

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: R. Heath
Secretary, Senate

From: P. Kennedy
Chairman, SPCSAB

Re: Information requested by Senate

Date: February 10, 1988

Recently Senate asked for information from SPCSAB on five issues. I report here on three of these issues. The two remaining await further policy formulation by SPCSAB; they will be brought to Senate soon.

1. Re: Impact of "sealing off" of CGPA on SFU Open Scholarships.

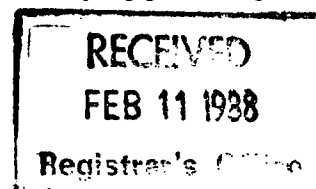
The Open Scholarship requires at least 24 hours of credit completed at SFU, at least a 3.5 CGPA and at least a 3.5 GPA in the last semester of study. The wording of these requirements is such that:

- a) "sealed off" students will continue to be viewed as having completed 24 hours of credit;
- b) during the first semester of study following the "sealing off" the student's "old" CGPA and GPA are relevant; and
- c) during the second and subsequent semesters of study the "new" CGPA and GPA are relevant.

This implies that students continuing at SFU for a second degree or an extended studies diploma will not suffer a break in their eligibility for the Open Scholarship. It also implies that after one semester they will switch over to their new CGPA measure, a change from current practice.

2. Re: Change of 3.5 CGPA standard for the Open Undergraduate Scholarship.

Although in the University Calendar it is stated that the required CGPA for this scholarship is established annually, for the last five years this CGPA has been fixed at 3.5, the minimum level permitted by the current terms of reference. This implies that the students receiving this scholarship have formed a varying percentage of total enrolment, as reported in the table following.



	# of Scholarships	FTE	%	Head Count	%
85-1	299	7,025	4.3	10,676	2.8
85-2	177	2,744	6.5	5,471	3.2
85-3	325	7,476	4.3	11,211	2.9
86-1	330	6,965	5	10,443	3.2
86-2	210	2,618	8	5,387	3.9
86-3	356	7,607	4.6	11,411	3.1
87-1	406	7,342	5.5	11,108	3.7
87-2	288	3,071	9.4	6,078	4.7
87-3	473	8,336	5.7	12,404	3.8

The noticeable jump in the summer semester seems to be due to a greater proportion of higher - GPA students choosing to continue studies in the summer. The pronounced upward trend (over time) in the percentage of students receiving this scholarship is of some concern. Should this continue, with our current budget growth this CGPA requirement will have to be raised in the near future.

3. Re: Status of athletic scholarships and awards.

The points below attempt to paint a picture of the overall structure of financial aid related to athletics. Please note the distinction between "scholarships", for which scholarly achievement and promise is the primary criterion, and "awards" for which this is not the case.

- a) All athletic scholarships are adjudicated by the Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee. These "Jack Diamond" and "Special" scholarships reflect an annual expenditure of \$15,000. This comes from the "undergraduate scholarships" budget line item which totals \$1,120,000.
- b) Athletic department operating funds established through private donations for the purposes of support for individual teams at SFU do not come under the jurisdiction of the Committee.
- c) Funds received from Government for awards given to students on competitive teams, are available to the three universities on a formula basis, supervised by a committee of government and university personnel. This expenditure of about \$160,000 is not under the jurisdiction of the Committee.

- d) Other athletics and recreation awards for students are generated from three sources:
- i. SFU Operating Funds (Financial Aid and Awards budget, 87/88 approximately \$43,000). This figure is part of the larger "Awards" line item which is \$90,000. The balance goes mainly for awards in the Centre for Fine and Performing Arts.

The athletics and recreation component covers: Athletic Awards (\$1,100 each disbursed over 2 semesters); Recreation Leadership Awards (\$1,000 each disbursed over 2 semesters), and Pipe and Drum Awards, which have a value ranging from \$300 - \$550.
 - ii. Privately donated awards and scholarships for which there are specific terms of reference with fixed values. These awards are received annually from the donor, and are issued to specific students.
 - iii. Privately donated endowment funds, the interest of which is disbursed in the form of awards and scholarships. Specific terms of reference also guide adjudication of these awards.
- e) All awards issued from the three sources noted in d) above are adjudicated through the Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee, upon nominations from the Director of Athletics and Recreation.
- f) Although in the past there have been instances in which awards have not been made and the relevant money used to build up endowment funds, current practice is that this will only be done with the consent of the donors involved. Current net annual growth in endowments from this source is in the order of \$35,000.

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