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COURSE NAME	LEVEL	MAX ENROL	ACTUAL ENROL	REQUE COUNT

BUEC	200	491	327	
	300	512	401	5
BUEC - TOTALS:		1,003	728	6
DEPARTMENT - TOTALS:		1,003	728	6

I. Introductory Comments

This report is anomalous in that it is being submitted two months early, in response to an informal request by Senate. One consequence of this is that because the financial year has not ended some dollar figures reported herein are estimates.

There has been one change in the composition of this committee since its last annual report. Two students, one undergraduate and one graduate, now sit on this committee; in previous years there was only one student member.

Listed below are actions taken by this committee during the past year which are worthy of being brought to the attention of Senate. The continual stream of minor modifications to and interpretations of existing policy is not reported here; it can be examined by consulting the committee's minutes, available through the Financial Aid and Awards Office.

- a) Deans' Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships in Management and Systems Science, Kinesiology, and Women's Studies were established, along with a second scholarship in Business Administration.
- b) The minimum CGPA for eligibility for the SFU Open Undergraduate Scholarship was raised from 3.5 to 3.6.
- c) The C.D. Nelson Graduate Entrance Scholarships were increased in number from "about" six to "about" ten.
- d) The "two semesters free tuition" component of all undergraduate entrance scholarships was dropped.
- e) All entrance scholarship winners were made ineligible for the Open Scholarship Program. Instead, they are eligible for up to six semesters of \$850 awards subject to maintenance of a CPGA of 3.5 and a minimum course load of 12 credit hours.
- f) All entrance scholarships have been made "redeemable", meaning that a student who has failed to maintain eligibility for continuance of the scholarship can re-establish eligibility at a later date.
- g) The Dean's Entrance Scholarships in the sciences were increased in number by 10 and were "twinned" with the Canada Science Scholarships i.e., those winning Dean's Entrance Scholarships will be nominated by SFU for Canada Science Scholarships.
- h) The number of Chancellor's Entrance Scholarships was increased to "up to 50".
- i) A new category of award, the "SFU Entrance Prize" was established, worth \$500, with "up to 50" available.

The Open Undergraduate Scholarship: Summary of the Issue

The Open Undergraduate Scholarship provides free tuition to all students meeting its eligibility requirements. The major such requirement is a CGPA of 3.6. Most other universities have similar programs which differ in one way or another. For example, UBC offers scholarship money to the top x% of full-time students in each faculty.

SFU does not distinguish on the basis of faculty because students at SFU tend not to commit themselves to a faculty until later in their program, making such a policy impractical. We do not restrict our program to full-time students because of the high number of part-time students at Simon Fraser. And we set a specific CGPA figure, rather than a "top x%", because we believe that students wish to know in advance the exact height of the hurdle over which they must jump to be eligible for this award.

A major problem with our policy of using a specific CGPA figure is that we have no control over the cost of this program - if more students obtain this CGPA, more funds are expended. In a report to Senate last year on this issue, we noted that for five years we had held the CGPA requirement at 3.5, but warned that we would soon be forced to raise this grade point requirement for financial reasons. This is in fact what has happened. For reasons not well understood, the fraction of SFU students obtaining CGPAs of 3.5 or better has grown over the past few years, causing expenditures on this program to be excessive both in terms of the budget available for it and in comparison to similar programs at other universities.

There remains the question of the best way to cut back on the expenditures of this program. The committee considered two options. One option was to increase the required CGPA to 3.6. The second option was to keep the CGPA requirement at 3.5 but reduce the percentage of tuition covered by this award from 100% to 25% for those with a CGPA of 3.5 and to increase this percentage (as a function of CGPA) to 100% for those with a CGPA of 3.8 and above. The first option was chosen; the committee felt that this scholarship program was intended for the very best students at Simon Fraser and that the second option would compromise this principle.

II FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS BUDGET
Supervised by the Director, Financial Aid and Awards

A.	<u>Graduate</u>	<u>1988/89</u>
1.	Bursaries	20,000
2.	Emergency Loans non-recovery	<u>600</u>
	Sub-total A	<u>20,600</u>
B.	<u>Undergraduate</u>	
1.	Scholarships (Open and Entrance)	1,267,668
2.	Bursaries (Open, Emergency and Daycare)	251,000
3.	Work Study	10,000
4.	Awards	90,000
5.	Emergency Loan non-recovery	<u>3,500</u>
	Sub-total B	1,622,168
	Sub-total A + B	<u>1,642,768</u>
C.	<u>Other</u>	
1.	Visa Bursaries and Scholarships	202,375
2.	Challenge Supplement - 88-2	<u>62,000</u>
	Sub-total C	<u>264,375</u>
	TOTAL A+B+C	<u>\$1,907,143</u>

III. Undergraduate Awards Statistics

		<u>1988-89</u>			
		<u>88-2</u>	<u>88-3</u>	<u>89-1</u>	<u>Total</u>
1)	<u>Scholarships</u>				
	Open	349	465	476	1,290
	Entrance	15	214	190	<u>419</u>
				Sub-Total:	1,709
2)	<u>Awards</u>				
	Athletic	26	24	31	81
	Recreation	0	16	16	32
	University and Centre for the Arts	54	12	4	<u>70</u>
				Sub-Total:	183
3)	<u>Bursaries</u>				
	Open	200	131	166	497
	Daycare	34	25	18	<u>77</u>
				Sub-Total:	574
4)	<u>International Bursaries - Undergraduate</u>				
		24	15	27	66
5)	<u>Honour Roll</u>				
		25	99	?	124 + (89-1)

Note: Students may receive one, two or three Honour Roll designations per year.

IV. Emergency Loans: Graduate and Undergraduate

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

Value: Normally \$300 - \$500

During 1988/89, 1,439 loans were issued with a total value of \$473,000

V. Private Bursaries and Scholarships, Awards and Prizes with specific terms of reference are listed in the Calendar under the Graduate and Undergraduate sections respectively

Private Scholarships and Bursaries, Awards

Undergraduate

<u>1988/89</u>	<u>88-2</u>	<u>88-3</u>	<u>89-1</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bursaries	58	95	142	295
Scholarships	17	28	34	79
Awards, Medals and Prizes	25	25	4	54
			TOTAL	414

Graduate

<u>1988/89</u>	<u>88-2</u>	<u>88-3</u>	<u>89-1</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bursaries	2	3	1	6

VI. Work-Study Program: Graduate and Undergraduate

The SFU Work-Study Program provides part-time employment which is intended to be mutually beneficial to students and the University. Every effort is made to provide career-related job experience, which is primarily of a research nature. The Work-Study program is intended normally to supplement Provincial and Federal student loan programs, as per policy requirements of the government funded programs. However, Work-Study funded through SFU requires only that students demonstrate financial need to qualify. All students must meet a basic needs test, must be registered in, and maintain 9 credit hours or more in undergraduate studies, or be registered in a Graduate Program for Graduates, and must be in satisfactory academic standing.

Work-Study

	<u>88-2</u>	<u>88-3</u>	<u>89-1</u>	<u>Total</u>
Undergraduates employed	170	268	228	666
Graduates employed	48	42	14	104

VII. Graduate Bursaries

	<u>88-2</u>	<u>88-3</u>	<u>89-1</u>	<u>Total</u>
Open Graduate Bursaries	48	17	12	77
Graduate International Bursaries	35	21	14	70
Graduate Daycare Bursaries	5	3	1	9

VIII. 1988/89 FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS BUDGET
Supervised by the Dean of Graduate Studies

1.	Graduate Fellowships	\$ 1,034,650
2.	Graduate Stipends	173,850
3.	C.D. Nelson Memorial Graduate Scholarships	68,000
4.	Special Graduate Entrance Scholarships	19,951
5.	Balance	- 2,128
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,294,323</u>

IX. Graduate Awards Disbursements

	<u>Name:</u>	<u>88-2</u>	<u>88-3</u>	<u>89-1</u>	<u>Total</u>
1.	Graduate Fellowships	26 @ \$3200 34 @ \$3800	66 @ \$3350 59 @ \$3950	58 @ \$3350 44 @ \$3950	
		\$212,400	\$454,150	\$368,100	\$1,034,650
2.	Graduate Stipends	26 @ \$3800	6 @ \$3,950	13 @ \$3950	
		\$98,800	\$23,700	\$51,350	\$173,850
3.	C.D. Nelson Memorial Graduate Scholarships	5 @ \$4000	6 @ \$4000	6 @ \$4000	
		\$20,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$68,000
4.	Special Graduate Entrance Scholarships	3 @ \$1000 1 @ \$1100 1 @ \$1500	3 @ \$1000 1 @ \$1117	3 @ \$1000 1 @ \$2234 1 @ \$3000 1 @ \$2000	
		\$ 5,600	\$ 4,117	\$10,234	\$19,951
	TOTAL	<u>\$336,800</u>	<u>\$505,967</u>	<u>\$453,684</u>	<u>\$1,296,451</u>