SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY Office of the Registrar MEMORANDUM

To:

Senate

From:

Alison Watt, Director, Secretariat Services

Subject:

Human Rights cases

Date:

11 April, 1996

For Information

In 1992, former Senator and Board of Governors member, Protais Haje filed two complaints against the University. The first alleged that the University discriminated against international students on the basis of race and/or place of origin contrary to section 3 of the Human Rights Act by requiring them to pay higher tuition fees than domestic students. His second complaint alleged that the University discriminated against international students on the basis of race and/or place of origin contrary to the same section of the Act, by requiring them to hold a higher grade point average than domestic students in order to be admitted to certain limited enrolment programs.

On March 15, 1996, Barbara Humphreys, Member of the B.C. Council of Human Rights determined that the University's policies with respect to international students do not constitute discrimination contrary to the Act. These policies are based on the citizenship or place of residence of students and their legal status in Canada and not on race or place of origin.

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