

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Emery Hyslop-Margison, Faculty of Education
From: Jack P. Blaney, Chair of Senate, Chair, Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules
Subject: Hellenic Studies Chair
Date: March 23, 2000

The Senate Committee on Agenda considered the motions Professor Emeritus Dr. Tasos Kazepides wished placed before Senate at its meeting on 21 March, 2000. After careful consideration, SCAR determined that it had no jurisdiction over either of the matters cited in the motions and therefore the motions will not be placed on the agenda of Senate.

Motion 1 asked Senate to restore the initial terms of reference for the Chair in Hellenic Studies. As a rationale for this motion, Dr. Kazepides suggests that "the administration violated the spirit and the letter of the University Act in establishing the Chair in Hellenic Studies without Senate approval ...". Section 37 of the University Act outlines the powers of Senate which may be exercised by Senate. The Act does not state that the establishment of a Chair requires approval of Senate. The establishment of a Chair is clearly within the powers of the Board.

In the Spring of 1999, Senate and the Board of Governors agreed on a revision of SFU policy A 10.03 Endowed Appointments to include Senate in the determination of terms of reference of new endowed Chairs. This policy was not retroactive and does not apply to the Chair in Hellenic Studies and a number of other established endowed Chairs.

Motion 2 asked that the Chair be vacated and advertised according to the initial terms of reference. At Simon Fraser University, academic appointments and dismissals are not matters considered by Senate, and therefore it is inappropriate for Senate to take the course of action Dr. Kazepides suggests.

This memorandum, and your letter dated 4 March, 2000 will be circulated to Senate shortly, and will form part of the Report of the Chair at the Senate meeting of 3 April, 2000.


Jack P. Blaney

Emery J. Hyslop-Margison
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March 04, 2000


Chair,
Senate Committee on Academic Regulations (SCAR)
Simon Fraser University

I have recently been approached by Dr. Tasos Kazepides, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Education, Simon Fraser University, to request an item of some import be placed before senate for discussion. Although not entirely familiar with the university regulations in the area of department chair appointments, based on the information with which I have been provided, Dr. Kazepides position appears to have merit. In short, he contends that the university administration violated the University Act in its failure to bring before Senate amendments to the terms of reference for appointing the Chair of Hellenic Studies. To remedy this procedural error, I would request that the matter be brought before senate and Dr. Kazepides allowed to act as resource person during the session in which the issue is discussed. There are two motions that Dr. Kazepides wishes placed before Senate:

- 1) That the initial terms of reference for the Hellenic Studies Chair be restored.
- 2) That the Chair be vacated and advertised according to the initial terms of reference.

I would deeply appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


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x.c. Tasos Kazepides

Senators wishing to review the full material submitted by Dr. Kazepides may consult these documents at the Senate Secretariat in the Office of the Registrar.