

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**  
**Memorandum**

TO: Senate

FROM: Alison Watt, Secretary, Senate Nominating Committee

DATE: February 3, 2006

SUBJECT: Elections at Senate Meeting - Monday, February 6, 2006

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The following vacancies are outstanding and are brought forward to the February meeting of Senate. Elections, if required, will be conducted by ballot at the Senate meeting of February 6, 2006.

Under Senate regulations, any Senator who wishes to submit nominations may do so by notifying the Secretary of Senate in writing (email watt@sfu.ca) of such nominations. Nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than Friday, February 3, 2006.

Nominations received after that time cannot be accepted. Senators making nominations must ensure in advance that the nominee is willing to stand for election.

Senate Committee on Academic Integrity in Student Learning and Evaluation (SCAISLE)  
**One Undergraduate Student (Alternate)** to fill an existing vacancy for term of office to May 31, 2006.

Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) and Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee (SUAAC) – DUAL POSITION  
**One Undergraduate Student** to replace E. Johansen for term of office to May 31, 2006.  
**Elected by acclamation:** Karen Tse

Senate Committee on University Honours (SCUH)  
**One Faculty Senator (Health Sciences)** to replace C. MacKenzie for term of office to May 31, 2008.  
**One Student Senator** to replace E. Johansen for term of office to May 31, 2007.  
**Elected by acclamation:** Shawn Hunsdale

Research Ethics Board (REB)  
**One Member from the University Community** to replace A. Drobnies for term of office to May 31, 2007.  
**Elected by acclamation:** Sandra Wong

**One Student Member** to replace E. Halpern for term of office to May 31, 2007.  
**Ballot required:** Anthony Kupferschmidt  
Colin McInnes  
Sasha Uhlmann

Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL)  
**One Faculty Member (Education)** to replace C. Amundsen for term of office to May 31, 2006.  
Paul Neufeld

Candidate Statements for elections at Senate  
Monday, February 6, 2006

**Anthony Laurence Kupferschmidt**

I am a first-year Gerontology Master of Arts student here at Simon Fraser University. My research interests focus on caregivers of persons with dementia and the psychological effects, both positive and negative, of providing care.

I received my Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in Psychology from Queen's University in Kingston, ON in 2003. While in Kingston, I sat on the Board of Directors of the Alzheimer Society of Kingston for one year. I also served for two years as Vice Coordinator Administration of an approximately fifty-member volunteer-based community organization. In this capacity, I was responsible for the agency's policies, constitution and by-laws and for ensuring compliance with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA).

I also completed my Bachelor of Arts degree in Gerontology at McMaster University in Hamilton, ON last April. For the duration of my studies, I was selected to serve as the Undergraduate Member of the Gerontology/Geography Student Research Ethics Committee. In this capacity, I reviewed ethics protocols for research involving human participants. As a component of this position, I participated in a half-day professional development session on the ethics of research in humans. I am also familiar with the Tri-council Policy Statement on Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans.

Through my work on numerous research initiatives over the last five years in different institutions, I have considerable familiarity with and experience preparing and evaluating research ethics board applications. Though new to SFU, I am active within the Gerontology Graduate Caucus and serve as the departmental representative to the university-wide Graduate Issues Committee. I have also familiarized myself with past minutes of the university's Research Ethics Board, as well as all of the Board's forms and the current and proposed versions of the University Research Ethics Review Policy R20.01.

I hope to bring my prior experience to the capacity of Student Member on the Simon Fraser University Research Ethics Board. Thank you very much in advance for your consideration.

**Colin McInnes**

Dear Members of Senate

I am writing to express interest in becoming a student member of the SFU Research Ethics Committee. Currently, I am a 4th year Biology Honours Program student with aspirations to enter the medical field. I have a keen interest in ethical issues, such as health care privatization and research procedures, and realize the fundamental importance of having proper ethics standards. Furthermore, although this is a preliminary goal, I hope to eventually get involved with an ethics committee on the C.M.A. (Canadian Medical Association) and therefore feel that being on the SFU Ethics Committee would be an excellent and interesting way to get more exposure to the procedures involved.

I am currently involved in my second undergraduate research class (BISC 499) with the B.C. Cancer Agency where I have observed the importance of ethics standards. With the BCCA I am helping with a study aimed to give dentists the tools to identify pre-malignant lesions within the mouth. While gathering data from patients one of my responsibilities is to cover liability procedures and explain all aspects of the confidentiality agreement: how their data will be used, who will have access to their records, and I will also answer their questions/concerns. This process has shown me the importance of establishing clear, and ethically sound, research procedures before commencing a study. This upcoming fall I will be doing a more in-depth research (ISS) which will contribute to the BCCA study, and therefore feel that the work I will put into this committee will be very applicable to my future.

Finally, I will still be at SFU next spring and therefore, if elected, I will be able to commit to the entire duration of the position (May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007).

**Sasha Uhlmann**

I am currently a masters student in the Faculty of Health Sciences (Population and Public Health) and the student senate representative for the Faculty. As a student in Public Health I have learned much in the way of research ethics and requirements for research proposals. I will be conducting research of my own and am therefore very interested in the process. I would offer the committee current knowledge on research ethics as well as the desire and ability to learn more.

Thank you for considering my application.