

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

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Chairman of Senate
Copy to Secretary of Senate
Subject Limitation of Enrolment

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It is a recognized possibility that because of space constraint and financial restriction enrolment will have to be limited in the near future.

Limitation of enrolment has important academic implications. I therefore submit that Senate should discuss these implications now, because the period between knowing that limitation will have to be enforced and the making of the decision will of necessity be short, too short, then, for Senate to be able to discuss the matter adequately.

Senate is concerned with maintaining academic standards, which could suffer through less efficient and less stimulating instruction, and through diminution in frequency of contact between faculty and students.

Possible action which ought to be considered by Senate will include:

1. Restriction of available courses;
2. Intermission of course offerings;
3. Postponement of new programs;
4. Arrest of the normal development of existing undergraduate and graduate programs;
5. To what number enrolment should be limited;
6. In what way enrolment should be restricted--by raising of entrance qualifications, by independent departmental decisions, or by pro rata limitation based on previous enrolments.

My submission is that, given a firm forecast of space available, and the faculty to be available, for September 1968, each department should be requested to submit a maximum figure for enrolment of new students, undergraduate and graduate, in each course, based on a forecast of courses offered and predicted enrolments at all levels, with the proposed allocation of duties to faculty, teaching associates and teaching assistants.

It is possible that this could be done for the Spring semester enrolment; if not, then for the Fall semester enrolment.

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