

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.73-25

MEMORANDUM

To MEMBERS OF SENATE

From ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Subject BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE

Date JANUARY 19, 1973

MOTION: "That Senate approve, as set forth in S.73-25, that although students may currently count a maximum of 60 hours of transfer and/or course challenge credit towards the Bachelor of General Studies degree, up to an additional thirty hours of transfer credit taken in the last sixty hours may be credited for appropriate courses provided:

1. They are obtained either at the University of British Columbia or at the University of Victoria or with some from each institution, and
2. That the forty-five upper division credit hours required for the degree are taken at one or more of Simon Fraser University, the University of British Columbia, or the University of Victoria, and
3. At least thirty hours of the last sixty used for the degree are undertaken at Simon Fraser University.

(Explanatory Note and Intent for B.G.S. purposes)

1. The B.G.S. degree requires completion of 120 semester hours of credit. It must include 45 hours of upper division courses, i.e. our courses numbered 300 and/or 400, but without stipulation as to the level in which these are taken.
2. Transfer credit courses and course challenges are not normally included in the calculation of averages. For the above purposes, however, with the possibility of ninety hours of transfer work the University must be satisfied that the principle of an average of at least 2.0 is clearly fulfilled, and transfer grades will be reviewed to ensure this.

3. The general regulation limiting the amount of transfer credit permitted after first registration here to 30 semester hours would not apply to work taken at U.B.C. or U-Vic.
4. The requirement of grades of C or higher for recognition of transfer work taken after first registration here would not directly apply to work taken at U.B.C. or U-Vic.
5. "Appropriate" courses refers to courses which could normally be credited in Arts and Sciences. It would exclude, for example, courses considered generally equivalent to Education 401/402, 405 or others covering basic teacher education, or other professional areas.
6. Requirements for admission to this University remain unchanged.
7. A student undertaking work elsewhere for transfer here, whose overall record does not fulfill the normal principles for continuance may be placed on warning, or probation, or required to withdraw status.
8. The University reserves the right to deny transfer credit or to require completion of further courses beyond the minimum hours for the degree, where it is adjudged that there is significant content overlap in courses taken.

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Rationale:

The major impediment to development of a degree program through part-time study is the set of regulations which require some degree of full-time residence at a University and/or requirements that 60 credit hours or more of upper division courses be acquired at a single university. It is proposed that a general degree program common to the three B.C. universities be developed. Courses will be credited to this degree at each university, provided that the individual courses are standard offerings at each university or courses offered by regional colleges in B.C. which carry transfer credit in the first and second years of university programs. Standard credit courses could also be applied to the degree from universities outside the Province. Course requirements for the degree would be those common to current four-year credit programs at the three universities and it is proposed that all credit courses in the liberal arts and sciences, together with such courses offered by professional faculties normally considered equivalent to courses in Faculties of Arts and Science would be creditable to the program.

It is unlikely in the near future that sufficient courses would be available for part-time students to obtain a program equivalent to a major in Arts or Science. The title "General Studies" describes well the content of likely programs in the near and immediate future and, although designed primarily for full-time students, the Bachelor of General Studies degree program at Simon Fraser University seems most appropriate.

It is assumed that students would likely obtain the equivalent of at least one year's full-time work at one of the three universities and would apply for his degree from that university. The general

recommendation will be that the degree be sought from the institution at which the majority of third and fourth year level course credits are obtained. While similar programs are likely to come forward at the University of Victoria and the University of British Columbia in the near future, for the present time it is recommended that a minimum of 30 course credits be required for the degree to be obtained from this University. The use of a province-wide Bachelor of General Studies degree, offered by each university, but giving complete transfer credits for appropriate courses at other institutions in the province, will provide not only for ease in developing part-time study programs but also easier articulation of student programs which utilize more specialized offerings.

In the implementation of such a program, fees would be paid on a course basis to the university providing the course. Students would be advised to pay particular attention to pre-requisite requirements and, in the case of transfer credit to the different universities, it may well be necessary to specify such course equivalencies or overlaps which may not separately be credited to the program. The Registrars of the three institutions have indicated that this is not an insurmountable problem.

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