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THINKING OF THE WORLD

TO: Senate  
FROM: Alison Watt, Secretary, Senate Nominating Committee  
DATE: October 12, 2007  
SUBJECT: Elections at Senate Meeting - Monday, October 15, 2007

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These Senate committees currently have vacancies. Elections, if required, will be conducted by ballot at the Senate meeting of October 15, 2007. 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, October 12, 2007. Nominations received after that time will not be accepted. Senators making nominations must ensure in advance that the nominee is willing to stand for election.

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS)

**One Senator at-large** (to fill an existing vacancy) for term of office to May 31, 2008.

Paul Li

**One Senator at-large** (to fill an existing vacancy) for term of office to May 31, 2009.

Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL)

**One Faculty Member (from Health Sciences)** (replacing Craig Janes) for term of office to May 31, 2010.

**Elected by acclamation**

Timothy Beischlag

Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)

**One Senator (Faculty of Health Sciences)** to replace Kitty Corbett for term of office to May 31, 2009.

**Elected by acclamation**

Lorraine Malcoe

Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA)

**One Faculty Member (Alternate)** to replace Bruce Kadonoff for term of office to May 31, 2008.

**Elected by acclamation**

Geoffrey Poitras

**Two Students (1 Regular, 1 Alternate)** to replace Karel Casteels and Jeff Miller for terms of office to May 31, 2008.

**Elected by acclamation**

Joe Paling (Reg)

**Elected by acclamation**

Karen Tse (Alt)

Committee to Review University Admissions (CRUA)

**One Undergraduate Student (Alternate)** to replace Hamza Malik for term of office to May 31, 2009.

**Ballot required**

Tara Azimi  
Chia Hao (John) Hu  
Kam Khella

Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA)

**One Undergraduate Student Senator** to replace Hamza Malik for term of office to May 31, 2009.

International Student Exchange Committee (ISEC)

**One Student (at-large)** to replace Hamza Malik for term of office to May 31, 2008

**Ballot required**

Kam Khella  
James Rankin

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**AZIMI, TARA**

To: Simon Fraser Senators

My name is Tara Azimi and I am a third year student working towards a Bachelor of Arts in the Health Sciences and a minor in gerontology. I was born in Iran, but moved to Canada over 17 years ago and have lived in various provinces ever since. I moved to BC three ago after the completion of high school in Ontario where I began my studies in the faculty of sciences at SFU. During the last year I have switched to the Health Sciences program in hopes of learning more and better preparing myself for my childhood dream of working in a medical field. I am currently involved with the Health Science Undergraduate Student Union where I am the chairperson and temporary forum representative. I am also the student representative for the faculty of Health Sciences Undergraduate Student Studies Committee. I continually work with various faculty members during recruitment processes and the many events they require help with. I am a very ambitious, hardworking and organized individual who takes great pride in being involved in my community, making a difference and continually interacting with others. I take my education very seriously and through it hope to make big differences in the world.

My interest in becoming involved with the CRUA comes from my passion to be involved in the process of choosing our students and from my experience of being involved with the Health Sciences curriculum committee. I feel that I can be a valuable member since by applying to universities from Ontario; I have a broad perspective and knowledge of admission requirements and high school curriculums across Canada. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to attend this university and to get an education. Thus, I understand the importance of the admission process and the students chosen to attend our university. I also understand the importance of getting into a university from a student's perspective and the range of difficulties for many. Therefore, I sincerely feel that I will not only have useful input, but will be fair and not biased during important decision making. My interest is heightened from my desire and ability to be a small influencing factor in the lives of future students and our university on a whole. Furthermore, I enjoy being involved in important matters and in meeting those who are so influential at SFU.

I would like to thank you the opportunity to be a candidate and for your time and consideration.

**HU, CHIA HAO (JOHN)**

My name is Chia hao Hu and I am a Christian. My life as a student has also been an amazing ride, starting from immigrating here 11 years ago not knowing how to spell my name for the first assignment. I then returned to Taiwan and almost failed math as an honors math student selected by the City of Taipei. I came back. I finished high school through distance education while taking architecture at BCIT, and later received \$72,000 to study in the States but still was not able to pay; finally this May, I was advised after a pneumothorax not to go on a plane to UK where I was accepted by all six UCAS choices to study sustainable design. Now I am a health science student at SFU, looking forward to completing PDP while going after a career in oncovirology. This mishmash of experiences did not make me appreciate education I already longed for it enough but it did make me realize the difference between university life and a high school students vision of university life. I once planned to graduate as soon as possible, but now I enjoy what I can do as a university student. I've tasted full-time work above entry-level as a curriculum developer and instructor last year, so I've really convinced myself that life as a university student is different and its different in a good way. This experience has encouraged me to believe that if any student should like to try out university, they should be given a fair chance to go at it.

I am especially interested in how participating in CRUA allows students to become involved with appeals and consideration of special cases; I like how it is possible for students to have a say in offering second chances. Having been denied admission before, I understand how much it means to an applicant to be given a chance to present themselves outside of statistics. For those who are seeking re-admission, I think their desire to return should also earn themselves the chance to depict a more complete picture of who they are. I understand that it takes a lot of resources to consider the personal stories behind every single student seeking admission, which for SFU involves a good amount of high school and mature students, and so I think it is an excellent idea for interested students to help in tackling the impossible. Though the contributions may be minute, admission into university can be a big part of a persons life so in the end, I am willing to make whatever efforts a passionate university student can make.

Thank you for your time!

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**KHELLA, KAM**

**SFU Senate Committee Statement of Interest**

I'm currently a third year student majoring in Health Sciences. I've been at SFU all three years and am well versed with the workings of the university. I come from a multi-disciplinary background. I've taken courses in a variety of faculties, including and not limited to Criminology, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Philosophy and English. Furthermore, I have an extensive work/volunteer background that makes me a well rounded individual. Currently I work for the federal government in law enforcement (customs/immigration at Vancouver International Airport). I am constantly in contact with the public, conduct investigations, and make numerous important decisions. Prior to this I worked in retail where I provided customer service. I also have volunteered in a number of different capacities. I coached and co-coached soccer for numerous years. I was in charge of running an Under 14 soccer team, holding practices, and ordering equipment. I've also been in charge of supervising 15 students during a 3 day long camping trip. Furthermore, I've volunteered with the Red Cross, community policing stations, and the Variety Club of BC. From the experiences above and many others I have had a chance to develop myself as an individual. I've built great leadership, communication and decision making skills. Moreover, my work experience has allowed me to work with people in a variety of situations who come from different backgrounds and cultures. I've also had the pleasure of working in a customer service environment where addressing the needs of people is a crucial aspect.

I would like to participate in the Senate committee for a variety of reason. For starters I think it's imperative that the undergraduate students of SFU are represented appropriately during such meetings. Furthermore, with my diverse background I think I would contribute a lot to the committee. I have dealt with people in a variety of situations/environments, understand people on many levels. Furthermore I've been exposed to people from all walks of life and from all parts of the world, and have gained an understanding of all the diversity that surrounds us. I have a passion for joining the committee and therefore think I would contribute a lot to it. I would love to have the pleasure of being part of such an important aspect of SFU.

I look forward to hearing your decision and thank you for your time and giving me this opportunity.

**RANKIN, JAMES**

My name is James Rankin and I am a first-year graduate student in the Faculty of Health Sciences. I am writing to apply for the open student position on the ISEC. I am interested in this position because I have significant international experience and would like to apply my experience to a committee for international students.

In the summer of 2002 I worked as a waiter in south-west Germany on a student work exchange program. The purpose of this program was to practise and improve my German language skills in a professional environment. After receiving my BSc in Biology from McGill I traveled to Seoul, South Korea, to work as an English teacher for 2.5 years. While I was there I also studied Korean full-time at Sogang University, in Seoul.

I am comfortable working in both English and French, and am able to communicate at an intermediate level in German and Korean.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application.