



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
THINKING OF THE WORLD

TO: Senate
FROM: Alison Watt, Secretary, Senate Nominating Committee
DATE: November 14, 2007
SUBJECT: Elections at Senate Meeting - Monday, December 3, 2007

The following Senate committees currently have vacancies. Elections, if required, will be conducted by ballot at the Senate meeting of December 3, 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, November 30, 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 International Activities (SCIA)

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

Research Ethics Board (REB)

One Member from the University Community to replace Maureen Hoskyn for term of office from January 1, 2008 to May 31, 2008.

Benjamin Lee
Amanda van Baarsen

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STATEMENT OF INTEREST - BENJAMIN LEE

Leadership is certainly not comfortable inaction — I believe strong leadership is continuously developed when alternating between the roles of follower as well as leader. These learning experiences are of equal value, and it is service, commitment and initiative that characterizes who I am. As a third year Criminology and Health Sciences student, I am a co-op student and in the process of completing my Certificate in Liberal Arts. At the community level, I sharpened facilitating and teaching skills through my involvement with S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Next summer will mark 10 years of volunteering with the non-profit organization. In 2006, I earned The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. Last June, The Honourable Iona Campagnolo presented me with The Duke of Edinburgh's Leaders Recognition. Since September, I wanted to increase my involvement within the SFU community. Already, 50 like-minded students and I are participating in SFU's Certificate in Innovative Leadership program. Recently, I was affirmed as student senator representing the Faculty of Health Sciences, followed by my appointment to the Diverse Qualifications Adjudication Committee.

When I think of the Research Ethics Board (REB), compassion, accountability and being unafraid to take principled stands comes to mind. Vigorous analysis is also an imperative process because the past has consistently shown to deviate from humanity to brutality is never far away. As Canadians, the values we uphold and identify include democracy and inclusion. Therefore, each of us has the obligation to defend informed and voluntary consent, the balance between foreseeable harm and anticipated benefit, and the rightful expectation to privacy. Furthermore, REB members must always consider the vulnerable — they too hold the *Charter* entitlements of human dignity and respect. The arguments of "serving the greater good" have more often resulted in the perception that those not in favour become lesser humans, whose rights then automatically diminish. I personally view that argument with hearty skepticism.

What I have expressed and what I stand for will add to what the Research Ethics Board already exemplifies. Thank-you for considering my nomination.