

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.80-81

MEMORANDUM

Senate

From Senate Committee on
Undergraduate Studies

Subject Changes in Credit Hours

Date 1980-06-18

FOR INFORMATION

At its meeting of February 4, 1980, Senate considered Paper S80-14 and approved the following motion:

"That the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies be instructed to prepare and submit to Senate a policy to deal with the cases of students whose date of graduation may be adversely affected by changes in credit hours granted for courses."

Consideration of this matter by SCUS was long delayed due to our inability to achieve the concurrent presence of students in the meeting and the item on the agenda.

SCUS was assured by the Dean of each Faculty that the problem alluded to was only one of many in which departments and Deans exercise a great deal of discretion in favour of students who have fulfilled the spirit of degree requirements but, for one reason or another, have failed to fulfill those requirements to the letter.

In the case of credit hour requirements in the History Department, the specific changes which precipitated the Senate motion, the Department has decided to exercise discretion in the following manner. A student who has 20 upper division semester hours' credit toward major requirements on the basis of four five -hour courses will be required to complete only 3 further courses (3 times 3 semester hours) and will be permitted to graduate with 29 upper division semester hours' credit toward the major provided other degree requirements are met. A written bulletin to that effect is being prepared for students in the History Department.

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