

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.73-62

MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Subject. CROSS-LISTING OF COURSES

Date. APRIL 18, 1973

MOTION: "That Senate approve, as set forth in S.73-62,
that each course have only one department
designation, number and title."

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At its meeting of 27th March, 1973, the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies considered the question of Cross-listing of Courses. It was moved by J. Barlow and seconded by R. Saunders "that each course have only one department designation, number and title." This motion was carried and is now forwarded to Senate for its consideration.

The basis for the discussion of this question was the memorandum from the Academic Planner to the Chairman of SCUS, dated February 13, 1973, a copy of which is attached. It should also be noted that the motion considered was presented by the Associate Dean of Science as a result of discussions within his Faculty. The basic rationale for the recommendation is set out in the second paragraph, of the Academic Planner's memorandum. The Committee felt that, for both academic and administrative reasons, the recommendation presented to Senate is the only reasonable one. Such an arrangement would place the responsibility for courses, even where they may form part of the requirements for the program of another department, firmly within the control of a particular program. This would facilitate the planning of student programs, the advising of students and the keeping of student records. At the same time, it would not prevent courses from being listed within the requirements of more than one program or from being offered cooperatively by faculty members from more than one department.

The Committee did not feel that either of the alternative suggestions had sufficient advantages to warrant serious consideration.

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To: Ian Mugridge
Assistant Vice President Academic

From: John S. Chase
Academic Planner

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With the introduction of a number of new programs in the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies, it appears that a number of requests will be forthcoming to cross list courses in several departments. Cross listing of courses may take one of several forms:

1. the same course being offered in different departments under the same name but with different course numbers
2. the same course offered in different departments under both different names and different numbers.
3. the same course offered in several departments with the same name and course number.

From the standpoint of both academic advising and record keeping within the University, it is my opinion that the most desirable alternative would be to have the same course offered by different departments with the same course number and the same course title. This would mean, for example, that Computing Science 401 would be shown as a course offering of the Computing Science program and would also be listed in the Mathematics Department as Computing Science 401. To adopt either of the other two alternatives will be both financially expensive and unnecessarily inconvenient for both students, for faculty required to advise students, and for University record keeping.

In respect to the alternative chosen, I think the issue is sufficiently important as to merit some discussion at a future meeting of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies.

cc: H. Evans

