

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S. 426

MEMORANDUM

To	MR. H. M. EVANS	From	DR. D. MEAKIN, SECRETARY,
	SECRETARY OF SENATE		SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD
Subject...	GENERAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS	Date	23rd OCTOBER, 1970

At a recent meeting of the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board, the attached paper on "General Admission Requirements" (Paper SUAB 3) was discussed. The motion in this paper, amended so that the figures read 60.0% and 65.0%, was carried by a vote of 4 to 1.

Senate is, therefore, asked to approve the following motion:--

" *That the admission requirement for in-province students be 60.0% (2.0) and for out-of-province students be 65.0% (2.4). This requirement should be written in to all policies, and the phrase 'where staff and facilities permit' should be removed.* "

The rationale for this motion is provided in Paper SUAB 3. The following extract from the minutes of the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board gives some additional information:--

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Moved by D. Meakin, seconded by G. Basham,

" That SUAB recommend to Senate that the Admission requirement for in-province students be 60% (2.0) and for out-of-province students be 65% (2.4). This requirement should be written into all admission policies, and the phrase 'where staff and facilities permit' should be removed. "

Considerable discussion followed, mainly on the following points --

- whether this would mean a lower admission requirement than UBC
- whether preference to B.C. students should be on basis of a lower average or lower fees
- that the figures in the motion should be 60.0 and 65.0%.

D. Meakin explained that UBC no longer has a specified average which would guarantee admission, but operates on a quota system. He also mentioned that the higher average required for out-of-province students gives priority to B.C. students as required by the Ellis Report, but also helps to ensure that we are not accepting students unacceptable to universities in their home province.

Question was called and a vote taken

MOTION CARRIED

4 in favour
1 opposed

Attachment: SUAB 3
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GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

When the new admissions policies recommended by the Ellis Report were adopted, the University was facing potentially severe space problems. As a result, Senate approved two different admission levels for each policy. More specifically, the following requirements were adopted:--

Applicants from British Columbia: an average of 65% is required, but an applicant with an average between 60 and 65% will be admitted if staff and facilities permit.

Applicants from outside British Columbia: an average of 70% is required, but an applicant with an average between 65 and 70% will be admitted if staff and facilities permit.

To the present time, it has not been necessary to restrict enrolment, and the lower figure has been used in processing all applications. It does not appear likely that enrolment restrictions will be necessary in the near future. It is, therefore, recommended that we revert to a single set of admission levels (60% for in-province, and 65% for out-of-province applicants). The rationale for this follows:

- i) The two different levels, with the conditional statements, increase the complexity of the admission policies and have caused confusion to applicants, teachers and counsellors.
- ii) It is unlikely that any enrolment restrictions will be needed in the near future. If and when restrictions are necessary, these should be made selectively and be consistent with any philosophy the University may have in regard to out-of-province students, foreign students, etc.

- iii) Although the potential for restriction has been provided for, no clear responsibility has been assigned for deciding when restrictions are necessary. Change to a single set of levels will ensure that Senate has an opportunity of discussing enrolment restrictions.
- iv) There is some evidence that some students in the discretionary range have not applied because of the common belief that all B.C. universities are now operating with a 65% lower limit.

MOTION:

- " That SUAB recommend to Senate that the admission requirement for in-province students be 60% (2.0) and for out-of-province students be 65% (2.4). This requirement should be written into all admission policies, and the phrase "where staff and facilities permit" should be removed. "

Dr. D. Meakin,
Director of Admissions.

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