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Memorandum

TO: Senate

FROM: Bruce P. Clayman
Chair, Senate Library Committee

RE: Cancellation of Free Library Cards
for International Baccalaureate Students

DATE: August 28, 2002

In response to a Senate motion May 15, 2000, the Library has provided library cards free of charge to International Baccalaureate students in 2000/01 and 2001/02 and was requested to do so for a third year. Attached is a summary of the experience with International Baccalaureate students receiving free cards over the past two years. Four schools have taken advantage of this programme: Burnaby, Britannia, Mountain, Churchill (2000/01 only, two cards). In year 2000/01, only three of the 148 students who received a card subsequently registered at SFU. Figures are not yet available for 2001/02.

In both years, substantial unpaid charges remained after the end of the school year (\$508 and \$372 respectively). As of July 8, 2002, forty-five books remained checked out, of which 13 were at the maximum overdue with no fines yet assessed. The Library has communicated with the IB co-ordinators in order to assure the best possible service and co-operation, in particular after the first year, alerting IB co-ordinators to the Library's concerns.

This programme was recommended as a trial by Senate for three years. However, it poses a drain on our collection, has resulted in a loss of material, and involved substantial staff work in following up on overdue materials; there was no improvement in the past year despite follow-up correspondence with IB co-ordinators. It is difficult to maintain accurate address information for students once school is out, particularly for graduating students.

On this basis, the Senate Library Committee approved the following motion at its meeting on August 12, 2002.

MOTION:

That Senate approve the cancellation of the free borrower card service to IB students effective 1 September 2002.

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