

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Memorandum

TO: Senate

FROM: Alison Watt, Secretary, Senate Nominating Committee

DATE: September 12, 2005

SUBJECT: Elections at Senate Meeting - Monday, Sept 12, 2005

The following vacancies on Senate committees are outstanding and are brought forward to the September meeting of Senate. Elections, if required, will be conducted by ballot at the Senate meeting of September 12, 2005.

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, September 9, 2005.

Nominations received after that time cannot be accepted. Senators making nominations must ensure in advance that the nominee is willing to stand for election.

SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE (SLC) AND LIBRARY PENALTIES APPEAL COMMITTEE (LPAC) - DUAL POSITIONS

One Graduate Student (Alternate) for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation

Mark Weiler

SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (SNC)

One Graduate Student for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation

Mark Weiler

ELECTORAL STANDING COMMITTEE (ESC)

One Senator for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Elected by acclamation

Paul Percival

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS (CRUA)

One Undergraduate Student (Alternate) to replace A. van Baarsen for term of office to May 31, 2007.

Ballot Required

Alex Hayer
Colin McInnis
Xenia Menzies

Candidate Information
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McInnis, Colin

Dear Senators,

My name is Colin McInnes and I am a fourth year Integrative Biology Student*. I spent my first two years at Douglas College where I obtained an Associates in Science Degree and then I transferred to SFU last fall. I am enthusiastic in all that I do and would really like to be a member of the Committee to Review University Admissions. I am a fairly decent student with an A-/A cumulative grade point average and I also like to participate in many extra curricular activities. Although many of the activities I participate in are off campus, such as volunteering on the Blackcomb Ski Patrol or volunteering at the Royal Columbian Hospital, I do spend lots of time on campus with friends running, working out, playing drop-in basketball, and, of course, studying.

There are a number of reasons why I would like to be on the CRUA. First, I feel that the admission committee has an extremely important job and needs to be very responsible, especially as competition for admission increases. There are certain factors, such as the documented high school grade inflation, where I feel the committee has a challenge to ensure fairness and equal opportunities to all students. Second, as a transfer student from Douglas College, I feel that I can bring a fresh perspective to help ensure that the transfer process is realistic and fair for college students. For example, I am aware that once a college student has an Associates Degree that admission requirements are quite low. However, without an Associates Degree, which can be difficult even for strong students to obtain in two years (due to course availability), university admission may be difficult to obtain. Finally, I am interested in the admission process as a whole and feel that I would be a great addition to the Committee to Review University Admissions.

I appreciate the time put into reading and considering my application.

Sincerely

Colin McInnes

*Please note that although I am going into fourth year, I am planning to do an honours degree, in which case, I will be able to fulfill the entire term of the position up to May 31, 2007.

Menzies, Xenia

Dear Senators,

My name is Xenia Menzies and I'd like to apply for the alternate position on the Committee to Review Undergraduate Admissions. I think this would be a position which would I would be well suited for in a number of ways. I am currently entering my second year, and therefore will be eligible for this position for the entire term, which is not likely of the other applicants. I have sat on academic and advocating committees within the university as a student representative and I feel I have gained much from them. In addition, I have a broad based student involvement, as an elected member of the SFSS Board of Directors as well as a VP in the Business Administration Student Society and a member of more than three campus clubs. I think this has allowed me to be involved with a wide range of students and university experiences.

I feel this position is about having an objective viewpoint of the University's capacities and goals, and complimenting that perspective with an ability to empathize with unusual and extraordinary circumstances of the individual in question. I hardly can claim to have mastered those skills but I'd like to be able to develop and practice that balance. I would endeavor to make all decisions to the best of my abilities. I think that is the best reason to elect anyone for this position.

Thank You,
Xenia Maren Menzies