

MEMORANDUM

To..... Mr. Nick Heath
..... Director, Secretariat Services
Subject.. Annual Report - SCSAB.....

From..... Vern C. Loewen
..... Director, Financial Aid
Date..... May 18th 1983.....

Please find attached the Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries for presentation at the next Senate Meeting.

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c.c. Dr. H. Weinberg
Chairman, S.C.S.A.B.
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES

ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE SENATE

Dr. Hal Weinberg
Chairman

V.C. (Vern) Loewen
Secretary

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I. GRADUATE PROGRAMS

A) Scholarships

SFU Open Graduate Scholarships are awarded to students primarily on the basis of academic standing. Students may be registered in, admitted into, or have applied for admission into a Master's or Doctoral program at SFU providing they have achieved a minimum academic standing equivalent to a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 at the undergraduate and/or graduate level. In addition to this scholarship recipients may concurrently receive:

a) one T.A. ship or b) one R.A. ship or c) other paid work of an academic nature.

A recipient is required to reserve one semester of the period covered by the scholarship exclusively for research. The current value of this scholarship is \$7,000 disbursed over three consecutive semesters.

B) C.D. Nelson Memorial Scholarships

Up to three scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding scholars entering a graduate program at SFU. Each scholarship is valued at \$9,000 per annum, and the tenure is for two years for students enrolled in a Master's program and three years for those in the Ph.D program. After the first year, renewal of the scholarship is contingent upon demonstrated progress toward completion of degree requirements and the maintenance of exceptional scholarship. The recipient must normally be registered in a full-time program throughout the period of the award. During the tenure of the award, the recipient may hold the equivalent of one teaching assistantship or one research assistantship for one semester.

I. GRADUATE PROGRAMS continued

C) Graduate Stipends

The intent of the stipend is to allow students to devote full-time to the writing or completion of a thesis or its equivalent. Stipends are administered with the following priorities:

- a) All Ph.D students who are in the process of writing a thesis or its equivalent and who have not other major scholarships, T.A. or R.A.support.
- b) All Master's students who are in the process or writing a thesis or its equivalent, who have a CGPA of 3.5 or greater and who have no other major scholarship, T.A. or R.A. support.
- c) All Master's students who have a CGPA of 3.2 or greater and who have no other major scholarship, T.A. or R.A. support.
- d) Other cases that may be considered by SCSAB.

SCSAB has noted that the value of the stipend has not been increased for several years and that there is general agreement that an increase is necessary. It is proposed that in the future the value of the stipend should be indexed to the value of NSERC awards.

D) Emergency Bursaries

Emergency Bursaries are available to graduate students who are experiencing financial difficulty.

E) Emergency Loans

Small, short-term interest free loans are available to students who require some interim money, while awaiting other sources of funding.

II. UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

A) Scholarships

The current Tuition Repayment and Open Scholarship programs will be replaced by the new Undergraduate Scholarship program approved by Senate in 1982. The new program will be implemented in 1983-3.

To be eligible for this new program students must have completed 30 credit hours of graded course work. The tenure of these scholarships will be 3 semesters. All applications will be adjudicated in the Fall. Students who enter the scholarship system in Spring or Summer will be eligible for scholarships of one or two semesters in order to phase them into the regular Fall adjudication.

B) Entrance Scholarships

The current Entrance Scholarship Program offers up to \$500 to students from Community Colleges, Universities and Secondary Schools for their first semester of study at SFU. Effective 1983-3 the following Entrance Scholarships will replace the current program:

1) Gordon M. Shrum Entrance Scholarships

Up to 15 scholarships per year, valued at \$9,900, i.e. \$1,100 each semester to a maximum of 9 semesters of full-time study at SFU. Nominations are submitted through the office of the high school principal.

2) President's High School Entrance Scholarships

At least one scholarship may be awarded per B.C. Secondary School. These scholarships will be valued at two semesters tuition and are awarded on the basis of nomination received from the high school principals throughout the province. Nominees must be the top three graduates of the school and must have an average of at least 80% in the courses utilized for admission to SFU.

3) P.D. McTaggart Cowan Entrance Scholarships in Science

These scholarships are valued at \$2,000 with one scholarship available in each of Physics, Chemistry, Biological Science and Mathematics.

II. UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS continued

B) 4) Canadian Physicists Examination and Prize (C.A.P.)

The value and tenure of these scholarships are variable, but will not be less than the equivalent of two semesters tuition.

5) Provincial Government High School Examination

The value and tenure of these scholarships are variable, but will not be less than the equivalent of two semesters tuition. Normally only those students who have attained 80% or better will be considered for a scholarship.

6) Jack Diamond Scholarships

Up to 3 scholarships per year, valued at \$2,000 each, are offered to students who have attained a high scholastic standing together with a high level of athletic achievement. The award will be disbursed in two equal instalments.

7) College and University Transfer Entrance Scholarships

A number of scholarships are available to highly qualified students based on College or University transcripts. These scholarships are valued at two semesters tuition for the first two consecutive semesters at SFU.

8) Provincial/National Competitions

Both the tenure and value of these scholarships may vary, but will not be less than the equivalent of two semesters tuition. These scholarships are awarded to students who have excelled in competitions.

9) Other Scholarships

The university may offer additional entrance scholarships, on a selective basis, to other highly qualified students.

II. UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS continued

C) Awards

Awards are usually monetary, in nature, but may be in the form of prizes or medals. They are awarded in recognition of extraordinary intellectual, cultural, social or aesthetic contributions to the university community at large. Awards are given in the areas of Athletics, Recreation, the Arts and service. These awards may range in value, as determined by the terms of reference of each award.

D) Private Scholarships and Private Bursaries

A variety of private scholarships and bursaries are administered by the Financial Aid Office.

E) S.F.U. Bursaries

Bursaries are available to students demonstrating financial need. The purpose of a bursary is to provide students with a supplemental source of income, which when added to other sources of income, will help provide the funds required to defray educational expenses. Bursaries normally will not be considered until eligibility for Government assistance has first been determined. Bursaries are normally awarded up to \$400 and are subject to satisfactory academic standing.

F) Emergency Bursaries

Emergency Bursaries are available to students who, due to unforeseen circumstances, are in financial difficulty. Normally these bursaries are valued up to \$500.

G) Emergency Loans

Small, short-term interest-free loans are available to students who require some interim funds, when awaiting funding from other sources.

III. B.C. STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (B.C.S.A.P.)

The Canada Student Loans Program provides funds from the Federal Government in the form of loans which must be repaid. The Provincial Grant provides additional support through grants which do not have to be repaid.

The Financial Aid Office receives and assesses all applications for this program. Once an assessed need has been established, an appropriate award is determined. Students must be registered in and remain in a minimum of 9 semester hours (as an undergraduate, or full-time as a graduate) to receive government funds. To be eligible for the program, applicants must be Canadian citizens, or permanent residents prior to the commencement of the term for which they seek assistance. Interest on the loan is paid by the Federal Government as long as the student is registered as a full-time student and for six months thereafter. Repayment of the loan is made to the bank through which the loan was negotiated.

Graduates, and students who have already completed a Bachelor's degree (except PDP students) have access to loan funds only up to a maximum of \$900 per semester. Undergraduates have access to the same loan in addition to the Provincial Grant, up to a maximum of \$1,000 to \$1,200 per semester. All students may borrow a maximum of \$9,800 Canada Student Loan.