

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

SENATE

From SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Subject GRADUATE CALENDAR CHANGES -
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS & COMMERCE

Date NOVEMBER 14, 1974

MOTION 1. "That Senate approve the following changes in the
Department of Economics and Commerce Graduate
Calendar submission:

Ph.D. Program Qualifying Examination

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normally be taken within three academic semesters
after starting the Ph.D. program. They will usually
be taken after completion of...."

To: "Qualifying examinations will usually be taken
after completion of...."

Addition to Requirements: "One qualifying examination
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semesters of beginning the Ph.D. program and one qualify-
ing examination in economic theory must be passed within
four academic semesters of beginning the Ph.D. program.
All attempts at qualifying examinations must be completed
within six academic semesters of beginning the Ph.D. program."

To: Members of Senate

From: Office of the
Dean of Graduate
Studies

Subject: Graduate Calendar Changes -
Department of Economics & Commerce

Date: November 6, 1974

MOTION: That Senate approve the following changes in the
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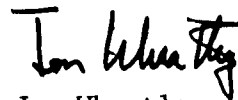
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This motion was approved by the Senate Graduate Studies Committee on November 4,
1974.



Jon Wheatley
Dean of Graduate Studies.

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Rationale:

The previous requirement of completion of all qualifying fields within three academic semesters of beginning the Ph.D. program has been found to be unrealistic. Even our best Ph.D. candidates were unable to meet this restraint. We believe that by requiring Ph.D. candidates to write one qualifying examination in economic theory within four semesters of beginning the Ph.D. program, we are allowing students the time needed to prepare for the qualifying examinations and at the same time ensuring that students who will have to withdraw from the program because of failing a qualifying examination twice will not waste more time than necessary.