

# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

*University Secretariat*

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Senate

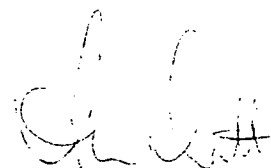
**FROM:** Alison Watt, Secretary  
Senate Committee on Agenda  
and Rules

**SUBJECT:** Report of the ad hoc Committee to review the Report on the Commercialization of University Research

**DATE:** February 22\3, 2000

The Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules has received the attached report from the ad hoc Committee established following debate at the Senate meeting in December, 1999. This report is forwarded to Senate for information.

The Vice-President, Research is requested to report to SCAR when the Government response is published so that further action or response can be considered.



February 9, 2000

To: Alison Watt, Secretary of Senate and SCAR  
From: Willie Davidson  
Re: Report on the ad hoc Committee to review "Commercialization of University Research"

The ad hoc committee established by SCAR to review the "Report of the Expert Panel on the Commercialization of University Research" and the proposed motion of Senator Jones (Senate deplors the recommendation, expressed in the report "Public Investments in University Research: Reaping the Benefits", that the commercialization of the results of research be made a part of the university's mission. Senate urges government to reconsider and reject this report) has concluded its deliberations.

First, we would like to draw everyone's attention to the document describing the issues raised during public consultations of this report. 578 individuals participated in 86 meetings across the country and 52 individuals also submitted written comments. It should be noted that a consultation meeting was held at Simon Fraser University on October 12, 1999 with Leo Derikx and Angie Brennan and it attracted 9 participants including 3 members of the ad hoc committee. There was every opportunity for responses to be made to the initial report and it would appear from the Public Consultations Report that concerns raised at Senate had been heard.

Therefore, the committee:

- 1) notes that Industry Canada consulted with the universities and others potentially affected by the report 'Public Investments in University Research: Reaping the Benefits' during the period August 31, 1999, to October 29, 1999. The results of these consultations were reflected in 'Public Consultations on the Report of the Expert Panel', issued in December 1999.
- 2) feels that, since the consultation period expired several months ago, and since the criticisms of the report expressed in Senate Paper 99-75 are acknowledged (as a minority view) in the 'Public Consultations' document, it would not be appropriate for Senate to consider a motion commenting on the report at this time.
- 3) notes that Industry Canada will be developing a government response to the recommendations of the Expert Panel and the results of the public consultation, and suggests that Senate may wish to reconsider these issues when that response becomes available.

*Willie Davidson*