

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To..... H. Evans, Secretary

From..... John S. Chase, Secretary

Senate

Senate Committee on Academic
Planning

Subject..... S.C.A.P. Annual Report

Date..... 14 May 1981

Attached is the Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning for the period from January 1, 1980 through December 1, 1980. Would you please see that it is placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of Senate.

John Chase

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING

ANNUAL REPORT

1980

I. INTRODUCTION

Under the rules of Senate, the Senate Committee on Academic Planning is required to submit an Annual Report. The previous report of the Committee covered the period through 1979. This report will cover the period from January 1, 1980 through December 31, 1980.

Since most of the recommendations emerging from S.C.A.P. are subsequently reviewed by Senate, this report will only highlight the major proposals considered by the Committee and problems and issues stemming therefrom.

II. ACTIVITIES DURING 1980

In the past year, the Senate Committee on Academic Planning considered the following items:

1. Cooperative Education Program -- Accounting Major
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (March, 1980)
2. Certificate Program in Public History
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (March, 1980)
3. Environmental Toxicology Program Proposal
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (July, 1980)
4. Proposal for Arabic Language Courses
 - recommendations forwarded to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (July, 1980)
5. Proposed Major in Fine and Performing Arts
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (June, 1980)
6. Consideration of S.C.A.P. Task Force Report on Faculty Organization
 - considered by the Committee; no action taken pending further discussion by the Dean of Arts and the Dean of Interdisciplinary Studies with their respective departmental chairpersons (June, 1980)
7. Proposed Statement of Planning Directions for Simon Fraser University
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (June, 1980)
8. Proposed Regulations -- Restrictions on Entry to and Continuation in Minor, Major and Honours Programs and to Upper Division Courses in Business Administration or to Related Joint Programs or Courses

- recommendations forwarded to Senate (September, 1980)
- 9. Proposal for a Faculty of Engineering
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (October, 1980)
- 10. Proposal for a Minor and Certificate in Coaching
 - recommendations forwarded to S.C.U.S. and defeated there (October, 1980)
- 11. Proposal for two Certificate Programs in Criminology through Directed Studies
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (October, 1980)
- 12. Proposed Modifications to the African/Middle East Studies Minor Program
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (October, 1980)
- 13. Proposed Implementation of the Canadian Studies, Major, Joint Major and Honours, and Joint Honours Programs
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (October, 1980)
- 14. Internal Reorganization, School of Business Administration and Economics
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (September, 1980)
- 15. Transfer of Administrative Responsibility for Area Studies Programs from Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies to Faculty of Arts
 - reconsidered by S.C.A.P. in September/October
 - recommendation defeated
- 16. Allocation of Program Development Budget
 - considered by Committee; no further action taken (November, 1980)
- 17. Proposal for Digital Systems Design Honours Program, Computing Science
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (November, 1980)
- 18. Proposed Changes in Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Academic Planning
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (November, 1980)
- 19. Occupational Health Sciences Proposal
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (December, 1980)

III. THE ACADEMIC PLANNING FUNCTION

In last year's report, it was noted that the President had asked the Senate Committee on Academic Planning to address the need for a more rational and effective planning process. To that end a subcommittee of S.C.A.P. was given the charge of developing an assessment of Simon Fraser today and an indication of possible future directions. The final draft of that paper was considered by S.C.A.P. at its meeting in June, 1980 and subsequently forwarded to Senate where it was approved.

Subsequent to approval of the Future Planning Directions statement by Senate, the Vice-President Academic proposed to S.C.A.P. a set of recommendations regarding its terms of reference. These recommendations were also forwarded to Senate and received approval.

Along with the recommendations for changes in S.C.A.P.'s terms of reference, the Vice-President Academic also proposed the establishment of a number of S.C.A.P. task forces to examine various planning issues of concern to the University. The purpose in establishing the task forces was to encourage a thorough and realistic appraisal of various University activities and opportunities that would enable the Senate Committee on Academic Planning to advise Senate on future directions for the University.

The five task forces (dealing with future environments, administrative and academic services, planning new teaching programs, research areas, and financial resources) were established by S.C.A.P. in December 1980. It is expected that reports from the task forces will be considered by S.C.A.P. before the end of May and then will be integrated and presented to both Senate and the wider University community for review and reaction.