

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

Subject TRANSFER CREDIT FOR WORK AT THE
BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY

Date DECEMBER 11, 1973

MOTION: "That Senate authorize, as set forth in S.74-9, the
Director of Admissions to grant transfer credit for
work completed at the British Columbia Institute of
Technology."

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To MR. H.M. EVANS

SECRETARY OF SENATE

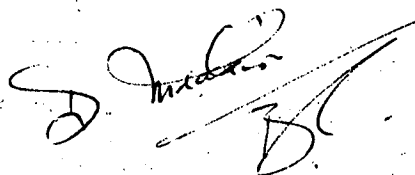
Subject MATERIAL FOR SENATE

From D. MEAKIN, SECRETARY

SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

Date 11th DECEMBER, 1973

Attached is a paper submitted on behalf of the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board for transmittal to Senate at the January meeting.



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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF SENATE

FROM: SENATE UNDERGRADUATE
ADMISSIONS BOARD

SUBJECT: TRANSFER CREDIT FOR WORK AT THE
BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY

INTRODUCTION

From recent comments in Senate and elsewhere, it appears that there is now interest in establishing a mechanism for granting credit for work completed at British Columbia Institute of Technology. Accordingly, the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board has now considered this matter and asks that Senate approve the enabling motion contained in this paper.

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

British Columbia Institute of Technology offers two-year diplomas in 26 different technologies. The program for each technology is rigidly defined, although some of the technologies have some program options -- eg: a Market Option and a Traffic Option in the Marketing Management Technology. A complete list of the technologies is given in Appendix A.

Although the emphasis at B.C.I.T. is quite different from University, being much more vocationally oriented, it is clear from even a superficial inspection of the programs that many of them contain material comparable to material included in degree programs at S.F.U. In the past, the Course Challenge mechanism has been relied on to grant credit for work at B.C.I.T. This paper recommends a direct transfer arrangement.

It should be noted that this is the third departure from the principle that only work designed as part of a degree program be granted transfer credit, the others being work at Colleges of Education, and the Diplomas offered by some British universities.

MOTION

" That Senate authorize the Director of Admissions to grant transfer credit for work completed at the British Columbia Institute of Technology. "

CONDITIONS

The Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board has instructed the Director of Admissions, subject to approval of the abovementioned motion by Senate, to negotiate with appropriate departments at S.F.U. and, if necessary, with B.C.I.T., to establish a schedule of transfer credit. The study is to be completed by March 30th, 1974, so that transfer applicants for Fall Semester, 1974, may be considered for credit.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The motion is put forward as a simple enabling motion to enable the detailed studies necessary to establish a schedule of transfer credit to get under way as rapidly as possible. With the instructions given to the Director of Admissions by the Board, each of the academic departments concerned will be involved in the evaluation process. This will involve mainly the Departments of Economics and Commerce, Computing Science, Mathematics, Biosciences, Chemistry, Physics and Communications Studies.

Although U.B.C. only grants transfer credit on a very selective basis, and the University of Victoria does not grant any credit, it appears (see correspondence in Appendix B) that both these institutions are ready to take a more liberal approach. B.C.I.T. has also negotiated a transfer arrangement for business courses with the University of Alberta.

LIST OF TECHNOLOGIES

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

- Administrative Management
- Broadcast Communications
- Computer Programming and Systems
- Financial Management
- Hotel, Motel, and Food Service Management
- Marketing Management
- Technical Management

ENGINEERING DIVISION

- Biological Sciences
- Building
- Chemical and Metallurgical
- Civil and Structural
- Electrical and Electronic
- Forest Resource--
- Forestry
- Forest Products
- Instrumentation and Systems
- Mechanical
- Mining
- Natural Gas and Petroleum
- Surveying

HEALTH DIVISION

- Biomedical Electronics
- Environmental Health Technology
- Health Data
- Medical Laboratory
- Medical Radiography
- Nuclear Medicine Technology
- Nursing (R.N.)
- Psychiatric Nursing



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November 20, 1973

Admissions Office

Dr. D. Meakin,
Director of Admissions,
Simon Fraser University,
Burnaby 2, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter which reached me November 15th.

At the moment we do not give transfer credit of any kind for the various technologies at B.C.I.T. B.C.I.T. has never asked us to negotiate. I once mentioned this possibility to the Principal of B.C.I.T. but he said, in essence, that the Institute was not really interested in transferring students to university.

In reality, we would be delighted to negotiate with the Institute upon their initiative.

Yours sincerely,

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R.R. Jeffels,
Director of Admissions

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This is a response to your inquiry of November 9 concerning transfer credit for work completed at B.C.I.T.

The only formal arrangements we have involve the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration and the Faculty of Applied Science. A student who completes a two year Diploma in a field of Commerce such as Accounting and obtains a reasonable standing of second class or better, is admitted direct to our Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration. This means that the two years at B.C.I.T. grants credit for one full year of pre-Commerce. No further credit is granted at the present time since the exemptions granted for Commerce courses are replaced by elective Arts courses. The situation in Engineering is similar. As long as the student has completed Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics through four semesters, he is reasonably prepared for first year Engineering. Very little can be done in the way of advance placement and certainly no further credit is granted in the Faculty.

By analogy we have been able to grant credit for individual courses in the Faculty of Arts or the Faculty of Science at the Freshman level.

It is probably about time that we looked more closely at the courses given at the Institute and possibly include in our Transfer Guide those courses that do have equivalents in our curriculum. So far our Departments have done very little in checking as to the equivalent of courses at B.C.I.T. In fact we are about to look more carefully at the situation.

This gives you our situation in general. As soon as you are ready we could look at the equation of specific courses.

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D.E.A. Parnall
Registrar

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