

Simon Fraser University  
Office of the Registrar  
Memorandum

To: Senate  
From: Alison Watt, Secretary, Senate Nominating Committee  
Date: July 7, 2003  
Subject: Elections at Senate Meeting – Monday, July 8, 2003

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The following vacancies on the undernoted Senate committees are outstanding and are brought forward to the July meeting of Senate. Elections, if required, will be conducted by ballot at the Senate meeting of July 7, 2003.

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, July 4, 2003.

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 COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING STUDIES (SCCS)

**One Senator (at-large) to replace Stella Atkins** from date of election to May 31, 2005.

**One Lay Senator** to replace James McArthur from date of election to May 31, 2005.

**James McArthur**

**One Faculty Senator** to replace Margaret Jackson from date of election to May 31, 2004.

**Barry Honda\***

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES (SCIA)

**One Faculty Senator** to replace Larry Weldon from date of election to May 31, 2004.

**Andy Hira**

**Adam Horvath**

**Dan Weeks\***

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY HONOURS (SCUH)

**One Senator (at-large)** for term of office to May 31, 2004.

**Lynn Copeland**

\* Committee position would take effect on 1 September 2003 co-incidental with the start of their Senate terms.

**Andy Hira**

Why I am interested in SFU's SCIA

My impression is that SFU would like to expand its international contacts and increase student exchanges to and from foreign countries. My research, teaching, and long-term interests are all international in nature. I have lived overseas throughout South America, and taught in Egypt for a year, so I have a very good sense of education abroad. I also have a number of international contacts that could be useful to SFU. I am particularly interested in helping to promote a relationship with Brazil, which is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest economy, but has scarce contacts in Canada. SFU could be at the forefront of developing ties with this potential regional partner. A number of my recent correspondence with Brazilians and with people that I know at DFAIT indicate to me a keen interest for developing further ties with that country. Indeed, I have indicated to SFU's LAS programme my willingness to begin developing a student exchange with Brazil. Not only has my work been international in scope, but I have recently published an article on the international education market. The article considers the various ways that an international market in education is taking shape, looks at emerging sub-markets, such as distance learning, and discusses national and institutional strategies for attracting international students. The article will be published in World Economy in June 2003.

Position: SCIA Committee

**Adam O. Horvath**

Professor

I joined SFU, Counselling Psychology program in the Faculty of Education in 1985. My professional interests are related to the process of counselling and therapy with particular research focus on family and couples therapy. At SFU I have served on the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships Awards and Bursaries, Ethics Committee (chair), and Committee on Excellence in Teaching (chair). I am past president of the North American Society for Psychotherapy Research.

My interests to serve on this committee stems from two sources: My own education, both geographically and in terms of intellectual traditions, spans two continents. More recently, I have had the opportunity and privilege to teach in Europe, Mexico and South America. These experiences re-kindled my interest in international education at the undergraduate, applied and graduate levels.

**Daniel J. Weeks**

Daniel J. Weeks is the Chair of the Department of Psychology at Simon Fraser University. A member of the Psychonomic Society, Dr. Weeks operates the Psycho-Motor Behaviour Laboratory at SFU. He received a B.A. in psychology from the University of Windsor, an M.Sc. specializing in human biodynamics from McMaster and a Ph.D. in psychology specializing in cognition and motor performance from Auburn University. Following the doctorate he completed postdoctoral work as a visiting Assistant Professor in the Human Factors Unit at Purdue University. There are two primary themes to Dr. Weeks' research efforts. First, the work for which he received a Ph.D., involves questions of spatial cognition and the role of cognitive coding and translation mechanisms in processing spatial information. Supported by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, current research examines the influences of skill acquisition, motor control, attention, modality, and response bias on spatial cognition and decision-making processes. Second, Dr. Weeks and colleagues have an ongoing program of research examining the impact of cerebral specialization and information processing on the health and behaviour of both individuals with Down syndrome and those with other intellectual challenges. He is the author of more than 60 peer-reviewed articles as well as numerous chapters and 2 books. In 1996 Dr. Weeks received the *Distinguished Scholar Award* from the North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity, and in 2003 he received the *Distinguished Research Service Award* from the Canadian Down Syndrome Research Foundation and the U.S. National Down Syndrome Society.

**Statement of Interest**

Educational competitiveness demands that the University continue to enhance international opportunities and activities. As the University develops new international initiatives it is important that we maintain a clear perspective of the University's mission. Indeed, the internationalization of SFU should serve to enrich the educational and professional experience of the broad University community. However, internationalization must occur within a context of academic soundness and financial viability. With the above in mind, I am interested in working to enhance SFU's profile both nationally and internationally as a strategy for facilitating research and developing curricula that have global implications.