

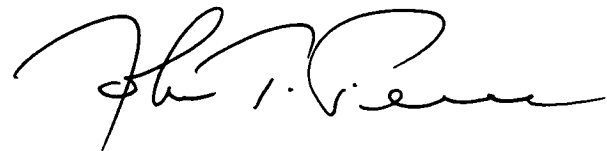
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REPORT TO SENATE

**SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE ON
SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES**

JANUARY, 1998

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**Dr. John Pierce
SPCSAB Chair**

SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES

Report to Senate

This report covers all business activities of the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) for the three semesters 96-2, 96-3 and 97-1. Attached to this summary are the 1996-97 year end summary reports for all Bursary, Award and Undergraduate Scholarship programs for which the Committee is responsible. This includes government-funded student assistance programs.

The Committee held meetings on July 4, 1996 and January 10, 1997. Senators are reminded that there was a significant change to the undergraduate scholarship program in the previous year and consequently, with no new funding or track record of the success of the new programs, fewer meetings were necessary to conduct the business of the Committee.

The following motions were approved by the Committee during the year.

July 4, 1996 Meeting

Graduate Awards Business

That the changes to the terms of reference of the SFU graduate awards as proposed in SPCSAB paper 96-17 be approved, - specifically:

- to allow part-time employment that is not directly related to a recipient's degree requirements,
- to require all deferred grades to be cleared prior to the tenure of the graduate fellowship, and
- to allow students to hold SFU Awards and Private Awards simultaneously as long as the \$22,000 per annum limit is not exceeded.

That the number of B-listed applications submitted by departments for Graduate Fellowships be limited to a maximum of 10.

January 10, 1997 Meeting

Awards Business Applying to All Students

That details of the formula for reducing operating funds budgeted to scholarships, awards and bursaries in proportion to the increase in endowed funds, as outlined in SPCSAB 97-8, be supported by the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries and that this proposal be discussed with the President. (The proposal is to set May 1, 1997 as a base-line for calculation and, thereafter on a yearly basis, to reduce the contribution from the operating budget by an amount equal to 2.5% of

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the total donations received to all scholarship and bursary endowments in the previous 12 months, to a maximum of \$30K in any given year. Currently the contribution from the operating budget is reduced by an amount equal to the interest on the additional endowment.)

Graduate Awards Business

That in preparation for the 1997/98 Graduate Fellowship competition, the continuation of past practice be approved.

That the Dean of Graduate Studies have discretionary authority to require graduate students to repay a portion of their graduate awards in cases where there is a full or partial refund of tuition fees.

Undergraduate Awards Business

That the 1996-97 undergraduate bursary, awards and scholarship budget be approved.

That the essay question for the adjudication of the Dean's Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships be approved (SPCSAB 97-2).

That the Project Award program be discontinued and removed from the University Calendar (the program has been without funding for more than three years).

That the proposed Eileen Warrell Medal and the Jack Paterson Award for the Faculty of Education be approved in principle. (The Faculty was asked to provide further information regarding the actual prize to be given, provisions for funding the awards and clarification regarding aspects of the selection criteria before final approval.)

That the Open Scholarship criteria for considering students in exceptional circumstances (SPCSAB 97-6) be approved. (The Committee observed that in some very extraordinary cases, a student may have experienced a poor transition from secondary school to university but after a semester or two, performed at an exceptional level. Nevertheless, the current criteria would preclude that student from (ever) qualifying for the Open Scholarship. The motion was to allow such a student to apply for special consideration.)

Budget

In summary, disbursements for undergraduate totalled \$2,490,569, while those for graduates totalled \$2,469,425. These funds were disbursed as follows. Note that more detailed information on the distribution of funds at the graduate level can be found in the annual report to Senate of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

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Open Undergraduate Scholarships:	\$ 641,250
Entrance Scholarships:	\$1,270,030
Undergraduate Bursaries:	\$ 413,055
Undergraduate Awards:	\$ 110,700
SFU-Funded Workstudy:	\$ 4,805
International Graduate/Undergraduate Bursaries:	\$ 115,284
Graduate Fellowships:	\$1,793,050
President's PhD Research Stipend:	\$ 455,900
CD Nelson Entrance:	\$ 184,675
Special Entrance:	\$ 35,800
Graduate Bursaries:	\$ 50,729

The Committee continues to be concerned about the decrease in sources of funding for the Scholarship, Award and Bursary programs. The BC Government is phasing out the matching funds programs which matched dollar for dollar all funds raised from private sources for Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries. At this time only a very limited amount of matching funding has been made available for bursary donations.

The BC Government has also advised the University that the criteria for allocating the BC Athletic Support funds targeted to university student athletes are being altered. This could affect approximately \$145,000 in student athlete support at Simon Fraser University. The athletic and student services directors continue to lobby for some discretion in the allocation of this funding to student athletes.

Increases to the Financial Aid and Awards budget are based on a percentage of the increase in revenue to the University from tuition fees. Because there has not been an increase in tuition fees for two years and the enrolment is relatively stable, only marginal additional funds have been available to the Financial Aid and Awards budget.

Although tuition has not increased, books and supplies, living expenses and other costs to students have increased leaving student aid funding behind. As well, income raised from donor funded awards and endowments results in a proportional decrease in the contribution from the University's operating funds. The donor funded awards do not necessarily address the same programs or needs that have been addressed by the operating dollars that have been deducted. On the scholarship side, there is increasing competition for both undergraduate and graduate scholars, and institutions with substantial endowments are recruiting heavily in the province. On the bursary side, the cost of living in the Vancouver area coupled with student concerns over debt-load at graduation continue to be of concern to the Committee.

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Appendices

Attached are year end reports for the various areas of the scholarships, awards and bursaries portfolio.

- i) Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships
- ii) Open Scholarships
- iii) In-Course Scholarships, merit and Service Awards
- iv) Athletic and Recreation awards
- v) Bursaries
- vi) Government Loans
- vii) Work Study
- viii) Part-Time Student Assistance
- ix) Emergency Loans
- x) Graduate Award Disbursements

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Memorandum

To: SPCSAB

From: Rick Smith, Director, Student Recruitment

Re: 1997 Entrance Scholarship Program

December 3, 1997

Attached are the year end reports for the 1997 Entrance Scholarship program. Included are a financial report, listing of scholarship winners/declines and summary statistics on the volume of offers.

The 1997 Entrance Scholars have been invited to participate in a new mentorship program. The goal of this new initiative is to provide a support network for the scholars and to better utilize their well developed volunteer skills. Development and implementation of this program will be completed over the next semester.

The adjudication of the 1998 Entrance Scholarship program will be based on Ministry data that will be supplied to the Office of the Registrar in May of 1998. The 1998 program will be promoted to all high schools in Canada, the United World Colleges and BC Colleges through a direct mail campaign of brochures in January 1998.

1996/97 Entrance Scholarship Expenditures

Program	GL Account Number	Semesters			96/97 Expenditures
		96-2	96-3	97-1	
B.C.					
SF	11-191131-7114 *11-191131-7114	\$3,750	\$7,500 \$3,750	\$7,500	\$22,500
		<u>\$3,750</u>	<u>\$11,250</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>	
Alumni	*11-191131-7129	<u>\$9,125</u>	<u>\$10,375</u>	<u>\$9,375</u>	\$22,875
Shrum	11-191131-7112 *11-191131-7115	\$10,000 \$25,000	\$30,000 \$89,000	\$27,500 \$80,000	\$261,500
		<u>\$35,000</u>	<u>\$119,000</u>	<u>\$107,500</u>	
Steel	11-191131-7112		<u>\$2,375</u>	<u>\$2,375</u>	\$4,750
President's	11-191131-7116	<u>\$16,250</u>	<u>\$67,500</u>	<u>\$56,250</u>	\$140,000
Dean's misc old	11-191131-7117	\$8,750	\$12,500	\$11,250	\$105,250
Dean's misc new	*11-191131-7117	\$4,500	\$9,000	\$3,000	
Dean's APSC	*11-191131-7139		\$4,500	\$3,500	
Dean's Arts	*11-191131-7106		\$16,250	\$15,750	
Dean's Bus	*11-191131-7108		\$1,750	\$1,750	
Dean's Sci	*11-191131-7137		\$7,500	\$5,250	
		<u>\$13,250</u>	<u>\$51,500</u>	<u>\$40,500</u>	
Chancellors	11-191131-7119	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$14,000</u>	<u>\$8,000</u>	
B.C. Regional	*11-191131-7148		<u>\$29,500</u>	<u>\$21,000</u>	
Summit	*11-191131-7149	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$189,250</u>	<u>\$147,000</u>	\$339,250
Abe Unrau	11-191131-7119		<u>\$950</u>		\$950
Jack Diamond	11-191131-7118 *11-191131-7118		\$17,500 \$11,250	\$8,750	\$37,500
			<u>\$28,750</u>	<u>\$8,750</u>	
Specht APSC	*23-419222-7112		<u>\$9,000</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>	\$12,500
Specht Sci	*23-419222-7137	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>\$21,750</u>	<u>\$14,000</u>	\$37,250
National					
Shrum	11-191132-7115 *11-191132-7143		\$2,750 \$14,500	\$2,750 \$12,500	\$32,500
			<u>\$17,250</u>	<u>\$15,250</u>	
Jack Diamond	11-191132-7112 *11-191132-7146		\$8,250	\$1,750	\$10,000
			<u>\$8,250</u>	<u>\$1,750</u>	
Specht APSC	*23-419222-7112				\$6,250
Specht SCI	*23-419222-7137		<u>\$2,750</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>	
Strand	11-191132-7115 *11-191132-7144		\$3,000 \$16,500	\$1,500 \$7,000	\$28,000
			<u>\$19,500</u>	<u>\$8,500</u>	
President's	11-191132-7115				
College					
Hamilton	11-191133-7115 *11-191133-7121	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$8,000	\$18,000
		<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>	<u>\$8,000</u>	
Deans Sci	*11-191133-7137	<u>\$1,750</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>	\$9,250
Dean Arts	*11-191133-7106		<u>\$7,500</u>	<u>\$5,250</u>	\$12,750
Dean APSC	*11-191133-7139				\$3,500
Dean Business	*11-191133-7108		<u>\$1,750</u>	<u>\$1,750</u>	
President's	11-191133-7116				
Caple	11-191133-7116 *11-191133-7141	\$8,250	\$21,250	\$22,750	\$52,250
		<u>\$8,250</u>	<u>\$21,250</u>	<u>\$22,750</u>	
International					
President's	11-191134-7116				
Shrum	11-191134-7102		\$15,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
Tuition	11-191134-7103		\$8,162	\$4,543	\$12,705
Total Expenditures		<u>\$91,375</u>	<u>\$668,112</u>	<u>\$510,543</u>	<u>\$1,270,030</u>

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1997 Entrance Scholarship Awards Statistics

Scholarship	Offers	Accepted	Deferred	Declined
Shrum International Entrance Scholarship	2	2		
Gordon Shrum National Scholarship	4	3		1
Kenneth Strand National Scholarship	14	11		3
Jack Diamond National Scholarship	4	4		
National Specht in Applied Science	2	1		1
National Specht in Science	11	7		4
Hamilton College Transfer Scholarship	4	3		1
College Deans Scholarship in Arts				
College Deans Scholarship in Applied Science				
College Deans Scholarship in Business				
College Deans Scholarship in Science				
Ken Caple College Transfer Scholarship	4	4		
Simon Fraser Entrance Scholarship	1			1
SFU Alumni Leadership Scholarship	1	1		
Gordon M. Shrum Scholarship	25	17		8
Deans Scholarship in Applied Science	3	1		2
Deans Scholarship in Arts	14	10		4
Deans Scholarship in Business Administration	3	2		1
Deans Scholarship in Science	3	2		1
Summit Entrance Scholarship	355	116	5	234
Regional Summit Entrance Scholarship	25	5		20
Tadeusz Specht Scholarship in Applied Science	7	1		6
Tadeusz Specht Scholarship in Science	25	4		21
Jack Diamond Scholarship	12	12		
Grand Total	519	206	5	308

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
MEMORANDUM**

**To: Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships,
Awards and Bursaries**

**From: K.C. Bell, Assistant to
the Dean of Student Services**

Re: Open Scholarships for fiscal 1996/1997

Date: February 13, 1997

I am forwarding to you some statistics on the Undergraduate Open Scholarships as disbursed during the fiscal year 1996/97.

We awarded 722 Opens this year (96-2/96-3 and 97-1), for a total of \$641,250. This represents an increase in spending of \$55,677 over fiscal 1995-1996, despite the fact that the CGPA required for eligibility was higher for two semesters this year than last. Visa students made up 1.6% of those receiving the Open, and received 1.6% of the funds disbursed. The average award for all recipients was \$888.

The Cumulative Grade Point Average required for eligibility was held at 3.70 for all three semesters.

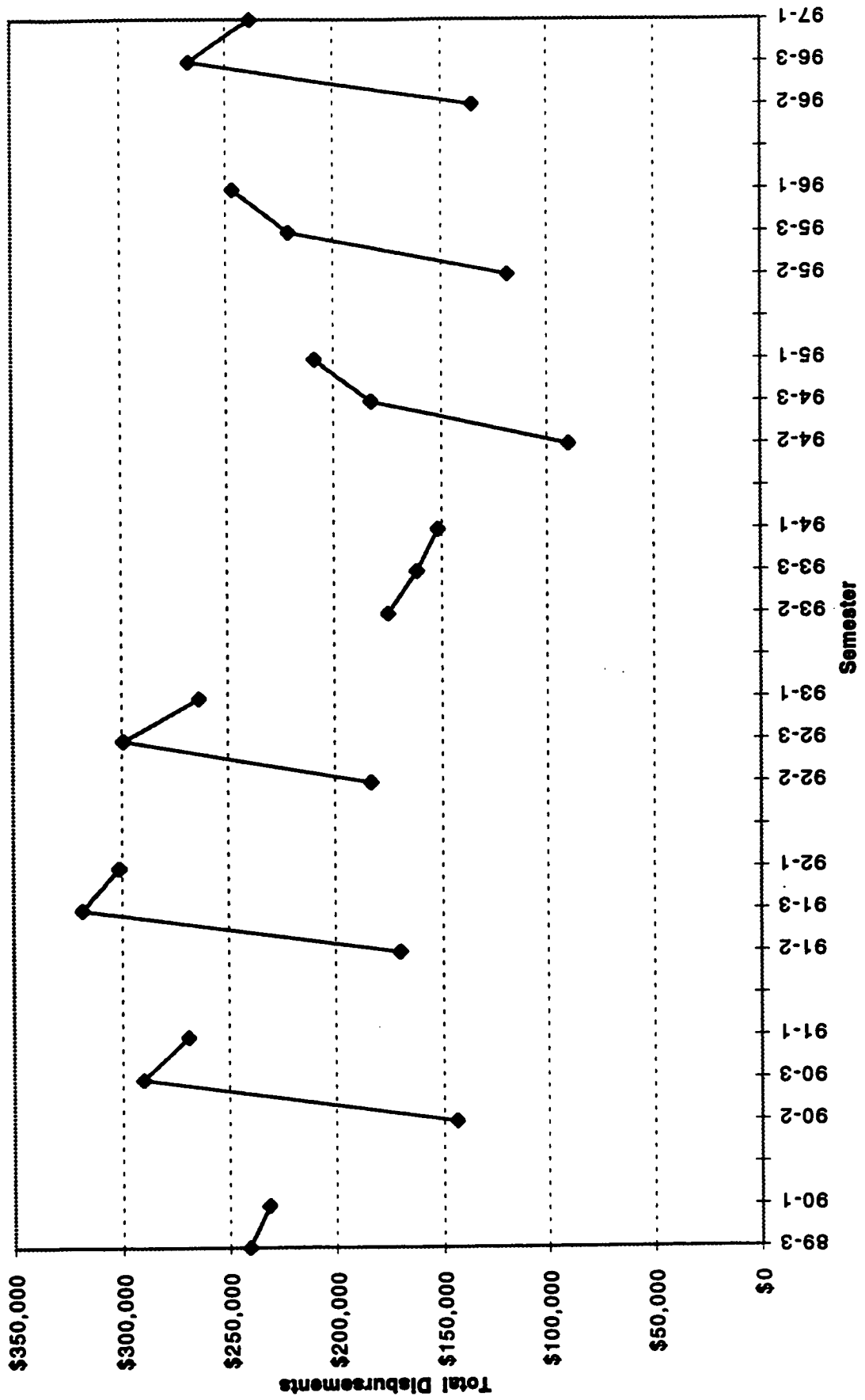
Only \$6,384 of the increase from last fiscal year can be attributed to the increase in tuition fees from \$73/credit to \$77/credit effective 1995-3. The remaining increase is almost certainly due to the movement of qualified students who formerly would have held continuing entrance scholarships into the pool of students eligible for Opens.

Only \$550,000 was budgeted expressly for Opens this year, with the expectation that funding set aside to cover "prior commitments" within the entrance scholarship accounts would be made available as needed to keep the CGPA requirement for the Opens no higher than 3.70. I have now transferred \$100,000 from the Prior Commitments line item to the Open Scholarships account.

For information, also attached to this report is a chart showing Open Scholarship Disbursements by fiscal year and semester since 1989/90, when the Scholarship first came under Terms of Reference essentially the same as those guiding it now.



Open Scholarship Disbursements by Semester





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Scholarships for In Course Undergraduate Students and Academic and Service Awards for the University Community 1996/97

Scholarships funded through endowments and annual gifts from donors are available to continuing undergraduate students who meet specified criteria and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50. These scholarships require the student to apply to Financial Assistance to be considered and are adjudicated directly by the Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee (SUAAC). A few of these scholarships are selected by nomination of the academic department and confirmed by the SUAAC.

Annual and Endowed Scholarships disbursed to students in 1996-97 increased by \$15,255 from 1995/96. This increase is due in part to new scholarships being made available by donors as well as to increases in dollars to existing scholarships.

Academic and Service Awards are given to students, faculty or staff for outstanding performance in an academic area or outstanding service to the University or the community at large. Academic and Service Awards included in the table below are funded through donor based endowments and annual gifts or by University operating dollars. Donor funded awards have had a small increase in the last year. There has been no increase to the University funded award budget in over five years.

MERIT BASED AWARDS

	Endowed/Private Schs.		Endowed/Private Awards		SFU Funded Awards	
	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$
96/97	179	131,125	66	27,161	87	45,900
95/96	169	114,870	59	24,720	87	46,307
94/95	165	117,290	52	12,330	84	44,250
93/94	163	114,275	41	7,130	107	44,558
92/93	84	66,690	59	12,116	94	52,642

submitted by Charlotte French, December 5, 1997



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Athletic and Recreation Awards 1996-97

Athletic awards are available to students who are members of varsity teams at Simon Fraser University and are awarded primarily on the basis of Athletic merit, though some awards have an academic achievement component. Athletic awards are funded through endowed and annual donor donations as well as university operating funds. The table below shows significant increases in the number of and total dollars disbursed through donor based Athletic awards in 1996-97. These increases reflect the addition of new awards and the disbursement of existing awards that were not used last year. University funding for Athletic awards has remained unchanged for over five years.

Athletic Tuition awards are available to student athletes competing on varsity teams through the nomination of their coach. Funds for these awards are raised by the individual teams to support their own athletes and increases in these disbursements reflect increased fund raising by the teams. Financial Assistance has been tracking these awards since January 1994.

During the 1996-97 year external support from the BC Athletes Assistance Program was also disbursed through Financial Assistance. In 1996-97, Simon Fraser student athletes received 212 disbursements totaling \$136,156 from this program.

Simon Fraser University supports a number of awards for students who are involved in the support of the University's Recreation Program. The awards are given in recognition of individual participation and leadership in various aspects of the Recreation Department. University funding for Recreation Awards has remained unchanged for over five years.

ATHLETIC AND RECREATION AWARDS

Endowed/Private Athletics		SFU Funded Athletics		Athletic Tuition		SFU Funded Rec. Awds.		
# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	
96/97	205	109,802	50	38,800	134	90,038	32	19,200
95/96	153	90,895	50	39,000	63	60,209	35	21,000
94/95	171	79,645	56	41,000	67	57,333	31	15,600
93/94	153	69,229	52	35,700	n/a	n/a	31	18,600
92/93	143	65,660	33	23,450	n/a	n/a	32	19,200

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Bursary Program 1996-97

Bursaries are awarded on the basis of financial need and satisfactory academic performance to full-time undergraduate and graduate students.* In the 1996-97 award year (September 1996-April 1997) Financial Assistance received 2078 bursary applications with a total calculated financial need of \$1,068,339.

During 1996/97 the need assessment process for bursaries was changed to address the ongoing problem of changes to the government student loan assessment criteria. The government criteria is known to exclude some real costs to students as well as to expect financial contributions from parents and students that are not necessarily available. Many students who are eligible for student loan avoid using the program in order to avoid accumulating massive debt. Prior to September 1996 it was a requirement of the SFU Bursary Program that a student receive a government student loan in order to qualify for a university bursary. Students may now access the University Bursary program without accessing loan funding first, although an equivalent minimum income is expected.

Below and attached are four tables comparing changes in the Bursary program over time. The first two tables below compare disbursements for all Simon Fraser University bursary programs from 1992/93 to 1996/97. These tables demonstrate a general decline of 1359 in awards disbursed in 1996-97 compared to 1995-96.

The third table below records the bursary dollars awarded to international students as work-study funds. A small program was established to assist international students who have difficulty accepting grant funding.

The attached chart demonstrates a change in application and need patterns over the last three years by comparing the number of bursary applicants, the total awards given and the calculated financial need for the semesters 1995-3, 1996-3, and 1997-3. Of note are the 30% increase in the number of applications received in the Fall semester of 1997 versus the Fall of 1996 and the 34% increase in the assessed financial need in the Fall of 1997 compared to the same semester the previous year.

BURSARIES

Undergraduate Bursaries

	SFU Open (domestic)		SFU Open (international)		SFU Daycare		Private and Endowed	
	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$
96/97	623	411,120	112	115,015	12	1,935	417	347,342
95/96	608	381,443	176	145,325	30	6,540	429	316,235
94/95	535	289,518	152	117,014	65	12,695	477	329,135
93/94	465	218,356	147	85,574	65	14,603	316	211,387
92/93	191	78,029	160	110,863	60	10,888	231	158,068

Graduate Bursaries

	SFU Open (domestic)		SFU Open (international)		SFU Daycare		Private and Endowed	
	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$
96/97	43	48,018	29	24,985	10	3,267	5	4,634
95/96	37	36,825	54	44,700	19	4,727	6	9,400
94/95	58	41,225	53	43,600	23	6,005	9	4,650
93/94	52	31,800	57	32,342	12	2,624	9	7,600
92/93	43	25,900	69	53,867	5	645	8	9,861

WORK STUDY PROGRAM

SFU Funded Work Study - Undergraduate/Graduate

	Number of Students	Total \$ Awarded
96/97	4	4,000
95/96	12	9,716
94/95*	6	2,817
93/94*	8	6,222
92/93	38	19,315

***Program was restricted to limited use for international students.**

***Undergraduate students are considered full-time if they are registered in 9 or more semester hours of normally graded courses. Graduate students must be registered in an approved full-time program.**

submitted by Charlotte French, December 5, 1997

Comparative Bursary Stats 95-3 to 97-3

	95-3	96-3	97-3
Domestic UG			
# apps	656	648	931
# nils	492	463	680
# awards	159	185	251
total need	194657	216138	461206
targeted % of need met	72	62	52
total operating \$ awarded	82,868	114,850	110,174

	95-3	96-3	97-3
Visa UG			
# apps	80	55	67
#nils	18	18	18
#awards	62	37	49
total need	99219	54876	85323
targeted % of need met	72	62	52
total operating \$ awarded	45,950	42,850	37,308

	95-3	96-3	97-3
Domestic Grade			
# apps	31	34	60
# nils	18	20	36
# awards	13	14	24
total need	15474	11010	28,853
targeted % of need met	72	62	52
total operating \$ awarded	10,550	17,149	14,648

	95-3	96-3	97-3
Visa Grade			
# apps	15	15	16
#nils	2	10	8
#awards	13	5	8
total need	15301	1655	7241
targeted % of need met	72	62	52
total operating \$ awarded	9,200	1,700	3,942

	95-3	96-3	97-3
Overall Totals			
total # apps	782	752	1073
total nils	535	511	742
total awards	247	241	331
total need	324,651	363,679	582,623
targeted % of need met	72	62	52
total operating \$ awarded	148,568	176,549	166,072
total private \$ awarded	101,335	168,288	179,192
total priv & operating \$	249,903	344,837	345,264

95-3 targeted % of need apprx 72-81%
based on "range" procedure



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**Report to the
Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries
Government Student Loans 1996-97**

Domestic Canadian students, graduate and undergraduate, may apply through their home province to receive funding assistance from the federal and provincial governments. Government assistance is a primary source of funding for 30% of Canadian post-secondary students. The goal of the programs is to promote accessibility of post-secondary education among academically qualified students who do not have the personal or family resources to meet the costs of education.

At Simon Fraser University approximately 25% of our full-time graduate and undergraduate students receive their primary finding through government student assistance. Each year the number of SFU students accessing government assistance has increased.

Government funding assistance varies from province to province with regard to the mix of student loan versus grant and the value of possible disbursements. Nation wide there has been a substantial decrease in the proportion of student assistance that is awarded as grant and a subsequent increase in the portion that is disbursed as a loan. The outcome of this change has been dramatic increases in the total debt with which these students are graduating from their post-secondary programs. The average debt of students in their fourth year of studies receiving BC Student Assistance in 1996-97 was \$19,000. The BC Ministry of Education, Skills, and Training estimates that the average debt of the same group of students in 1999-2000 will be \$25,000. This figure represents students who are in the process of completing an undergraduate program.

Accumulation of high debt loads and the fear of accumulating high debt loads can and does affect a student's decision to remain in school and affects a student's ability to focus on their studies. Many students who receive the maximum allowed levels of assistance through government programs still have a financial need that is not met. Students are not allowed to earn through work, scholarships, bursaries or any other sources more than \$600 during a loan period.

The table attached shows the number of students and the total dollars of government student assistance received by SFU students during the 1996-97 award year. The third column labeled "Out of Province Loans" reports students attending SFU who are receiving funding through provinces other than British Columbia or who are receiving loan and grant assistance through the United States.

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL LOANS

Undergraduate/Graduate

	Canada Student Loan		B.C. Student Loan/Grant		Out-of-Province Loan	
	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$	# of Students	Ttl. \$
96/97	7,278	19,391,653	6,088	11,460,931	817	1,320,377
95/96	6,841	19,169,338	5,673	8,918,319	721	1,375,693
94/95	5,806	15,740,297	4,727	7,110,784	585	1,244,123
93/94	4,692	12,558,671	3,789	9,046,710	351	833,947
92/93	5,251	12,365,440	3,726	9,141,759	415	816,282

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**Report to the
Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries
Work-Study Program 1996-97**

The Work-Study program is part of the BC Student Assistance Program. Work-Study is targetted to those graduate and undergraduate students who have received maximum funding through BC Student Loan and Grant and who have an assessed financial need beyond the maximum allowable funding. The purpose of the Work Study program is to supplement the assistance these students are already receiving. Work Study funding is the only supplemental funding which will not decrease a students government loan disbursement. Only BC residents are eligible for the program.

Over the past three years Simon Fraser University's allotment of funds has been decreasing due to transition to a new funding formula. In the 1995-96 program year SFU was allotted \$460,000; our budget for the 1997-98 year is \$444,000. The budget will continue to decrease over the next five years.

Also of note is that Simon Fraser University is the only post-secondary institution in British Columbia which does not supplement the government funding for the Work-Study program. Other institutions supplement the funds in one or a combination of two ways; by budgetting additional funds from institutional money to add to the number of awards given and allowing students from other provinces to participate and by adding funds to increase the hourly pay rate. The fundable pay rate through the government is \$8.75 per hour for all positions.

The table attached shows the number of Work-Study awards which were disbursed during the award year 1996-97. It should be noted that a total of 1201 notices of eligibility were sent to students prior to the start of the three semesters. This number does not reflect total eligibility as some students would not have a completed loan assesement from the government at the time candidates must be indentified.

Government Funded Work Study - Undergraduate

	Number of Students	Total \$ Awarded
96/97	481	419,010
95/96	561	419,427
94/95	499	346,337
93/94	527	369,454
92/93	550	445,228

Government Funded Work Study - Graduate

	Number of Students	Total \$ Awarded
96/97	4	3,323
95/96	12	12,641
94/95	16	16,724
93/94	31	25,680
92/93	41	34,851

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Part-time Student Assistance 1996-97**

In the past a financial assistance program for part-time students has been funded by the BC provincial government for administration by the post-secondary institutions. During the 1996-97 award year the provincial program was replaced by a federal program that combines loans and grants for part-time students. As the loan program requires the student to begin interest payments while they are still in studies and most of these students are not able to make these payments, this portion of the program has not been utilized to any notable extent by SFU students.

The new federal Special Opportunity Grant for high need part-time students has been of more interest. The criteria for awarding this grant are improved over the previous provincial program allowing more of the students financial needs to be met. More vehicles for promoting the program to eligible students need to be investigated.

PART-TIME STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

	Number of Awards	Total \$ Awarded
96/97	52	48,989
95/96	61	45,480
94/95	65	39,285
93/94	53	31,225
92/93	45	26,860

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Emergency Loan Program 1996/97

Short term, interest-free loans are available to students who require interim emergency funding while awaiting funds from other sources.

The table below shows a steady decrease in the use of this program for the last four years. Part of this trend can be attributed to an increase in the value of government student loan disbursements and to a more efficient processing of student loans by the BC officials. These improvements have meant less necessity for advances to students while they await government funding. However, the improved situation at the government level has been in place for two years so does not explain the continuing decline in the use of this program.

The adjudication criteria for this program were tightened significantly four years ago to deal with the increasing number and value of loans that were being sent to collection. In order to receive an emergency loan at this time a student must show a guaranteed source of repayment, for example an assessed student loan or confirmation of part-time employment. The value on an individual disbursement of an emergency loan is \$500. Loans sent to collection have decreased to a nominal figure. The stringency of the criteria and the lack of knowledge on campus of the availability of this program may contribute to the decrease use. Efforts should be made to better inform the University Community of the availability of this program.

EMERGENCY LOANS

Undergraduate/Graduate

	Number of Loans	Total \$ Awarded
96/97	352	160,716
95/96	527	265,472
94/95	674	317,329
93/94	887	422,278
92/93	1,384	723,676

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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES***Memorandum*

TO: K. C. Bell
Assistant to the Dean of Student Services

FROM: B. P. Clayman
Vice-President, Research and
Dean of Graduate Studies

SUBJECT: Report to Senate

DATE: January 6, 1998

I am pleased to enclose a summary of the graduate award disbursements in fiscal year 1996/97 in tabular form, for inclusion in the SPCSAB report to Senate.

Disbursement Totals by Award:

Graduate Fellowship	401 awards	\$1,793,050
President's Ph.D. Research Stipend	94 awards	\$455,900
C. D. Nelson Entrance Scholarship	11 awards	\$184,675
Special Graduate Entrance Scholarship	8 awards	<u>\$35,800</u>
		\$2,469,425

Enclosure



GRADUATE AWARDS BUDGET IN FY 1996-97

	AWARD NAME	NUMBER	VALUE	TOTAL
Sem 96-2	GF Master's	54	\$4,250	\$229,500
	GF Ph.D.	49	\$4,850	\$237,650
	Stipend	39	\$4,850	\$189,150
	Nelson	9		\$50,662
	Entrance	0		\$0
	SUBTOTAL			
 SEM 96-3	GF Master's	128	\$4,250	\$544,000
	GF PhD	63	\$4,850	\$305,550
	Stipend	26	\$4,850	\$126,100
	Nelson	12	\$5,666	\$71,676
	Entrance	6		\$26,800
	SUBTOTAL			
 Sem 97-1	GF Master's	71	\$4,250	\$301,750
	GF PhD	36	\$4,850	\$174,600
	Stipend	29	\$4,850	\$140,650
	Nelson	11		\$62,337
	Entrance	2		\$9,000
	SUBTOTAL			
	GRAND TOTAL			\$2,469,425
	Bal.Fwd 95/96			\$207,852
	Plus one-time only allocation			\$50,000
	Allocation 96/97			\$2,399,535
	Bal. Carryover to 97/98			\$187,962