

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To..... Mr. H.M. Evans, Secretary of the
Senate, Registrar's Office

From..... Dr. R.M. Sadleir
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Subject.....

Date..... May 14, 1974

At its meeting of Monday, March 4, 1974, Senate passed the following motion:

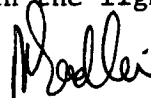
"That the determination of the appropriate relationship between credit and contact hours rest with departmental undergraduate curriculum committees subject to the approval of Faculty Curriculum Committees, the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and Senate."

In the discussion of this motion I. Mugridge pointed out that this motion referred to the initial proposal of courses.

Perusal of the Calendar indicates a considerable variation of number of credits offered in different courses at S.F.U. with no constant relationship between vector numbers and course credits. As Senate in a subsequent motion at the March 4 meeting voted to eliminate vector hours from the Calendar, there appears to be no constant method whereby faculty or students can assess the relationship between credit and contact hours in the various faculties and departments.

In order to draw attention to the variation in the credit/contact hour relationship in the various courses offered at S.F.U. I wish to bring the following motions to the next meeting of Senate:

- 1) Senate requires departmental undergraduate curriculum committees to provide to the Academic Vice-President, or his designate, prior to the October meeting of Senate, for transmission to Senate prior to its first meeting in 1975, brief written statements of departmental policies on the relationship between credit and contact hours in all regularly scheduled undergraduate courses.
- 2) The Academic Vice-President, or his designate, report back to Senate prior to its first meeting in 1975 on the range of such policies as described in the previous motion and on the variations in the ratios of credit to contact hours in all regularly scheduled undergraduate courses, and make recommendations to Senate in the light of this information.



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cc: Academic Vice-President