

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

S. 79-23M

To SENATE

From SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULES

Subject Ad Hoc Senate Committee to Consider
Student Academic Discipline and
Conduct

Date February 23, 1979

Senate is aware that for some considerable time the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules, under general direction only from Senate, has been considering student academic discipline and more recently student conduct. (Paper S.79-11 was presented at the January meeting of Senate and, with some revisions, to the Board. Further consideration was to be given by SCAR to the four items therein, with additional input from concerned parties. This paper is related to items 3 and 4 of the earlier document, (3) student conduct, (4) intellectual honesty, academic discipline].

From time to time since deliberations started it has been made clear to Senate that there must be developed appropriate procedures for dealing with these matters of discipline, including procedures for appeals, and that the proposed procedures will come forward to Senate for consideration when developed. Section 37(s) of the Universities Act empowers Senate to establish a standing committee of appeal for students in matters of academic discipline. Section 59 indicates: (1) the president has power to suspend a student and to deal summarily with any matter of student discipline, (2) upon the exercise of the power he shall forthwith report his action to the standing committee established under section 37(s) with a statement of his reasons, (3) the action of the president is final and subject in all cases to an appeal to the Senate.

At this time SCAR, in its role as "Committee on Committees", considers it appropriate to recommend appointment of an Ad Hoc Senate Committee with more specific terms of reference directed to these matters, and to broaden the membership for more effective operation and coverage on these issues. It is recommended that the structure of the Committee be such that if any change of a member should become necessary before the tasks are completed, that this can be accomplished immediately rather than through the lengthy election procedure of nominations through the Senate Nominating Committee and awaiting a Senate meeting for voting. The Committee will be urged to proceed thoroughly but expeditiously with its tasks and continuing full membership is deemed important.

The final charge to this Ad Hoc Committee would require that before its dissolution it make any recommendations deemed appropriate concerning membership structure, terms of reference and general procedures for any standing or ad hoc Senate committee or other bodies which may be necessary to carry out recommendations approved by Senate.

MOTION: "That Senate establish an Ad Hoc Senate Committee to consider student academic discipline and conduct.

Membership:

- (1) Four faculty members, with one from each Faculty appointed by the Dean of the Faculty.
- (2) Four student members, with one from each Faculty but including at least one graduate student, selected by the Student Society.
- (3) Two members of the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules appointed by the Chairman of SCAR, one of whom shall be the Vice-President Academic to be Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee.
- (4) The Registrar or his designate as Secretary, (non-voting).

All members, excepting the Secretary, shall have voting privileges.

Terms of Reference:

- (1) To develop procedures for the University for considering and dealing with matters of student academic discipline, including appeal procedures, and to recommend these to Senate for consideration, revision, approval.
- (2) To develop procedures for the University for considering and dealing with matters of student conduct, including appeal procedures, and to recommend these to Senate for consideration, revision, approval.
- (3) Before dissolution of the Committee, to recommend to Senate as deemed appropriate concerning membership structure, terms of reference, general procedures, for any standing or ad hoc Senate Committee or other bodies which may be necessary to carry out recommendations approved by Senate under (1) or (2) above.