

## **STUDENT FINANCE COMMITTEE: 2008-2009 GENERAL REPORT**

### **Introduction**

The Student Finance Committee (SFC) is a Faculty Council Committee comprised of both Faculty and Student members. The SFC is the Committee responsible for overseeing the Law School's Bursary and Scholarship Programme and for administering a portion of the award and financial support monies available to Dalhousie Law Students registered in any one of their three years of study towards an LL.B. degree. The SFC is not responsible for the administration or distribution of monies which fall under the mandates of other Faculty Council Committees.<sup>1</sup>

### **Composition**

The SFC for the 2008-09 academic year was comprised of Co-Chairs Professor David Blaikie and Donna Beaver (Director of Finance & Administration) along with one faculty member, Professor Jennifer Bankier

The student members of the SFC were chosen through the Law Students' Society (LSS). Each year of LL.B. study was represented by two student members. The student members for 2008-2009 were: Richard Norman, Jonathan Pendrith (first year); Jacqueline Porter, Nathaniel Smith (second year); and Jillian Brown and Matthew Thompson (third year).

Once again this year, the involvement of all student committee members has been of central assistance to the Committee's work. The student members of the SFC are integral to both the efficiency and fairness of the Committee's processes. Each student contributes a tremendous amount of time and effort. Their vigilance in considering and reviewing a great deal of information, while maintaining respect for student confidentiality and privacy, adds considerably to the quality of the Committee's work.

The secretary to the SFC is Mrs. Tiffany Coolen-Jewers, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Finance & Administration. Ms. Coolen-Jewers handles all the administrative tasks regarding the distribution of forms and information. She is also responsible for uploading all the individual student data; double-checking for accuracy and currency; following-up with students re missing information; and coordinating with Student Accounts and Financial Records regarding requisitions of cheques and notification of students.

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<sup>1</sup> For example, monies awarded by the Admissions Committee and the Law Foundation Scholarship Committee (entrance scholarships and their renewals) and tuition waivers, book allowances, and living allowances available to eligible students enrolled in the Law Schools Indigenous Black and Mi'kmaq (IB&M) Initiative.

**Summary of Awards for 2008-2009**

The SFC draws its bursaries and scholarship monies from three sources: The University's Account (which in 2008-2009 totaled **\$293,200**); the Law School's own Account (comprised of monies from the Auxiliary Fees, which totaled **\$349,085** in 2008-2009); and monies donated or endowed through individually Named Awards, Bursaries and Scholarships (which totaled **\$93,851** in 2008-2009), plus an additional **\$22,000** comprised of donations from Law School Alumni who give annually to the Law School Bursary Fund. Consequently, the Student Finance Committee began the year with a total of **\$758,136** in monies to distribute in 2008-2009. The Table below is the final summary of all the awards distributed by the SFC from all categories during the 2008-2009 academic year.

**Table**  
**2008-2009 Awards (all General and Discretionary Awards)**

<b>Year of Study</b>	<b>Number of Applications</b>	<b>Number of Recipients</b>	<b>Total Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Average Am't Awarded</b>
<b>First Year</b>	71	60	\$141,800	\$2,363
<b>Second Year</b>	75	72	\$267,200	\$3,711
<b>Third Year</b>	71	69	\$324,799	\$4,707
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>	201	<b>\$733,799</b>	\$3,650