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MEMORANDUM

FOR INFORMATION - REPORT

To Members of Senate

From Senate Committee on Continuing Studies

Subject Extension Credit Courses, 1974-1975

Date October 15, 1975

The attached report describes course and enrollment figures for the Extension Credit Courses offered by the Departments and Faculties of Simon Fraser University during the period September 1, 1974 to August 31, 1975. During this period both the number of courses offered and enrollment increased significantly relative to the same period of 1973-1974. Enrollment was directly related to the number of courses offered, with each course averaging about 29 enrollees.

For the information of Senate, some brief comments follow concerning activities since August 31, 1975.

Beginning this Semester eight Departments now offer programs of appropriately-sequenced courses enabling part-time students to complete major and minor baccalaureate requirements through evening study alone. These Departments are Archaeology, Biological Sciences, Computing Science, Economics and Commerce, English, Geography, History, and Psychology. The Departments of Kinesiology and Criminology began programs enabling students to fulfill the requirements of a minor. In the Spring 1976 Semester, the Department of Communications Studies will begin offering courses leading to a major.

The Simon Fraser University Kelowna Program, developed and offered in cooperation with Okanagan College, began this Semester. A total of eight upper division courses leading to the completion of degree requirements in the fields of Biological Sciences and Psychology are currently being offered. Sixty-five enrollments have been recorded in these courses. Okanagan College officials have indicated that enrollment in lower division courses offered in these fields by the College has increased as a function of the degree completion opportunities now available in that region.

Fifty-two persons are currently registered in five correspondence courses written during 1974-75.

The proportion of Extension Credit Courses taught as part-of-load is increasing. During 1974-1975, about 25 per cent of the courses were taught on this basis. The percentage of courses taught as part-of-load for the current Semester is 37 and for the Spring 1976 Semester it will be about 47 per cent.

Approximately 1300 of the 2600 undergraduate enrollments in Extension Credit Courses during the current Semester are evening only--that is, enrollments of part-time students who are unable to attend classes during the day. The other enrollments are those of students who attend both day and evening courses. More complete data in this and other variables are currently being collected and will be available in January, 1976.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING STUDIES
REPORT ON
EXTENSION CREDIT COURSES
SEPTEMBER 1, 1974 - August 31, 1975

This report describes undergraduate extension credit course and student enrollment figures for the period September 1, 1974 to August 31, 1975. Where appropriate, comparisons are made with course and student enrollment figures for the same period of 1973-1974. For purposes of this report, an undergraduate extension credit course is defined as one that was offered for undergraduate degree credit after 4:30 p.m. on weekdays during the Spring, Summer and Fall Semesters, during the days and evenings of Intersession (May-June) and Summer Session (July-August), and on Sundays and off-campus.

Data relevant to graduate extension programs in the Department of Economics and Commerce and the Faculty of Education and the off-campus Professional Development Program (Education) are presented in an appendix to this report.

A. Overview.

During the period September 1, 1974 to August 31, 1975, a total of 9,829 enrollments were recorded in 333 undergraduate extension credit courses. Enrollments were 68% greater than for the same period of 1973-74. Course offerings had increased 60% relative to the previous year. The total number of enrollments for each of the three 1974-75 semesters and for the comparable semesters of 1973-1974 is depicted in Figure 1 (open bars). Two things are apparent: enrollment in each of the 1974-1975 semesters was greater than for the same semesters of 1973-74; and enrollment during the Summer semester period (includes Intersession, Summer Session and Summer semester evening) was about twice as great as for the Fall and Spring Semesters.

The total number of undergraduate extension credit courses offered during each of the six semesters of the 1973-1975 period is also presented in Figure 1 (shaded bars). It is apparent that enrollment in each semester was a function of the number of courses offered. The average enrollment per semester course during the 1973-1974 period was 28.1. During the 1974-1975 period it was 29.5.

B. On-campus undergraduate extension credit courses.

On-campus enrollment during the three semesters of the 1974-1975 period was 9,408, or 95.7% of the total extension course enrollment. The remaining 4.3% of the enrollments (421) were in off-campus courses. These will be discussed in a subsequent section.

A summary of the total number of on-campus courses offered and the total enrollment in these courses during the three semesters of 1974-1975, for the Faculties of Arts, Education, Interdisciplinary Studies and Science, is presented in the upper portion of Table 1. Comparable information for the period 1973-1974 is presented in the lower portion of this table.

During 1974-1975, the Faculty of Arts offered the most courses and attracted the greatest enrollment, 59.0% and 53.5%, respectively, spread about equally over the three Semesters. The Faculty of Education offered 22.7% of the courses and had 31.3% of the enrollment. However, nearly three quarters of Education extension courses were offered during the Summer Semester period. The Faculties of Interdisciplinary Studies and Science offered 9.8% and 8.5% of the courses, respectively, and attracted 10.1% and 5.1% of the enrollment, respectively. The same pattern of course offerings and enrollments existed for the four faculties in 1973-1974.

A number of on-campus extension credit courses were offered on Sundays during the Fall, 1974 and Spring, 1975 semesters. Over the two semesters the Faculty of Arts offered 7 courses, attracting 130 enrollments, and the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies offered three courses with a total enrollment of 44. The Sunday course offerings have been discontinued, at least temporarily, due to the difficulty of obtaining instructors willing to teach on Sundays.

C. Off-Campus undergraduate extension credit courses.¹

Faculties have offered extension credit courses in such off-campus locations as Britannia Community Services Centre in Vancouver, Kamloops, Kelowna, Prince George, and Sooke. During the Summer semester of 1974, a total of 8 Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Education courses were offered with a total enrollment of 304. No off-campus courses were offered during the Fall semester of 1974. However, a total of 16 off-campus courses were offered during the Spring and Summer Semesters of 1975. There were a total of 421 enrollments in those courses. The Faculty of Arts offered six of those courses with a total enrollment of 30. (These courses were offered in Kelowna, Prince George, and Kamloops during the Spring 1975 semester on an experimental basis. A combination of such factors as poor winter weather, distribution of advance information in these centres, and last minute changes in class-room locations contributed to the relatively low enrollment.) The Faculty of Education offered 8 courses and had a total enrollment of 326. The Faculties of Interdisciplinary Studies and Science each offered one course with enrollments of 36 and 29, respectively.

D. New student and continuing student enrollments in undergraduate extension credit courses.

Approximately 14.5% (1428/9829) of the total enrollment in extension credit courses during 1974-1975 were new enrollments--that is, enrollments of students registering as Simon Fraser University Students for the first time. The comparable figure for 1973-1974 was 13.6% (797/5842). The

1. Data relevant to Marine Science courses, offered in cooperation with the University of British Columbia and the University of Victoria, are not included.

distribution of new and continuing (previously registered) students for the three semesters of 1974-1975 and the three semesters of 1973-1974 is presented in Table 2. The percentage of new enrollments was greatest in the Fall semesters and smallest in the Summer semesters.

E. On-campus summer extension credit courses.

The Summer semester interval (May-August) has three separate extension credit courses offering periods: Intersession (May-June), Summer Session (July-August) and Summer Semester Evening (May-August). A summary of the number of course offerings and total enrollment, by faculty, for each period of the summer of 1975 (upper panel) and summer of 1974 (lower panel) is presented in Table 3.

Enrollment for the summer of 1975 was 58% greater than for the summer of 1974. The number of courses offered during the summer of 1975 was up 52% relative to the summer of 1974.

During the summers of 1974 and 1975 the Summer Sessions had the greatest number of course offerings. Intersessions, despite somewhat fewer course offerings, attracted a larger enrollment, with an average enrollment of 38.6 per course for the two Intersessions relative to 27.5 per course for the two Summer Sessions. Course offerings during the evenings of the Summer Semester were few relative to the Intersessions and Summer Sessions. However, the enrollments in these courses was substantial, particularly during 1975 when an average enrollment of 28.3 per course was recorded.

Over 80% (122/144) of the courses were offered by the Faculties of Arts and Education during the summer of 1975 (over 90% in 1974). The

Faculties of Interdisciplinary Studies and Science together offered 22 courses during the summer of 1975 with an average enrollment of 20.4 per course. This average enrollment was, however, much higher than the 6.9 average recorded in the 7 Interdisciplinary Studies and Science courses offered during the summer of 1974. (A substantial part of the increase in Science courses and enrollment during the summer of 1975 resulted from a decision on the part of the Department of Biological Sciences to experiment with offering all courses, usually scheduled over the Summer Semester day period, during the Intersession and Summer Session.)

Although more Faculty of Arts courses were offered than Faculty of Education courses during the summer of 1975, Education courses attracted more students. The average enrollment in Education courses was 46.3 as compared to 23.7 in Arts courses. Similar findings with respect to average course enrollment existed during the summer of 1974 for these two Faculties.

F. Extra-load and part-of-load courses.

Approximately three-quarters of the extension credit courses offered during the three semesters of 1974-1975 were extra-load; that is, courses taught by instructors who were also fulfilling regular teaching commitments within their departments or appointed expressly for this purpose. These courses were stipended out of Continuing Studies funds. The remaining one-quarter of extension credit courses were taught by instructors as part of their regular teaching load. The ratio of extra-load to part-of-load courses did not differ appreciably from that for the three semesters of 1973-1974. The number and percentage of extra-load and part-of-load courses for each of the three semesters of 1974-1975 and 1973-1974 is presented in Table 4.

G. Independent study (correspondence) courses.

Five independent study courses were written during 1974-1975. These courses were developed in a modular fashion with each module related to a set of clearly-defined learning objectives. Course authors were assisted with the design, development, and evaluation of the modules by an instructional design consultant. Each course was "field-tested" during the Spring 1975 semester and revised on the basis of those results. The courses have been made available to students as of September, 1975.

Figure 1. Number of extension credit courses offered and total enrollment in such courses for the three semesters of 1973-1974 and the three semesters of 1974-1975.

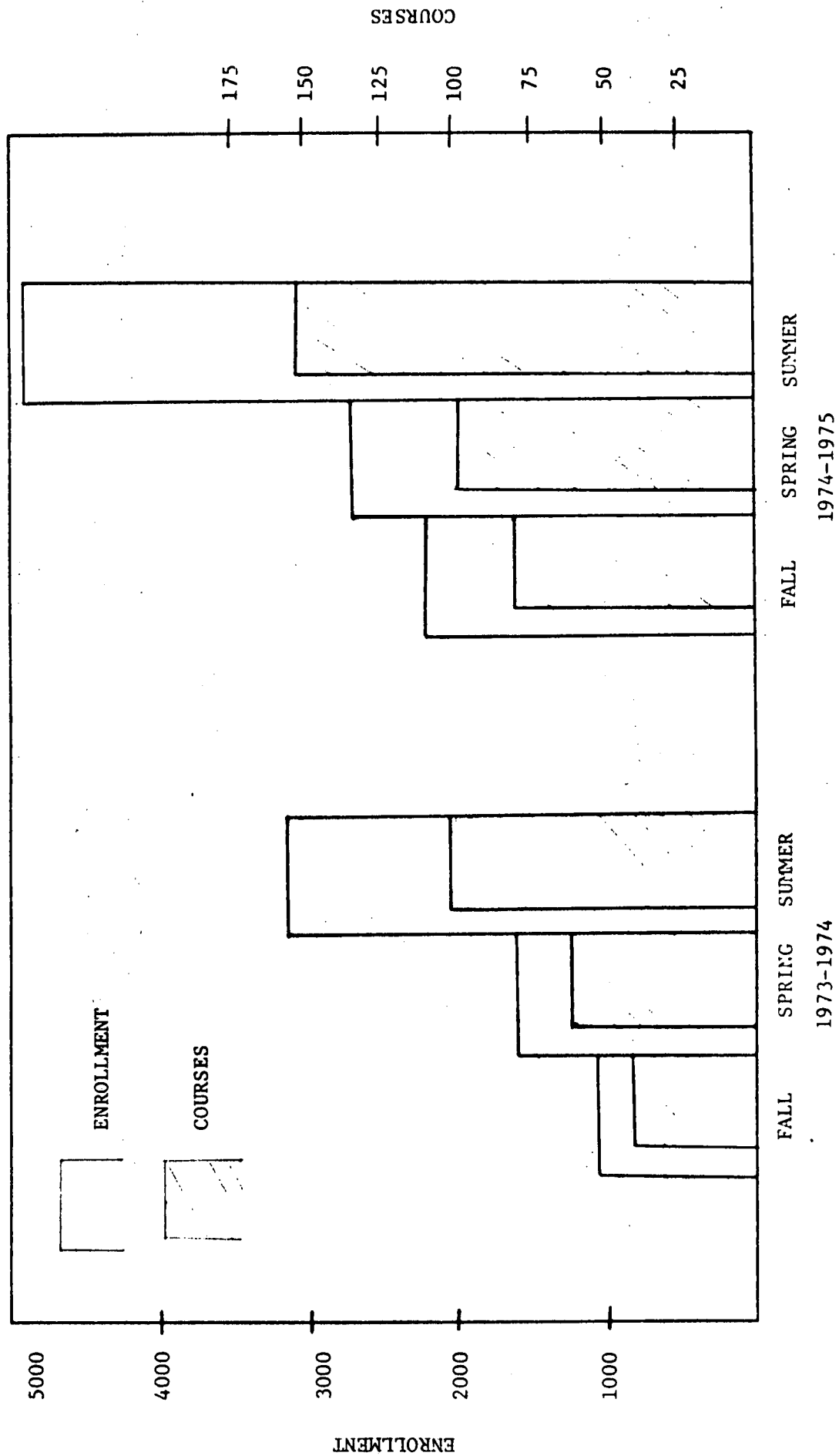


TABLE 1

On-campus Undergraduate Extension Credit Courses and Enrollments in the Faculties of Arts, Education, Interdisciplinary Studies and Science for the Three Semesters of 1974-1975 and the Three Semesters of 1973-1974.

F A C U L T I E S

Year	Semester	A R T S		E D U C A T I O N		I N T E R D I S C I P L I N A R Y S T U D I E S		S C I E N C E		T O T A L S	
		Number of Courses (C)	Number of Enrollments (E)	C	E	C	E	C	E	C	E
1974-1975	Fall	59	1657	7	140	10	323	5	85	81	2205
	Spring	61	1790	10	256	16	506	5	70	92	2622
	Summer	67	1585	55	2547	5	126	17	323	144	4581
	Total	187	5032	72	2943	31	955	27	478	317	9408
	Percentage	59.0	53.5	22.7	31.3	9.8	10.1	8.5	5.1		
1973-1974	Fall	30	842	9	133	2	60	2	22	43	1057
	Spring	42	1107	11	204	2	200	7	89	62	1600
	Summer	40	639	48	2194	2	13	5	35	95	2881
	Total	112	2588	68	2531	6	273	14	146	200	5538
	Percentage	56.0	46.7	34.0	45.7	3.0	4.9	7.0	2.7		

TABLE 2

New and Continuing Student Enrollments in Undergraduate Extension Credit Courses in the Three Semesters of 1974-1975 and the Three Semesters of 1973-1974.

E N R O L L M E N T S

Year	Semester	N e w	Continuing	Percentage New Enrollments
1974-1975	Fall	546	1659	24.8
	Spring	518	2188	19.1
	Summer	364	4554	7.6
	Total	1428	8401	14.5
1973-1974	Fall	318	739	30.1
	Spring	223	1377	13.9
	Summer	256	2929	8.0
	Total	797	5045	13.6

TABLE 3

Numbers of Undergraduate Extension Credit and Enrollments in the Faculties of Arts, Education, Interdisciplinary Studies and Science for Intercession, Summer Session and Summer Semester Evening for 1975 and 1974.

F A C U L T I E S

Year	Period	A R T S		EDUCATION		INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES		SCIENCE		TOTALS	
		Number of Courses (C)	Number of Enrollments (E)	C	E	C	E	C	E	C	E
1975	Intercession	24	598	21	1289	1	6	7	190	53	2083
	Summer Session	24	452	34	1258	2	60	10	133	70	1903
	Summer Semester Evening	19	535	-	-	2	60	-	-	21	595
	Total	67	1585	55	2547	5	126	17	323	144	4581
1974	Percentage	46.5	34.6	38.2	55.6	3.5	2.8	11.8	7.0		
	Intercession	16	257	20	1096	-	-	-	-	36	1353
	Summer Session	16	236	26	1072	1	1	5	35	48	1344
	Summer Semester Evening	8	146	2	41	1	12	-	-	11	199
	Total	40	639	48	2209	2	13	5	35	95	2896
	Percentage	42.1	22.1	50.5	76.3	2.1	0.4	5.3	1.2		

TABLE 4

Number and Percentage of Extra-load and Part-of-load Extension Credit Courses
for the Three Semesters of 1974-1975 and the Three Semesters of 1973-1974.

Year	Semester	NUMBER			PERCENTAGE	
		Extra-load	Part-of Load	Total	Extra-load	Part-of-load
1974-1975	Fall	63	18	81	77.8	22.2
	Spring	74	25	99	74.7	25.3
	Summer	111	42	153	72.5	27.5
	Total	248	85	333	74.5	25.5
1973-1974	Fall	30	13	43	69.8	30.2
	Spring	47	15	62	75.8	24.2
	Summer	87	16	103	84.5	15.5
	Total	164	44	208	78.8	21.2

APPENDIX

Graduate Extension Credit Courses and Professional Development Program

The Faculty of Education and the Department of Economics and Commerce (Masters of Business Administration Program) offered a total of 23 on-campus graduate courses to part-time graduate students during the three semesters of 1974-1975. The total enrollment was 454, up 19.2 per cent relative to the same period of 1973-1974. A summary of the number of courses offered and enrollment in these programs for the three semesters of 1974-1975 as well as the comparable figures for 1973-1974 are presented in Table A-1.

The Faculty of Education offered one graduate course in Vernon during the Fall 1974 Semester and another during the Spring 1975 Semester with enrollments of 15 and 13, respectively.

Professional Development Program courses, offered by the Faculty of Education, attracted a total enrollment of 231 during the three semesters of 1974-1975 in the off-campus centres of Vernon, Kamloops, Kelowna, Prince George, Vancouver, and Burnaby. The total enrollment in those centres for the same period of 1973-1974 was 99. The Program is currently operating in the above named centres and in Chilliwack, Coquitlam, Mount Currie, North Vancouver, Penticton and Salmon Arm.

TABLE A-1

On-Campus Graduate Extension Credit Courses and Enrollments in the Faculty of Education and the Department of Economics and Commerce for the Three Semesters of 1974-1975 and the Three Semesters of 1973-1974.

Part-time Graduate Programs

Year	Semester	<u>Faculty of Education</u>		<u>Department of Economics and Commerce (MBA)</u>		<u>Totals</u>	
		<u>Courses</u> <u>C</u>	<u>Enrollments</u> <u>E</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>E</u>
1974-1975	Fall	10	80	2	116	12	196
	Spring	7	72	2	116	9	188
	Summer	2	70	-	-	2	70
	Total	19	222	4	232	23	454
1973-1974	Fall	9	65	2	110	11	175
	Spring	6	65	2	106	8	171
	Summer	2	35	-	-	2	35
	Total	17	165	4	216	21	381