

# FOR INFORMATION

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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

## MEMORANDUM

To: Senate  
From: Nick Heath  
Secretary, SAB

Subject: Senate Appeals Board  
Annual Report 1988  
SUAB 192  
Date: March 7, 1989

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The Senate Appeals Board met 15 times in 1988.

### Membership

F. Riahi - Chair (Elected by SAB)

### From SUAB - 1 Member

D. Ryeburn  
J. Weinkam (Alternate)

### From Senate - 1 Member

R.W. Mathewes  
P. Winne (Alternate - appointed June 1988, replacing  
L. Salter Jan./88 - June/88)

### From Student Society - 2 Members

A. Richmond (appointed May/88 replacing T. Wahl Jan./88 -  
Sept./88)  
W. Dang (appointed May/88)  
S. Nyvik (Alternate appointed Sept./88 replacing E. Rowan  
Jan./88 - Apr./88)  
A. Gutteridge (Alternate appointed May/88 replacing G. Hazell  
Jan./88 - Apr./88)

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1988 was a difficult year for the Senate Appeals Board. With the adoption of enrolment limitations for new students, limits were imposed on the readmission of former students who had been required to withdraw for reasons of weak performance or repeated withdrawals. A limit of 25 readmissions was set for 88-3, yet some 114 appeals were received. Similarly for 89-1, 79 appeals were received but only 20 students were to be readmitted. These numbers convinced the SAB to suspend its normal procedures. Most students who had requested to appear in person to support their appeals were given decisions based only on the written evidence. This change of procedure was unpopular with some member of the University community, yet it would have been scarcely possible to endure the many days of hearings required to hear each appelliant individually.

In other respects, the SAB meetings went smoothly enough. Members have noticed an increase for a second year in the numbers of students seeking a "transcript clean-up" prior to applying to a graduate program.

In addition to the appeals shown on the attached table, the Director of Admissions and Liaison handled cases through delegated authority as follows:

Admission	93
Readmission	51
Retroactive withdrawal	34
Other	1
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Total	179



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**Table 1: Results of Appeals January - December 1988**

Date of Meetings	Jan 7	Jan 13	Feb 4	Mar 3	Mar 24	Apr 27	May 5	Jul 15	Aug 10	Sep 13	Sep 27	Nov 15	Nov 22	De 22	Total
Admission	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Readmission	3	2	0	1	2	1	1	83	15	0	0	71	1	2	182
Early Readmission	4	1	2	2	0	3	8	25	1	3	0	8	0	0	57
Retroactive Withdrawal	3	2	1	1	2	1	2	4	1	4	4	0	5	0	30
Selective Retroactive Withdrawal	0	1	3	4	3	2	1	2	1	4	7	0	7	5	40
Transfer Credit	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>312</b>
<b>Decisions Made</b>															
Sustain	4	4	4	6	4	2	5	20	8	11	7	16	6	3	100
Deny	6	2	1	2	3	5	6	77	10	0	3	62	5	3	185
Defer	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	17	0	0	2	1	2	1	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>312</b>

(A meeting was held on Nov. 1/88 to discuss procedures on handling the large number of appeals)