate Issues Officer, SFSS (or designate)". In view of the formation of the Graduate Student Society at Simon Fraser University, effective May 1st 2008, SGSC recommends the following change:

That SGSC membership be amended to change "Graduate Issues Officer, SFSS (or designate)" to "President, GSS (or designate)"



Senators wishing to consult the documents concerning this item should contact Bobbie Grant, Senate Assistant (bgrant@sfu.ca or 778.782.3168)

The Graduate Student Society at Simon Fraser University

Memorandum

February 25, 2008

To: Jon Driver

From: Michael Letourneau
Chair, Graduate Council, GSS
At-large graduate student representative, SFSS

Re: Changes to SGSC composition

Since 1967, graduate students at SFU have been represented by the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS). At present, one seat on the Senate Graduate Studies Committee is filled *ex-officio* by the Graduate Issues Officer of the Simon Fraser Student Society. As its name implies, the Graduate Issues Officer coordinates matters related to graduate students for the SFSS.

In March of 2007, SFU students voted 82% in favour of the creation of a separate and independent graduate student society to represent the interests of the graduate students of SFU. On July 26, 2007, The Graduate Student Society at Simon Fraser University (GSS) was incorporated to fulfill that mandate.

On October 10, 2007, students at the annual general meeting of the SFSS voted more than 75% in favour of amending the SFSS's by-laws to, among other things, end the membership of graduate students in the SFSS and abolish the position of Graduate Issues Officer. These amendments take effect on May 1, 2008.

Since the amendments to the SFSS's by-laws are to be effective on May 1 of this year, it will mean that the position of Graduate Issues Officer will cease to exist. Consequent to this, the GSS will begin full operations on May 1, with a full slate of officers to manage its affairs. This slate of officers will include a President of the Society, whose duties include "represent the Society as a whole to the University and external communities".

These changes have motivated the following motion that I would like SGSC to consider at its next meeting:

That the Committee recommend to the Senate that the terms of reference for the Committee be amended to replace the Graduate Issues Officer of the Simon Fraser Student Society as an *ex-officio* member of the Committee with the President of the Society of The Graduate Student Society at Simon Fraser University as an *ex-officio* member of the Committee.