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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To	SENATE	From	H. M. EVANS, SECRETARY SENATE COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES REGISTRAR AND SECRETARY OF SENATE
Subject	GRADUATE COURSE IN PSYCHOLOGY	Date	MARCH 19, 1970

This is to advise that the Executive Committee, Senate Committee on Graduate Studies, at its meeting held on March 18, 1970, passed the following motion regarding the new graduate course in the Department of Psychology:

"that the new graduate course in Psychology, Psyc. 725-3 Cognition, be approved and be forwarded to Senate for approval."

Note: The Executive Committee was acting on behalf of the full Committee of the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies under instructions from that Committee.

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MEMORANDUM

To Chairman, Senate Committee

From D. H. Sullivan, Dean

on Graduate Studies

Faculty of Arts

Subject Proposed Psychology Graduate

Date March 17, 1970

Course in Cognition

The attached proposal for a Graduate Course in Cognition by the Department of Psychology has been approved by the Faculty of Arts. Would you please bring this proposal before the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies for approval.

Thank you.

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Attach.

cc. Miss McGinn

MEMORANDUM

Dean of Arts, Chairman

From Dr. J. Koepke, Chairman

Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies
Committee

Graduate Studies Committee - Psychology Dept.

Subject Proposed Graduate Course
in Cognition.

Date February 16, 1970

The Psychology Department proposes to add the following course to the graduate course offerings in the department and would like to offer it for the first time in the summer term 1970: 725 Proseminar in Cognition. This would be an elective rather than a required course and would be assigned to the Group C block of graduate proseminars as listed on page 2 of the recent calendar submission.

The Graduate Program of the Psychology Department, recently passed by Senate, states that proseminars other than those already listed may be offered when warranted by student and faculty interest. Graduate students in the department, recognizing the growing importance of the area of cognition, have long been asking for a graduate course in cognition and the department has been eager to present such a course. This is a rapidly developing area which cuts across a number of more traditional areas and is currently of great interest in Psychology. A course and a seminar in cognitive processes are presently offered on the undergraduate level, but until recently there were no members of faculty sufficiently involved in the area to teach it on the graduate level. Thus, because there was no one available to teach it at that time, the department refrained from listing a proseminar in this area when the calendar submission was prepared over a year ago.

Now that Dr. Paul Bakan is joining the Psychology Department this summer we have a well qualified person at the rank of full professor who is exceedingly interested in teaching such a course. Dr. Bakan has had considerable teaching and research experience in this general area and could give an excellent graduate course in this important field.

Dr. Bakan would be available to teach this course during the summer term 1970 and would like to do so then. He would not be available again to teach this course until Spring term 1971 when many of the students currently interested in this course would have graduated. Thus, the department is most eager to offer this course this summer.

The offering of this course this summer would cause no additional expenses to the Psychology Department or University as Dr. Bakan is already committed to teaching during the summer term 1970 and is available to teach this course. Furthermore, since a graduate proseminar such as this primarily involves an intensive survey of the area, no special equipment would be needed and the library resources presently available would be sufficient.

The calendar change necessitated by the addition of this course would involve adding: 1) the phrase "725-3 Cognition" to the courses listed under Group C on page 2 of the recent calendar submission between the courses numbered 715 and 780; 2) the phrase "725-3 Proseminar in Cognition" to the Graduate Courses listed on page 4, between the courses numbered 720 and 730.

The Psychology Department respectfully requests approval of this graduate course in cognition to be offered first during the summer term 1970.

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