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A Paper on University policy on Admissions and Standings
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Freedom of Transfer

1. the Academic Board be recognized as the sole authority to establish a register of approved courses and programs in the B.C. educational system. Any course or program on this register will automatically be accepted for transfer credit (not necessarily advance standing) throughout the B.C. System. (Note this should not be construed to conflict with existing policy which permits a maximum of 60 transfer credits.)

2. the SFU Senate give every possible assistance to the AUCC for the establishment of a Canadian 'College-Board' exam to insure admission standards from out-of-province educational institutions

3. In order to facilitate advance standing, The Senate require all academic departments to make available proficiency exams (written and/or oral) for all required courses in the 100 and 200 level. If a student passes such a proficiency exam, he will automatically receive advanced standing. Periodically, the University will communicate the frequency of pass and failure of proficiency exams to the schools from which the students, who wrote the exams, transferred.

Senate Undergraduate Admissions and Standings Committee

1. this committee be reconstituted to include as voting members: 3 elected students, 3 elected faculty, with the Academic Vice-President as Chairman; and to include as non-voting members: the Registrar and/or his representatives. The Academic Deans be invited to attend as non-voting members. At scheduled policy meetings of the committee, one representative chosen by the regional colleges and one representative chosen by the universities be invited to attend as observers with

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speaking privileges.

2. that this committee have access to all files in the Registrar's Office concerning admissions and standings.

3. any applicant rejected must be informed in writing with reasons stated for his rejection and must be notified in writing of his right to appeal.

Appeals Committee

1. election of permanent members to the Appeals Committee, established November 20, 1968, by the usual Senate electoral procedures.

2. that, in the interim until May 1, 1969, this committee be permitted to recommend policy changes to the Senate one-man policy review committee established November 20, 1968.

3. that this committee apply the current admissions and standings policy as approved by the Senate.

4. that this committee has access to all files in the Registrar's Office concerning admissions and standings.

Senate One-Man Policy Review Committee

1. that the Senate establish additional terms of reference;

a) that any policy recommendation should contribute to the maintenance of the academic autonomy of the University;

b) that the committee be directed to draw up policy recommendations on the maintenance of academic standards through internal scrutiny rather than through admissions policy;

c) that Senate direct this committee to find means of facilitating admissions and transfer only.

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Openness/Closedness of Student Files

1. that every student has access to all his files
2. that all files are otherwise closed* except
 - a) to the Registrar and/or his representatives for internal university use;
 - b) to the Senate Undergraduate Admissions and Standings Committee for internal university use;
 - c) to the Senate Appeals Committee for internal university use;
 - d) to all other individuals and/or groups within University or outside the University by written permission of the student.

*by "closed" we mean no one can put in or take out any item.

3. any alleged violation of this policy will be investigated by a Senate committee* to be established. This committee be empowered to recommend to the President suspension, dismissal, and/or legal action by the University for any violation of the above principle of closedness of student files.

*the Acting President has publicly called for the formation of such a committee.

Financing of Higher Education in B.C.

1. that the Acting President, Chairman of Senate, be directed to prepare a report to be presented to Senate on:
 - a) how B.C. educational institutions are financed;
 - b) the enrolment capacities of existing physical plant and the increase in capacity by virtue of the expected additions to the physical plant in the current and next fiscal years.
2. that the President present to Senate a proposal for the establishment of an office of institutional research to provide educational data to facilitate the long-range academic planning and financing of the University.

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3. that the President and a 3-man committee of Senate be directed to meet with counterpart committees from the other universities in the province to prepare a public report on the long-term needs of higher education in B.C..

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