

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.72-50

MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From D. MEAKIN

SECRETARY, SUAB

Subject PROPOSAL FOR TRANSFER CREDIT AND
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES FOR
STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE
~~FIRST YEAR MEDICAL SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL~~
TRAINING

Date MARCH 8, 1972

MOTION: "That Senate approve the following policy:

1. Courses taken in an accredited professional program in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine may be considered for transfer credit at Simon Fraser University provided that they do not duplicate courses already taken at S.F.U.
2. Students who have completed at least 90 semester-hours credit in a science degree program at S.F.U. are eligible to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from S.F.U. after successful completion of the first year of a professional program in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine, provided that the courses taken in such a program are acceptable for transfer credit in a majors or honors B.Sc. degree program at S.F.U., and constitute sufficient credit to bring the student's total to 120 semester hours credit.
3. These regulations will apply to all students who have already left S.F.U. Students who are accepted into professional medical studies must normally apply for transfer credit within one year of the commencement of their studies."

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Intent: That the normal regulations requiring a minimum of 60 semester-hours credit to be taken at this institution for a degree and with not more than 30 semester-hours of transfer credit after initial registration here shall apply.

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To MR. H. M. EVANS

From DR. D. MEAKIN

REGISTRAR

SECRETARY, S.U.A.B.

Subject

Date 8TH MARCH, 1972

The attached paper "Proposal for Transfer Credit and Bachelor of Science Degrees for Students who Successfully Complete First Year Medical Science Professional Training", was approved unanimously at the last meeting of the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board.

Would you please have the item placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of Senate.

D. Meakin
[Signature]

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cc: Dean S. Aronoff, Dean of Science

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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To..... H. Evans

..... Secretary to Senate

Subject..... Senate Papers

From..... S. Aronoff

..... Dean of Science

Date..... November 10, 1971

The attached proposal has received the endorsement of the Faculty of Science at its meeting of November 9, 1971, and is now submitted to Senate for approval.

S. Aronoff

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Enclosure

PROPOSAL FOR

SENATE PAPERS

Transfer Credit and Bachelor of Science Degrees for
Students Who Successfully Complete First Year
Medical Science Professional Training

I. BACKGROUND

- A. Several students from the Faculty of Science at SFU have been accepted into medical, dental or veterinary medicine professional schools prior to completing the requirements for a Bachelor's degree at Simon Fraser. Since the competition for entry into these schools is so intense that a very large majority of new admissions already possess a degree, only exceptional students are accepted prior to attaining a Bachelor's degree. Therefore, these students are usually superior undergraduate students who would qualify high on the list for degrees were they to complete their programme at SFU.
- B. Many Canadian and American universities award Bachelor's degrees to students following their successful completion of the first year of professional medical studies. Examples taken from current university calendars follow.

Canada

1) UBC p. 261

Combined B.Sc. Degree and M.D. or D.M.D. Degree Program:

Students who have completed the third year in the Faculty of Science at U.B.C. and the first year in the Faculty of Medicine or the Faculty of Dentistry also at U.B.C., and who have completed all the course requirements for the B.Sc. degree, including up to 15 units or course work in the Faculty of Medicine or the Faculty of Dentistry recognized for credit in the Faculty of Science, may on application and with the approval of the Dean of Science receive the appropriate B.Sc. degree.

2) University of Victoria p. 82 - 83

A student who has taken his first three years at the University of Victoria may be granted a B.A. or a B.Sc. after at least one year of a medical programme provided that the courses he takes at the medical school, when combined with those taken at the University of Victoria, are deemed equivalent to those which would be required at the University of Victoria either for a general or a major B.A. or B.Sc. Only courses which do not overlap courses taken at the University of Victoria and which are acceptable to the appropriate department(s) will be accepted for credit. The University shall receive assurance from the other university that a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree will not be granted for the same work.

A student must apply through the Registrar for Assessment by the department or departments concerned.

If a student contemplates a transfer to a medical school after his third year and may wish to receive credit toward a Bachelor's degree, he should consult with the department concerned about choice of undergraduate courses as early as possible.

A departmental recommendation for such a Bachelor's degree will be made through the Faculty to the Senate.

3) McGill p. 28

B.A. and B.Sc. Degree for Students in Medicine and Dentistry.

A student who has completed three years in the programme leading to the B.A. or B.Sc. degree (with not less than second class standing in the two last of these three years) and two years in the Faculty of Medicine or in that of Dentistry, may petition the Faculty of Arts and Science to be awarded the appropriate degree. Such an award is not automatic, and a petition will not be entertained unless the candidate has satisfied all the specific requirements of the appropriate programme, up to the end of the Third year, and has maintained a satisfactory standing in his two years in Medicine or in Dentistry.

The student whose standing, up to the end of the Third year is such that, had it been maintained in the Fourth year, he would have been entitled to receive the appropriate degree with Distinction or with Great Distinction, and whose record in the two years in Medicine or in Dentistry shows an equivalent standing, may petition to receive the appropriate degree with Distinction or with Great Distinction.

4) Memorial University p. 43

Where special circumstances warrant, the Committee on Undergraduate Studies of the appropriate Faculty Council may permit candidates to complete not more than the last four courses or equivalent required for the degree at another recognized University, provided the course is approved by the appropriate Department.

U.S.A.

1) Washington p. 80

First-year University of Washington School of Medicine courses may be applied as general upper-division elective credits toward a bachelor's degree in the College of Arts and Sciences, provided the student has met the general College requirements and the requirements of his major department.

2) U.C.L.A. p. 83

Students who fulfill the following curriculum requirements in the College of Letters and Science at Los Angeles and who are then admitted to the School of Medicine at Los Angeles without the bachelor's degree may, by petition, upon satisfactory completion of the first year medical curriculum be eligible for award of the degree Bachelor of Science in Premedical Studies by the College of Letters and Science. Only students who have taken all of their course work at Los Angeles are eligible for this degree. Undergraduate Curriculum Requirements: A total of not less than 34 courses including: American History and Institutions; English 1; Foreign Languages, five courses; Chemistry 1A-1B-1C, 4A-4B-4C, 6A-6B-6C; Physics 2A-2B-2C; Mathematics 3A-3B-3C; Social Sciences, three courses; Humanities, three courses; Limited Electives, two courses: Biology 1A-1B; Zoology 107 and 115; Electives, three courses. Additional electives may be substituted for the requirements in American History and Institutions and in English 1 where these are met by examination and for any portion of the foreign language requirement satisfied by high school credits. This curriculum, if the student is not admitted to medical school, will ordinarily permit completion of a major during three additional quarters in a number of departments of the College of Letters and Science.

3) Texas A & M p. 113

A student may qualify for the Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A & M University by completing the three-year premedical-predental curriculum on the Texas A & M campus and at least one full year of acceptable work at an accredited American medical school or dental school.

- C. It is noted that transfer credit policy at SFU allows for a maximum of 60 semester hours of transfer credit, and no more than 30 semester hours of transfer credit after initial registration at SFU.
The policy and directions for application for such credit are detailed on the cover page of the Registrar's form R-ADM1-12/70M1 (attached).
- D. It is further noted that the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board decided not to allow transfer credit at SFU for Law courses taken at other universities since "universities with Law Faculties do not normally permit use of Law courses for credit to the B.A., B.Sc., or B.Ed. degrees". (Reference: Minutes of the Meeting of the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board, held on Thursday, April 8, 1971, at 2:30 p.m. in the Red Room, Faculty Lounge. Item 7, pp.2-3).
Reference to Item I, B, pp. 1-6 of the current proposal indicates that such a policy is not followed in regard to professional medical science courses.

II. PROPOSAL

- A. It is recommended that the following policy be adopted by the University.
1. Courses taken in an accredited professional program in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine may be ~~considered for transfer credit~~ at Simon Fraser University provided that they do not duplicate courses already taken at S.F.U.
 2. Students who have completed at least 90 semester-hours credit in a science degree program at SFU are eligible to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from SFU after successful completion of the first year of a professional program in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine, provided that the courses taken in such a program are acceptable for transfer credit in a majors or honors B.Sc. degree program at SFU, and constitute sufficient credit to bring the student's total to 120 semester hours credit.
 3. These regulations will apply to all students who have already left SFU. Students who are accepted into professional medical studies must normally apply for transfer credit within one year of the commencement of their studies.

B. Suggested Calendar Entry

Students who have completed at least 90 semester hours credit in a science degree program and are accepted into an accredited professional program in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine are eligible to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from SFU after successful completion of the first year of professional study. To be acceptable the courses taken in the Professional program must not duplicate courses already taken at SFU and must be acceptable for transfer credit in a major or honors degree program. Candidates must apply for transfer credit and the Bachelor's degree through the Registrar's Office, Simon Fraser University. Applications must normally be made within one year of the commencement of their studies in the professional program. Students who intend to apply for admission into medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine before completing a degree and who wish to qualify for a Bachelor of Science degree from SFU are advised to seek early counselling regarding their choice of undergraduate courses at SFU.

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DUPLICATE PAPERS

TRANSFER CREDIT FOR WORK AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Simon Fraser University students who wish to take academic work at other institutions for credit towards a Simon Fraser undergraduate degree must obtain permission IN ADVANCE from their Department Chairman (if a major has been declared) and the Dean of their Faculty. A form for this purpose is available from the Office of the Registrar.

Total transfer credit may not exceed 60 semester hours. No more than 30 semester hours of transfer credit is permitted after initial registration at Simon Fraser University.

Within these limits, credit may be transferred for all courses passed with a grade of C or better, and which are acceptable under this University's transfer policies. Transfer work is not included in the cumulative grade point average.

DIRECTIONS

- A. Complete the form (three copies). An exact Calendar description of the work you expect to take should be provided.
- B. Obtain — in order — (1) Admissions Office certification, (2) Approval of the Chairman of your Major department.
- C. Submit the petition to your academic dean for his approval .
- D. After all signatures are obtained, one copy of the application is retained in the office of the academic dean, one is sent to the Registrar's Office, and one is given to the student.
- E. If required by the other institution, request a letter of approval from your academic dean's office.
- F. On completion of the work, request the registrar of the other institution to send an official transcript of your work to the Registrar's Office, Simon Fraser University.