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FOR INFORMATION

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ron Heath
Registrar

FROM: Walter J. Wattamaniuk
Secretary to SCUB

SUBJECT: Annual Report

DATE: December 17, 1987

I attach the annual report of the Senate Committee on University Budget for the information of Senate.

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Enclosure

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY BUDGET
REPORT TO SENATE
DECEMBER, 1987

(I) THE COMMITTEE

The Senate Committee on University Budget (SCUB) is a standing Committee of the Senate of Simon Fraser University and is designated as a confidential Committee advisory to the President.

The membership, as determined by Senate at its meeting of December 1st, 1980, consists of those members of Senate elected by and from Senate to the Senate Committee on Academic Planning.

The Chair is elected by and from the voting members of the Committee. The present Chair is J. D'Auria (Faculty member of Senate). The other members as of December, 1987, are: Faculty Senators: W. Cleveland, L. Salter, D. Goodman, and G. Strate; Lay Members of Senate; M. Warsh, A. Wotherspoon ; Student Senators; P. Busch, R. Irvine, A. Schierer. The Director of Analytical Studies, W. Wattamaniuk, serves as (non-voting) Secretary. The Vice-President, Finance, E. Scott, attends the meetings as a resource person on a regular basis. Other Vice-Presidents and the President attend at the invitation of the Committee.

The proceedings of the Committee, information received by it from the administration, and the specifics of the advice given by the Committee are confidential. Only the activity reports that the Committee makes to Senate are not subject to this rule of confidentiality.

(II) ACTIVITY REPORT

This report covers the period from November 1st, 1986 to December 31st, 1987. Within this period, SCUB met in Committee seven times. Dr. Saywell was present to speak to the Committee on one occasion.

At each meeting, SCUB has been briefed by Dr. Scott on the budget situation at SFU and on expectations regarding provincial funding and overall allocations, once funding figures were ascertained. SCUB has also received information regarding proposed tuition fee changes and has provided advice on these to the President.

One of SCUB's terms of reference is to maintain an overview and familiarity with the University's operating budget. This past year, in order to better understand the functions and budget allocations in various departments, SCUB invited the Dean of Continuing Studies to make a presentation summarizing the Continuing Studies operation at SFU. The meeting proved very useful to members of the Committee. A similar invitation was extended to the Vice President of Research and Information Systems, specifically to address the functions and budgets within Computing Services and the Library. The Director of Computing Services and the Librarian both attended the meeting to answer questions from members.

SCUB has accepted a mandate from the President to carry out a study on financial aid at SFU following the policy changes approved by Senate in 1986. SCUB is addressing the following questions;

- (i) Is the mix of financial aid programs and monies appropriate?
- (ii) Is the total amount of student aid money, as allocated from the operating budget, appropriate for SFU. SCUB has now approved a framework and methodology for the study and expects it to be completed in Spring, 1988.

Recently J. Blaney met with SCUB and presented details on the proposed operation of the Downtown campus at Harbour Centre. SCUB is very aware of Senate's concern that Downtown programs not be mounted at a cost to on-campus programs.

Finally, SCUB has reviewed the budget implications of new courses and programs for 1988/89 which were approved by Senate recently. In accordance with its terms of reference, SCUB will inform and advise the President on the financial implications.