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MEMORANDUM

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Please find attached seven copies of the Report to Senate by the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarship Awards and Bursaries. We trust the report can be presented to the next meeting of Senate.

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REPORT TO SENATE

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

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Chairman

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I. Introductory Comments

Traditionally the Report to Senate by the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries is a report of the Financial Aid and Awards Programs supervised by the Committee for a given budget year. This report is for 1986/87, covering the 86-2, 86-3, and 87-1 semesters. However, in most years, the Policy Committee has also sought to inform Senate of those structural and policy changes it has implemented, or is giving consideration to implementing, in the following budget year; in this case for 87-2, 87-3 and 88-1.

The most dramatic event in the life of the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries this year was its dissolution and replacement with three new committees: The Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, the chairman of which is elected by Senate; the Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee, chaired by the Associate Vice-President, Academic; and the Senate Graduate Awards Adjudication Committee, chaired by the Dean of Graduate Studies.

The work load under the one-committee system was such that it was felt that policy issues were not being addressed as frequently, nor with the care, that they deserved. As if to prove that this was the case, the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries this year made several decisions affecting the way in which the University's Financial Aid and Awards Program is structured. The most notable of these are changes outlined below:

Graduate:

- A) To eliminate the President's Research Stipends for Masters students, effective 1987-1.
- B) To retain the President's Research Stipends for Ph.D. students.
- C) To eliminate the Open Graduate Scholarships.
- D) To eliminate the Graduate Research Fellowships.
- E) To allocate each year a specific number of Graduate Fellowships (1-semester awards) to each department. Consideration of graduate student enrollment in departments is a determining factor in the allocations. Each department is ensured at least three 1- semester awards per annum.
- F) To allow departments to utilize flexibly their allocation of 1-semester awards, and to recommend 1, 2, or 3-semester awards for individual students. The Graduate Adjudication Awards Committee makes final decisions of individual awards based on departmental recommendations.
- G) To retain the Special Entrance Scholarships.

- H) The C.D. Nelson Memorial Entrance Scholarships were changed from one year renewable awards to one year non-renewable awards, and their number was increased accordingly.
- I) To retain approximately 10% of the graduate awards budget for discretionary allocation by the Policy Committee for Special Arrangement Students, Special Entrance Scholarships and program development.
- J) To retain the Bursary, Loan and Work-Study programs, as per existing terms of reference.
- K) To phase in changes by 1987-3.

Undergraduate:

The Policy Committee revised the Entrance Scholarship Programs for 87/88 as described below.

A) SFU ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

With regard to this particular Entrance Scholarship Program, no major changes were introduced. The committee did however raise the face value of several of the awards and also merged the "2-semester Shrum" Scholarships with the President's Scholarship Program. Furthermore, the Committee added to each Entrance Scholarship a guarantee of two semesters free tuition in addition to the face value of the award. Also, several new departments applied for access to, and were granted participation in, the Dean's Entrance Scholarship Program.

- B) The Policy Committee introduced for 87/88 the National Entrance Scholarship Program, to attract highly qualified students from Secondary Schools across the country, as described below.

SFU NATIONAL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

- 1) The Gordon M. Shrum National Entrance Scholarships:
 - Number: Up to 5
 - Value: \$16,000 (disbursed over 9 semesters) plus free tuition guaranteed for the first two semesters, valued at approximately \$1,400.
(Also see Note #1 below)

- 2) **The President's National Entrance Scholarships:**
 Number: Up to 5
 Value: \$3,000 (disbursed over 2 semesters), plus free tuition guaranteed for the first two semesters, valued at approximately \$1,400.
 (Also see Note #1 below)
- 3) **The Chancellor's National Entrance Scholarships:**
 Number: Up to 5
 Value: \$2,000 (disbursed over 2 semesters), plus free tuition guaranteed for the first two semesters, valued at approximately \$1,400.
 (Also see Note #1 below)
- 4) **The Jack Diamond Entrance Scholarships:**
 Number: 3
 Value: \$3,000 (disbursed over 2 semesters), plus free tuition guaranteed for the first two semesters, valued at approximately \$1,400.
 (Also see Note #1 below)

NOTE #1: After the first two semesters students will have access to the Open Undergraduate Scholarship Program which requires completion of a minimum of 24 credit hours at SFU and a CGPA of 3.50 or greater. The value of the Open Scholarship program is equal to the actual tuition in a given semester. Over a seven semester period it amounts to approximately \$5,000 in current dollars.

- C) The Policy Committee introduced for 87/88 a new College Transfer Entrance Scholarship Program, to attract highly qualified students from colleges, as described below.

SFU ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENTS

- 1) **The Honourable William M. Hamilton College Transfer Scholarships:**
 Number: Up to 10 annually
 Value: Up to \$9,000, depending upon the number of semesters left to complete an undergraduate degree, and disbursed equally over those semesters plus free tuition guaranteed for the first two semesters, valued at approximately \$1,400.
 (Also see Note #1 below)
- 2) **President's College Transfer Scholarships:**
 Number: Variable
 Value: \$3,000 (disbursed over 2 semesters), plus free tuition guaranteed for the first two semesters, valued at approximately \$1,400.
 (Also see Note #1 below)

- 3) Chancellor's College Transfer Scholarships:
Number: Variable
Value: \$2,000 (disbursed over 2 semesters), plus free tuition guaranteed for the first two semesters, valued at approximately \$1,400.
(Also see Note #1 below)

NOTE #1: After the first two semesters, students will have access to the Open Undergraduate Scholarship Program which requires completion of a minimum of 24 credit hours at SFU and a CGPA of 3.50 or greater. The value of the Open Scholarship program is equal to the actual tuition in a given semester. Over a seven semester period it amounts to approximately \$5,000 in current dollars.

We welcome program and policy proposals, as we seek to adapt our programs to changing requirements. In particular, we are attempting to actively support the recruitment of highly qualified students to SFU, through the Departments and the Dean of Graduate Studies Office for Graduates, and through the Departments and the Community Relations and Admissions Offices for Undergraduates.

II. Financial Aid and Awards Budget

1986/87

1)	Graduate:		
	a)	Scholarships, including Research Fellowships	790,000
	b)	Stipends	380,000
	c)	Bursaries	25,000
	d)	Work-Study	<u>5,000</u>
		Graduate Sub-Total:	<u>\$1,200,000</u>
	e)	Contingency Fund	<u>25,000</u>
		Graduate Sub-Total:	<u>\$1,225,000</u>
2)	Undergraduate:		
	a)	Scholarships Open and Entrance	830,000
	b)	Bursaries (Open, Emergency and Daycare)	200,611
	c)	Work-Study	363,000
	d)	Awards	90,000
	e)	Emergency Loan - Non-Recovery (Graduate and Undergraduate)	<u>13,000</u>
		Undergraduate Sub-Total:	<u>\$1,496,611</u>
	f)	Contingency Fund	<u>25,000</u>
		Undergraduate Sub-Total:	<u>\$1,521,611</u>
3)	Graduate and Undergraduate:		
		Sub-Total:	<u>\$2,746,611</u>
4)	Visa Bursaries:		<u>93,000</u>
5)	Y.E.P./Challenge Supplement:		<u>28,200</u>
6)	Awards Budget :	GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$2,867,811</u>

III. For the Policy and Program Descriptions of the Current (86/87) Graduate Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Programs, please refer to 85/86 and 86/87 Calendars

IV. Graduate Awards Statistics

1) C.D. Nelson Memorial Scholarships

86-2	3, representing 3 renewals
86-3	5, representing 2 new awards and 3 renewals
87-1	6, representing 3 new awards and 3 renewals

2) Graduate Research Fellowships

86-2	28 awards representing 20 departments
86-3	54 awards representing 18 departments
87-1	48 awards representing 22 departments

3) President's Research Stipends

86-2	30 Ph.D awards representing 13 departments
	31 Masters awards representing 20 departments
86-3	11 Ph.D awards representing 8 departments
	15 Masters awards representing 11 departments
87-1	13 Ph.D awards representing 8 departments

4) Special Graduate Entrance Scholarships

86-2	2 awards representing 2 departments
86-3	3 awards representing 3 departments
87-1	4 awards representing 3 departments

5) Open Graduate Scholarships

86-2	52 awards representing 20 departments
86-3	50 awards representing 19 departments
87-1	55 awards representing 21 departments

6) Open Graduate Bursaries

<u>86-2</u>	<u>86-3</u>	<u>87-1</u>	<u>Total</u>
26	30	24	80

7) Visa Bursaries - Graduate

<u>Country of Citizenship</u>	<u>Number of Students Receiving Awards</u>
Bangladesh	3
Columbia (S.A.)	1
Greece	2
Great Britain	1
Hong Kong	2
India	1
Korea	1
Mauritius	1
Pakistan	4
Republic of China	1
Turkey	1
Uganda	1

Average Value of Award: \$827

NOTE: Some students have received more than one award during the budget year.

V. For the Policy and Program Descriptions of the Current (86/87) Undergraduate Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Programs, please refer to 85/86 and 86/87 Calendars

VI. Undergraduate Awards Statistics

	<u>1986-87</u>			
	<u>86-2</u>	<u>86-3</u>	<u>87-1</u>	<u>Total</u>
1) <u>Scholarships</u>				
Open	210	356	406	972
Entrance	9	304	308	<u>621</u>
			Sub-Total:	1,593
2) <u>Awards</u>				
Athletic	1	24	24	49
Recreation	0	18	16	34
University	42	6	37	<u>85</u>
			Sub-Total:	168
3) <u>Bursaries</u>				
Open	211	143	244	598
Daycare	25	36	30	<u>91</u>
			Sub-Total:	689

4) Visa Bursaries - Undergraduate

<u>Country of Citizenship</u>	<u>Number of Students Receiving Awards</u>
China	2
Ghana	1
Great Britain	1
Hong Kong	5
Indonesia	1
India	1
Israel	1
Iceland	1
Kenya	1
Malaysia	4
Nigeria	1
Switzerland	2
Singapore	4
Turkey	1
Uganda	1
U.S.A.	1

Average value of Award: \$723

NOTE: Some students have received more than one award during the budget year.

5) Honour Roll

Semester	Number Awarded
86-2	21
86-3	63
87-1	65

VII. 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 1986/87, 1,260 loans were issued with a total value of \$369,415.

VIII. 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

Graduate and Undergraduate

<u>1986/87</u>	<u>86-2</u>	<u>86-3</u>	<u>87-1</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bursaries	98	118	159	375
Scholarships	15	56	44	115
Awards, Medals and Prizes	21	12	9	42
TOTAL				532

IX. 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.

Gross Budget, All Funding Sources; 1986/87.

B.C. Government Initial Allocation	\$295,000
B.C. Government Supplement	7,660
B.C. Government Student Aiding Students	7,000
B.C. Government Year End Redistribution	64,000
B.C. Government Job Trac for Graduates	64,637
SFU Graduate	5,000
SFU Undergraduate	<u>363,000</u>
TOTAL	\$806,297

86-2 (one semester awards)	86-3/87-1 (two semester awards)	87-1 (one semester awards)
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Award offers: 132 undergraduates	345 undergraduates	204 undergraduates
Award offers: 19 graduates	72 graduates	34 graduates

One semester awards earned by undergraduates ranged from \$746 to \$863, and two semester awards earned by undergraduates averaged \$1,229.

One semester awards earned by graduates ranged from \$782 to \$968, and two semester awards earned by graduates averaged \$1,185.