

STUDENT FINANCE COMMITTEE: 2007-2008 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.¹

Composition

The Co-Chairs of the SFC for the 2007-2008 academic year were Professor Richard Evans and Professor Sherifa Elkadem (Assistant Dean, Student Services). The third faculty member on the SFC was Professor David Blaikie.

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 2007-2008 were: Jacqueline Porter and Nathaniel Smith (first year); Jillian Brown and Mathew Thompson (second year); and Ashley Thomas and David Mollica (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 Assistant Dean, Student Services. 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.

¹ 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 2007-2008

The SFC draws its bursaries and scholarship monies from three sources: The University's Account (which in 2007-2008 totaled **\$287,200**); the Law School's own Account (comprised of monies from the Auxiliary Fees, which totaled **\$351,385** in 2007-2008); and monies donated or endowed through individually Named Awards, Bursaries and Scholarships (which totaled **\$89,595** in 2007-2008). Consequently, the Student Finance Committee began the year with a total of **\$728,180** in monies to distribute in 2007-2008. The Table below is the final summary of all the awards distributed by the SFC from all categories during the 2007-2008 academic year.

Table
2007-2008 Awards (all General and Discretionary Awards)

Year of Study	Number of Applications	Number of Recipients	Total Amount Awarded	Average Am't Awarded
First Year	53	45	157,474	3,499.42
Second Year	59	53	219,846	4,1480.04
Third Year	84	77	341,825	4,439.29
Total	196	175	719,145	4,109.40