

# SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS

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Motion 1

It was moved by SSpector and seconded CPercival

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## Dean's Honour Roll

A limited number of students will be admitted each term to the Dean's Honour Roll, mainly on the basis of excellent work completed in the previous term. This award will be shown on the student's permanent academic record. Admission to the Honour Roll requires that the student meet all of the following criteria:

- must have completed a minimum of 30 units at Simon Fraser University by the end of the term being evaluated
- must have completed at least 12 units which are counted toward the grade point average (GPA) in the term being evaluated
- must achieve a minimum term grade point average (TGPA) of 3.50 in the term being evaluated
- must not have received a grade of FD (failed, academic discipline) in any course in the term being evaluated

Students need not apply for admission to the Honour Roll. Admission is automatic for any student meeting all of these criteria.

## President's Honour Roll

A limited number of students will be admitted each term to the President's Honour Roll, mainly on the basis of excellent work completed in the previous term. This award will be shown on the student's permanent academic record. Admission to the Honour Roll requires that the student meet all of the following criteria:

- must have completed a minimum of 30 units at Simon Fraser University by the end of the term being evaluated
- must have completed at least 12 units which are counted toward the grade point average (GPA) in the term being evaluated
- must achieve a minimum term grade point average (TGPA) of 4.00 in the term being evaluated
- must not have received a grade of FD (failed, academic discipline) in any course in the term being evaluated

Students need not apply for admission to the Honour Roll. Admission is automatic for any student meeting all of these criteria."

CARRIED

The Chair provided background of this agenda item regarding changes made for the Spring 2020 term due to COVID-19 and assisting students transition to remote instruction in relation to the Honour Rolls. It was decided at the last meeting, not to make any retroactive changes unless necessary to revise the language in the terms of reference to make clearer its intent

Discussion ensued with focus on different scenarios that could arise regarding a student's grades and eligibility such as AE and DE grades or course challenges. All agreed to further revise the terms of reference to include a full listing of nongrade notations so criteria is clear to students.



Renewal Criteria:

- a) Must be registered fulltime
- b) Must have a CGPA of 2.00
- c) Must meet with an SFU Academic Advisor to review course selection each term
- d) Must meet with SFU Financial Aid and Awards to review their financial plan each term
- e) Maintain continued contact with the University and authority officials satisfactory to facilitate the administration of the program.”

1 OPPOSED  
8 AFFIRMATIVE  
CARRIED

M. Bhakthan provided an overview and background of this agenda item explaining that this pilot project, which began in 2014, is reviewed by the committee every three years. He added that in 2017 the government created their own program for former youth in care students, although most of our SFU former youth in care students utilize this program, there are those that aren't eligible.

This agenda item is to propose to continue this program as a permanent option for those Youth in Care students who do not meet the requirements for the Ministry funding. He added that UVIC and UBC had their programs permanent.

There was much discussion with focus on the government criteria of eligibility and those of SFU and whether the SFU program should be phased out. The consensus was to do best for students ensuring no student is missed of this opportunity and if government requirements change where all students are eligible for this funding, the SFU program may phase out on its own.

d. Undergraduate Open Scholarship – Program Review and Moratorium in 2021-2022 – Discussion

M. Bhakthan spoke to this agenda item providing brief background and explaining the financial situation around the Undergraduate Open Scholarship program. He added that we are exceeding what we've budgeted for, which is very positive but on the other hand, to maintain this program a review of the data is needed. He continued that the amount of these scholarships is between \$70 and \$110 or between \$900-\$1200 for any given term and the budget for the year is approximately \$1.8 million dollars and has now reached approximately \$2.3 to \$2.4 million for students meeting the criteria.

Should we be looking at any changes to the program? Perhaps we should reduce the per credit value? Should we place a moratorium at this point? M. Bhakthan reiterated this agenda item is for discussion only. A formal motion is being proposed.

M. Bhakthan answered questions posed by the committee and discussion ensued with focus on what possible changes could be made to the program while being fair to students and faculty. It was suggested that if there is a severe budget issue, one option suggested by the committee was to use a per credit dollar value at the lower end of the range for the scholarship disbursements (ex. \$80/credit hour rather than \$100-110), while a review is in progress. And if so, communication would have to be swift and clear that this would be the plan starting in Summer 2021, when a new fiscal year has begun.

All agreed a review of the process is a good idea as there have been many changes from 20 years ago. A moratorium would not help as this is just the cost of doing business.

