

## SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

## MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: Alison Watt  
Secretary, SCAR

Subject: Voting Eligibility  
LIMITED TERM FACULTY

Date: May 19, 1998

*Withdrawn  
from  
agenda*

## NOTICE OF MOTION

The Rules of Senate require a notice of motion when a recommendation to amend the Rules of Senate comes forward. This memorandum constitutes the Notice of Motion, and this motion will come forward for consideration at the next meeting of Senate.

The definition of "faculty member" in the University Act determines the eligibility of faculty members to participate in the elections to Senate and the Board of Governors. This definition states:

**"faculty member"** means a person employed on a full-time basis by a university who has served for 4 months or longer as an instructor, lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor, professor, or in an equivalent position designated by the senate."

**Limited Term Faculty<sup>1</sup>**

Limited Term Faculty Policy A 12.05 states:

- 2.3.2 A limited term faculty member holding an appointment of longer than a year may participate in committee work and may stand for election and vote in all University elections in which other faculty members participate with the exception of Departmental Tenure Committees and the University Tenure Committee.
- 2.3.3 A limited term faculty member holding an appointment of a year or less may participate in Departmental, Faculty or University committee work at the initiative of the appropriate authority, but may not vote.

From time to time for various reasons, academic units make consecutive appointments of limited term faculty. The end result is that a person may be employed as a limited term faculty member for up to 5 consecutive years, without ever being granted voting rights in elections.

SCAR recommends that:

**"The voting rights as outlined in Section 2.3.2 of Policy A 12.05 and in the Rules of Senate be extended to limited term faculty holding contiguous appointments of longer than a year."**

<sup>1</sup> This includes others designated by Senate as in an equivalent position.

