

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To Mr. H. M. Evans

Registrar

Subject Elective Credit to PF 451

From D. H. Sullivan, Dean

Faculty of Arts

Date April 16, 1970

The attached proposal that the Faculty of Arts grant elective credit to PF 451 has been approved by the Faculty of Arts. Would you please bring this proposal before the next meeting of Senate.

Thank you.

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Attach.



REFERENDUM No. 15

PF 451

On June 2, 1969, Senate passed a motion *"that those courses which would normally fulfill the requirements for the BA degree and which are taken as part of Education 404 should be given credit towards the BA degree with the understanding that the motion applies to Education 404 if taken in 68-3 or after"*.

Education 404-15 is part of the Professional Development Program which is three semesters in duration. Under Education 404, students undertake a semester of studies in Arts, Science, or Education. PF 451-5 is one of the seminars which is normally a required portion of Education 404. The Calendar description for PF 451-5 in the 70-71 Calendar is as follows:

PF 451-5

The nature and content of the offerings given in this seminar vary according to student requests and the current capabilities of the Department of Professional Foundations. Students may select from the programs offered under PF 451, or may, with prior approval of the Department, undertake a self designed program or project.

Until the Senate ruling of June 2, 1969, courses PF 450, 451, and 452 had not been given credit towards the Arts degree because courses taken under EDN 404 were not allowed for Arts credit. With the Senate ruling, however, the question was raised as to whether PF 451-5 taken as part of Education 404, was *"a course which would normally fulfill the requirements for the BA degree"*.

The following excerpt from the minutes of November 13, 1969, should also be noted:

The Committee considered the request for approval of PF 451 both as substitute for cancelled PSA course in relevant cases and in other cases acceptance as credit towards BA Honors. Some 80 students registered in PF 451, all of them originally in PSA courses.

Wedley-Rheumer

That credit in PF 451 towards their cancelled PSA class for those students who transferred into PF 451 in the Fall semester of 1969 be recognized as credit towards their BA degree.

2 abstentions, none opposed

CARRIED

The above ruling applied to the 69-3 semester only and was not intended to establish the general policy on acceptance of

PF 451-5 as elective credit towards the BA degree.

The Curriculum Committee of the Faculty of Arts discussed the matter of elective credit for PF 451 at several meetings, and on March 24, 1970, invited the Acting Head of Professional Foundations to provide information on this course and Professional Foundations in general. The following are excerpts from the minutes of that meeting.

Dr. Rheumer invited Professor Wassermann to speak about the PF 451 program. She said that under the PF 451 title normally between 16 and 20 seminars dealing with professional problems in education are offered. These are usually taught by faculty from the Department of Professional Foundations. Students have an option to take no more than one of these PF 451 programs. Professor Wassermann said this summer 23 seminars will be offered. These will be taught by the 12 full-time members of faculty in the department along with one assistant in education.

It was pointed out that the Faculty of Science does accept PF 451 as credit toward the Science degree. In addition it was pointed out that there is no statement in the Calendar to the effect that the Faculty of Arts does not accept it. It was the understanding, in fact, that any course accepted for credit by Senate would be acceptable as an elective, and what this committee was doing now was trying to decide whether or not this policy should be continued.

There was some objection to giving credit toward an Arts degree for any technical or job-oriented course. Also it was asked if PF 451 is accepted for credit why all other Education courses would not be accepted.

Callahan-Nielsen

That the Faculty of Arts grant elective credit to PF 451.

4 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions

CARRIED