

**For Information**

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REPORT TO SENATE

SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE ON  
SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES

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## I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This report covers the business and activities of the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) for the three semesters, 90-2, 90-3 and 91-1.

Four meetings were held, May 29, 1990, October 24, 1990, November 6, 1990 and December 4, 1990.

In addition to routine business, the Committee dealt with the following issues:

### A. Graduate Programs

1. The committee approved the values of Graduate Awards for 91/92 as follows:

<u>Name of Award</u>	<u>90/91 Value</u>	<u>Approved for 91/92</u>
Master's Graduate Fellowship	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,850
Ph.D. Graduate Fellowship	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,450
Graduate Stipends	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,450
C.D. Nelson Memorial Graduate Scholarship	\$15,000	\$15,000
William and Ada Steel Scholarship	\$17,000	\$17,000

2. With regard to the terms of reference of Graduate Awards, related to employment income, the Committee revised the terms as follows:

"Graduate Award recipients may receive no employment income during tenure of this award with the sole exception of part time work which constitutes the recipient's thesis (or equivalent) research project or internship, and are expected to devote their full time and energies to their graduate studies during tenure of the award."

### B. Undergraduate Programs

1. The Committee approved the Entrance Scholarship Programs for 91/92 as outlined below:

a) B.C. Secondary School Entrance Scholarships

<u>Name of Award</u>	<u>90/91 Value</u>	<u>Approved for 91/92</u>
Simon Fraser	\$30,000	\$30,000
Gordon M. Shrum	\$17,000	\$20,000
William and Ada Steel	\$19,000	\$20,000
Dean's in Applied Science	\$ 8,000 *	\$10,000 *
Dean's in Science	\$ 8,000 *	\$10,000 *
Dean's in Arts	\$ 8,000	\$10,000
Dean's in Business Admin.	\$ 8,000	\$10,000
President's	\$ 8,000	\$10,000
Jack Diamond	\$ 8,000	\$10,000
Chancellor's	\$ 6,100	\$ 8,000
Abe Unrau Co-op Education (added)	-	\$ 7,050
SFU Entrance Prize	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

\* Plus \$8,000 Canada Scholarship

Most of the above scholarships may include an additional \$1,000 for travel allowance (for designated School Districts in B.C.)

b) National Entrance Scholarships

<u>Name of Award</u>	<u>90/91 Value</u>	<u>Approved for 91/92</u>
Gordon M. Shrum	\$21,000	\$22,000
President's (deleted)	\$ 9,500	-
Kenneth Strand (added)	-	\$12,000
Jack Diamond	\$ 9,500	\$12,000

c) College Transfer Entrance Scholarships

<u>Name of Award</u>	<u>90/91 Value</u>	<u>Approved for 91/92</u>
Hon. William G. Hamilton	\$12,400 *	\$15,000 *
President's (deleted)	\$ 6,300 *	-
Ken Caple (added)	-	\$ 7,500 *

\* plus \$1,000 travel allowance (for designated College Districts in B.C.)

2. With regard to Fall Convocation, the Committee agreed that the medals traditionally given at the annual Convocation will be awarded in June, and that no new medals will be established for the Fall Convocation.

3. The Committee noted with some concern the increasing demand upon the Open Undergraduate Scholarship Programs, and noted that the demand is growing more quickly than the budget for that program.

C. General

1. The Committee approved amended criteria regarding specified eligibility requirements in the terms of reference of scholarships, bursaries, awards, medals and prizes, as follows:

"The Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that all scholarships, awards and bursaries administered by the University, or listed in its Calendar, are in the best interests of the University as an academic institution. The terms of reference for scholarships, awards, bursaries, medals and prizes should not include restrictive criteria that are intrinsically unrelated to academic merit or financial need such as race, creed, colour, sex, or national origin, when these criteria are determined by the Committee to be improper or irrelevant."

2. The Committee also approved procedures to be followed when determining the acceptability of terms of reference for awards, as follows:

"When developing or negotiating terms of reference for scholarships, awards, bursaries, medals and prizes, University administrators should be alert to proposed specified eligibility requirements that might contravene this policy.

Administrators seeking advice as to the acceptability of a proposed eligibility requirement should make early contact with the Chair of SPCSAB. In general, and whenever possible, questionable eligibility requirements should be eliminated.

If it is not possible to eliminate a specified eligibility requirement that might be in contravention of University policy, the administrator shall inform the Chair of SPCSAB, in writing, of the terms of the proposed scholarship, award or bursary, providing any additional information or argument relevant to its acceptability.

After due consideration, the Chair of SPCSAB shall decide either to:

- a) refuse approval of the questionable requirement, and so inform the administrator; or
- b) approve the questionable requirement, and so inform the administrator; or
- c) circulate the relevant materials to SPCSAB members asking them whether they wish to deny the request, approve the request, or convene a meeting.

At least once each semester, the Chair of SPCSAB shall advise Committee members of the actions taken under (a) and (b) above."

3. The Committee expressed concern on several occasions regarding the need to maintain the value of the Awards Budget for both Graduate and Undergraduate Programs as enrolment increases.

There was discussion of the University's proposed new investment policy for Endowments established for student awards. Capitalizing a higher percentage of accrued interest than in the past is sound business practice, as it ensures that the value of the Endowment is secure over time. However, it does reduce the amount of investment revenue for awards, and hence the number of awards which can be issued from Endowment Funds.

AWARDS BUDGET - 1990/91  
SUPERVISED BY THE DIRECTOR, FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS

	<u>1990/91</u>	
<b>I. GRADUATE</b>		
1. Bursaries		
A. Open	19,000	
B. Daycare	3,000	
2. Emergency Loans (Non-recovery)	<u>600</u>	
Graduate Sub-total:	22,600	22,600
<b>II. UNDERGRADUATE</b>		
1. Open Scholarships	621,570	
2. Entrance Scholarships		
A. B.C. Secondary	611,878	
B. National	14,000	
C. College	36,000	
D. International	<u>0</u>	
Sub-total: (II)	1,283,448	1,283,448
3. Bursaries		
A. Open	250,000	
B. Daycare	13,000	
4. Awards	108,000	
5. Work Study	20,000	
6. Emergency Loans (Non-recovery)	<u>3,000</u>	
Sub-total:(II-3 - II-6)	394,000	<u>394,000</u>
TOTAL: (I & II))		1,700,048
<b>III. INTERNATIONAL</b>	268,122	<u>268,122</u>
GRAND TOTAL:(I & II & III)		1,968,170
<b>IV. NON-RECURRING BURSARIES</b>	285,000	

III. UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS STATISTICS 1990/91

A. SFU OPERATING AWARDS BUDGET (Number of Awards)

	<u>90-2</u>	<u>90-3</u>	<u>91-1</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. <u>Scholarships</u>				
Open	307	462	447	1,216
Entrance	41	391	266	698
International	14	9	15	<u>38</u>
		Sub Total:		1,952
2. <u>Awards</u>				
Athletic	1	27	21	49
Recreation	-	15	16	31
University Arts and Service	57	9	39	<u>105</u>
				185
3. <u>Bursaries</u>				
Open	239	443	* 14	696
Daycare	17	19	0	36
International	43	75	18	<u>136</u>
		Sub Total:		868
4. <u>Honour Roll</u>	50	126	130	306

Note: Students may receive up to three honour roll designations per year.

\* Expenditures were transferred from Open Award funds to Private funds.



B. PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND AWARDS (Number of Awards)  
(Awards are made to eligible students from privately donated funds which have general or specific Terms of Reference, as listed in the SFU Calendar.)

	<u>1990/91</u>			
	<u>90-2</u>	<u>90-3</u>	<u>91-1</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Scholarships	42	69	127	238
2. Bursaries	56	167	* 503	726
3. Awards, Medals and Prizes	38	49	36	<u>123</u>
			Total:	1,087

\* Expenditures were transferred from Open Award funds to Private funds

IV. GRADUATE BURSARIES

	<u>90-2</u>	<u>90-3</u>	<u>91-1</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Open Bursaries	37	24	21	82
2. International	18	30	18	66
3. Daycare	2	2	0	<u>4</u>
			Total:	152

V. EMERGENCY LOANS: UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE  
short term, interest-free loans are available to students who require interim emergency funding while awaiting funds from other sources.

Value: Normally \$300 - \$500

During 1990/91, 1,144 loans were issued totalling \$531,375

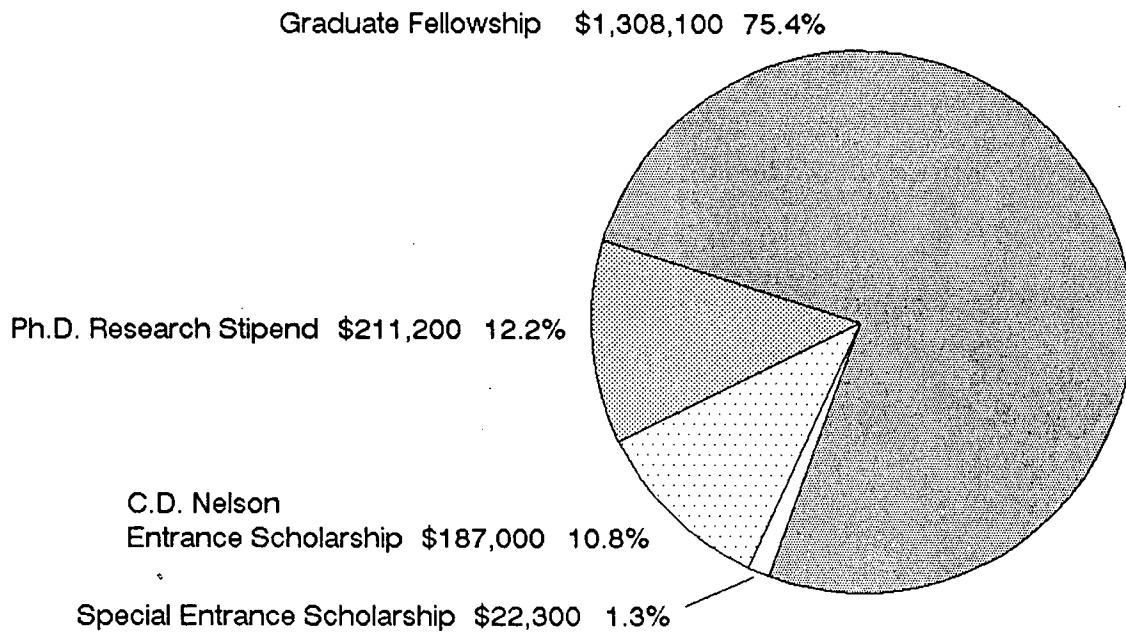
VI. WORK-STUDY PROGRAM: UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE

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 financial 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>90-2</u>	<u>90-3</u>	<u>91-1</u>	<u>90/91 Total</u>
Undergraduates employed	139	248	256	643
Graduates employed	31	19	21	71

# S.F.U. Graduate Awards 1990/91



Total Expenditures: \$ 1,728,600

Merit-based awards administered by the Dean of Graduate Studies from the S.F.U. Scholarships and Awards budget.

**1990/91 GRADUATE AWARDS**  
Administered by the Dean of Graduate Studies

**Disbursement by Award Category**

Graduate Fellowships	\$ 1,308,100
President's Ph.D. Research Stipends	211,200
C.D. Nelson Memorial Graduate Scholarships	187,000
Special Graduate Entrance Scholarships	22,300
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 1,728,600</b>

**Disbursement by Semester & Award Category**

Name	90-2	90-3	91-1	Total
GF	18 @ \$3500 48 @ \$4100 \$259,800	90 @ \$3700 55 @ \$4300 \$569,500	62 @ \$3700 58 @ \$4300 \$478,800	\$1,308,100
Stipend	19 @ \$4100 \$ 77,900	18 @ \$4300 \$ 77,400	13 @ \$4300 \$ 55,900	\$ 211,200
Nelson	10 @ \$4200 \$ 42,000	16 @ \$5000 \$ 80,000	13 @ \$5000 \$ 65,000	\$ 187,000
Special	1 @ \$1100 3 @ \$1000 \$ 4,100	1 @ \$2500 1 @ \$2000 1 @ \$1850 2 @ \$1500 \$ 9,350	2 @ \$2000 1 @ \$1850 2 @ \$1500 \$ 8,850	\$ 22,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$383,800</b> <b>99 awards</b>	<b>\$736,250</b> <b>184 awards</b>	<b>\$608,550</b> <b>151 awards</b>	<b>\$1,728,600</b> <b>434 awards</b>

**1990/91 PRIVATE GRADUATE AWARDS**  
Administered by the Dean of Graduate Studies

These awards are made from privately donated funds which have specific terms of reference as listed in the graduate section of the SFU calendar.

**Disbursement by Semester & Award Category**

	90-2	90-3	91-1	
	1 @ \$6000	1 @ \$6000	1 @ \$7000	
	1 @ \$4200	3 @ \$5000	1 @ \$6000	
	1 @ \$3333	1 @ \$4200	2 @ \$5000	
	4 @ \$3084	4 @ \$3084	1 @ \$4500	
	1 @ \$ 250	2 @ \$2567	1 @ \$4200	
		2 @ \$2500	3 @ \$4000	
		1 @ \$2317	1 @ \$3700	
		2 @ \$2000	3 @ \$3084	
		3 @ \$1500	3 @ \$3000	
		2 @ \$1000	4 @ \$2500	
		1 @ \$ 900	1 @ \$2317	
		2 @ \$ 700	1 @ \$2300	
		1 @ \$ 450	1 @ \$2000	
		2 @ \$ 300	1 @ \$1600	
			1 @ \$1200	
			8 @ \$1000	
			1 @ \$ 700	
			3 @ \$ 500	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,119</b>	<b>\$ 63,837</b>	<b>\$ 95,269</b>	<b>\$185,225</b>
	<b>8 awards</b>	<b>27 awards</b>	<b>37 awards</b>	<b>72 awards</b>