

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.74-2

MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Subject GRADUATE STUDIES - ARCHAEOLOGY
CHANGES

Date DECEMBER 27, 1973

MOTION:

"That Senate approve, as set forth in S.74-2, the following changes:

- a) That the Archaeology graduate program be disconnected from the Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology.
- b) That the paragraph "The following graduate courses are offered. These courses may be taken by students from other departments as electives and may be used to satisfy departmental requirements in the PSA degree program" be deleted from the Calendar.
- c) That the paragraph "Students who wish to write the graduate thesis (898 or 899) in Archaeology may do so with the concurrence of both the PSA Department and the Department of Archaeology unit in which case the supervising committee will be partly comprised of Archaeologists" be deleted from the Calendar.
- d) That the following courses be instituted:
 - ARC. 898 - M.A. Thesis
 - ARC. 899 - Ph.D. Thesis."

5.14-2

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MEMORANDUM

To Secretary, Senate

From Jon Wheatley, Dean of Graduate Studies

Subject

Date December 27, 1973

The following motion passed the Senate Graduate Studies Committee on Dec. 10:

MOTION: "That the following motion be forwarded to Senate for approval:

- Motion (a) That the Archeology graduate program be disconnected from the Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology.
- (b) That the paragraph "The following graduate courses are offered. These courses may be taken by students from other departments as electives and may be used to satisfy departmental requirements in the PSA degree program" be deleted from the Calendar.
- (c) That the paragraph "Students who wish to write the graduate thesis (898 or 899) in Archaeology may do so with the concurrence of both the PSA Department and the Department of Archaeology unit in which case the supervising committee will be partly comprised of Archaeologists" be deleted from the Calendar.
- (d) That the following courses be instituted:
Arch 898 - M.A. Thesis
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The Committee also passed the following paragraph

- (e) It is recognized that the matter of Ethnology is open to negotiation in any possible reorganization of the social sciences at Simon Fraser University.

However, as this is a matter of what the Committee recognizes rather than legislation, it is not being forwarded to Senate for action.

Rationale. The Archeology department was originally part of the P.S.A. department and split off in 1969. For reasons I do not fully understand, the Archaeology graduate program was not fully split off: the thesis courses remained in P.S.A. and legal supervision emanated from the P.S.A. Departmental Graduate Studies Committee. This uneasy arrangement functioned fairly well, on a good-will basis, but is, to my mind, basically unsatisfactory.

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Areas of Study

The department offers specialization in Archaeology, Physical Anthropology and Ethnology. Students are expected to gain a broad theoretical knowledge in the discipline and engage in one or more areas of specific research.

The following graduate courses are offered. These courses may be taken by students from other departments as electives and may be used to satisfy departmental requirements in the PSA degree programs.

Description of Graduate Courses

871-5 Selected Topics in Archaeological Theory

Critical evaluation of new approaches to the study of man's past.

875-5 Seminar in Fossil Man

Selected topics in human osteology, physical anthropology, and Fossil Man.

881-5 North American Prehistory

882-5 African Prehistory

883-5 Mesoamerican Prehistory

896-5 Readings in Archaeology

897-5 Field Work Seminar

Seminar in field research. Participants will present their recent field work to the class for critical discussion.

Admission

For admission requirements, refer to General Regulations section, page 27.

Degree Requirements

A graduate student's main concentration will be on a thesis and not on formal course work. For the M.A. degree, minimum requirements are four one semester courses and a thesis. For the Ph.D. degree, requirements are one course and a thesis, excluding seminars. This course may extend beyond one semester's duration and is designed particularly to equip the candidate for his research and thesis.

Although the Department recognizes that a knowledge of foreign languages is desirable, it does not have any prescribed language requirements. However, where it is evident that a language knowledge is necessary for the candidate's field work or reading, he will be required to attain the necessary language proficiency.

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