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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

Paper S-71

To.....Registrar

From.....John Matthews

Dean of Arts

Subject.....attached

Date.....October 16, 1967

I request on behalf of the Department of Economics and Commerce that this proposal be placed on the agenda for the Senate meeting of November 2, 1967.

I shall be able to report at the meeting the opinion from the Faculty of Arts meeting which will be held before that date.

As I understand the matter, the Department of Economics and Commerce has the right to bring this proposal before Senate even should the Faculty, which is unlikely, vote against the project. This procedure therefore seems to me, subject to your judgement, to be in order. Dr. Copes assures me that there is urgent need to get the Senate's decision as soon as possible, so that negotiations can be carried through.

John Matthews

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TO: FACULTY OF ARTS

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF ECON. & COMM.

October 10, 1967

1. The attached proposal has also been submitted to Department of External Aid.
2. Department of External Aid approval if received will cover the financing of this program.

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TO BE ADDED TO FACULTY OF ARTS MEETING AGENDA, ITEM 11, OTHER BUSINESS

PROPOSED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR OFFICIALS
OF LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AT SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

This proposal will cover the following points:

- I Objectives
- II Duration of program
- III Content of proposed syllabus
- IV Timetable for implementation
- V Other considerations

I Objectives:

The purpose of this program is to provide training which will help improve economic management in the less developed countries. Many in positions of responsibility in these countries have little knowledge of the problem of economic development and the techniques and procedure which have been developed over the past decades in the field. What is needed are specialised training programs rather than general academic training.

The proposed program is an effort to meet a part of this problem. Taking into consideration the unique features of British Columbia, the resources of the greater Vancouver area, and the staff at Simon Fraser University, the emphasis will be placed upon resource development, . . . particularly in mining, power, forestry and fisheries. The program should particularly assist those working in these areas in the underdeveloped countries.

II Duration of program:

The training program is subject to a number of constraints. Among these are the willingness of underdeveloped countries to release participants for any extended period of time to attend, the time period required to effectively cover the work required, and the availability of space and staff at Simon Fraser. The discussions to date have been in terms of a six to eight month program, the latter being considered a maximum period for which governments are likely to release the kind of men we are seeking as participants. The space factor at Simon Fraser, however, appears to be the limiting constraint since the program can only be accommodated during the summer term, when enrollment normally drops. This dictates a maximum of six months, five months in residence at the university and up to one month on field trips within British Columbia and Canada. We have, therefore, prepared a program within this constraint which we feel will effectively meet the needs of the participants and their governments.

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III Content:

The syllabus has been prepared on the basis of three meetings per day, each of an hour and a half duration. In a five month period we expect to have 100 working days giving a total of 300 meetings.

Tool courses: these are offered to ensure that participants will be able to work more effectively. The level of work to be offered will be adjusted to the needs of the participants.

1.	Reading	This will be designed to ensure sufficient reading skills to handle the reading assignments in the development and management courses.	20
2.	Basic mathematics and statistics	This will ensure skills needed to work out cost benefit analysis, rate of return, etc.	20
3.	Report writing	Work with participants to improve writing ability.	20
4.	Elements of Financial Analysis	Elements of accounting needed to read and understand financial statements.	25
			Total 85

Development and project analysis:

1.	Development Economics and Development Programming	Economics of development, the role of social planning, national accounting, etc.	40
2.	Resource Development	Techniques of project analysis	10
3.	Industrial Development	Policy problems and project analysis in these areas	20
4.	Power Development		10
5.	Mining Development		10
6.	Forestry Development		10
7.	Fisheries Development		6
8.	International Organizations and International Business	Activities of foreign aid agencies, international organizations and foreign investment	10
9.	Case Studies	Studies applicable to problems discussed.	24

Total 140

Management

1.	Financial management	Problems of financing, sources of funds, cost of funds, etc.	15
2.	Industrial management	Management problems of public and private enterprises	10
			Total 25

Seminars and local field trips

1.	Seminars	Participants to hold small group discussions	20
2.	Guest speakers		20
3.	Plant visits	In Vancouver area	10
			Total 50

Grand Total 300

The last month will be spent on the following types of field trips:

Interior B. C. and Eastern Canada - Power, forestry, fisheries industrial and mining projects; visits to Ottawa and the Maritime Provinces.

IV. Timetable:

The following timetable with minor adjustments should be met if the program is to be implemented during the summer of 1968. The dates given are the deadlines for the actions noted.

Submission of detailed proposal to office of External Aid	Oct. 4.
Approval by External Aid	Oct.31.
Approval by Academic Senate and Board of Governors Simon Fraser University	Nov. 6
Notices and application forms to be sent to Canadian government offices overseas	Nov.15
Submission of applications	Dec.31
Interviews with applicants by Canadian government officers	Jan.15
Selection of candidates at Simon Fraser University	Feb.15
Program starts	Apr.15

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V Other considerations:

The participants are expected to meet the following qualifications:

1. Age limits 25 - 40
2. University graduates except in special cases (position held, for example, would be another factor which would be taken into account)
3. English the working language of the country or pass an English language examination
4. Employed in responsible position in the following types of activities and to be released with pay

Development banks and other financing institutions
Ministries of Industries, Power, Mining, Forestry,
and Fisheries
Governmental project managers
Planning agency or ministry

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