

S. 85-35

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Senate

**FROM:** Wm.G. Saywell  
Chairman

**SUBJECT:** Membership on Senate  
- Vice-President, Research and  
Information Systems  
- Vice-President, University Development

**DATE:** Sept. 16, 1985



**MOTION:** "That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 34(1)(l) of the University Act, the Vice-President, Research and Information Systems hold membership on Senate, with such membership adding two to the Faculty members to be elected under Section 34(1)(g), and one to the student members to be elected under Section 34(1)(h),

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Motion failed  
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and, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 34(1)(l) of the University Act, the Vice-President, University Development hold membership on Senate, with such membership adding two to the Faculty members to be elected under Section 34(1)(g), and one to the student members to be elected under Section 34(1)(h).

The membership is to be effective December 1, 1985."

[Note: If the above is approved, election would be called for four faculty members to be elected by and from the faculty members jointly, and for two student members to be elected by and from the students at large.

**Current Senate Composition:**

Ex-officio:	12	Convocation:	4
Faculty:	24	Appointed by the Lieutenant	
Students:	12	Governor in Council:	4
		(to be appointed)]	

RATIONALE FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
AND VICE-PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT AS MEMBERS OF SENATE

The Vice-President, Research/Information Systems has a large number of responsibilities which are at the very academic core of the institution's fundamental mission. His responsibility for all areas of computing is demonstrably academic as all modern universities move increasingly toward the use of computers in both their instructional and research activities. As research is at the very heart of our overall academic purpose and inextricably linked with effective teaching, it is inconceivable that the Vice-President responsible for this area not be a member of the University's highest academic body. In addition to these overall responsibilities, the Vice-President also has explicit line authority for Computing Services, the Instructional Media Centre and the Library. Again, these are clearly at the very essence of our overall academic endeavors and therefore the official responsible for them in the senior administration ought to be a member of Senate.

The Vice-President, University Development, has special responsibility for the presentation of the University in the community (local, regional and national). Objectives which concern this office include: informing our publics of the University's mission, strengths, and contributions to the community; strengthening the public's acceptance of and support for universities, and for Simon Fraser University in particular; establishing collaborative and mutually beneficial relationships with alumni, governments, and community groups; and attracting private, corporate and government gifts to the University. Each of these tasks is directed towards enhancing the University's principal functions of teaching, research and service.

The Vice-President, University Development's primary task is to work towards the strengthening of the University's academic programs. He/she can do this best when fully informed about academic activities and priorities, and when the background to academic decisions is understood. Further, those responsible for establishing academic program policies and priorities should have the opportunity to directly inform and question the development activities of the University.

For these reasons, it is recommended that the two Vice-Presidents be full members of Senate.