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Memorandum to: Members of the Executive Committee

From: Louis R. Charpentier
Secretary of the Governing Council

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Re: **Report on Denied Requests by Non-Members to Address the Governing Council**

At the December 15th meeting of the Governing Council, a member requested a written report by the Secretary of the Governing Council on whether, in the past four or five years, requests to address Governing Council from student groups or labour groups had been denied.

A review of the Reports of the Executive Committee and of Governing Council over the period of September 1999 to June 2003 indicates that a total of 40 speaking requests were denied: 29 for matters on the agenda and 11 for matters not on the agenda. Of these, 23 were requests to speak at the April 3, 2003 meeting of the Governing Council at which the tuition fee schedules for 2003-04 were considered for approval.

Two of the denied requests were from student groups: one from the President of the Students' Administrative Council to provide an update of SAC activities, and one from the Graduate Students' Union to discuss Bill 132. In the case of the update of SAC activities, it was the advice of the Chair and the Executive Committee that such briefings should be provided in writing and distributed to members of the Council. In the case of the request to discuss Bill 132¹, the request was declined, given the length of the agenda and the fact that the request had arrived after the Executive Committee meeting. A written submission from GSU was placed on the table at the meeting.

A complete list of speaking requests that were not granted is attached for your information.

¹ Bill 132 was proposed legislation that would allow for the introduction of private for-profit and not-for-profit degree-granting institutions.

