

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To.....Senate.....

From.....J.M. Webster, Chairman.....

.....Senate Committee on Undergraduate
Studies

Subject SCUS ANNUAL REPORT TO SENATE 1980

Date.....November 19, 1981.....

This report covers the period January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1980.

During this period SCUS has held 17 meetings. Average attendance at the meetings has been 10 out of a possible 15 members. Attendance by student members was poor in the early part of the year. Meetings were generally chaired by the Associate Vice-President, Academic, (Dr. Birch until August 1980 and Dr. Webster from September 1980).

A great deal of business has been carried out by SCUS under authority delegated to it by Senate. Each of these items has been reported to Senate for information:

Vector changes	-	20
Time Lag Waivers	-	21
Pre-requisite changes		39
Title changes	-	16
Description changes	-	9
Credit Hour changes	-	19
Number changes	-	6

In addition, other miscellaneous changes were approved.

SCUS received reports from each Faculty on Special Topics Courses.

SCUS approved a variety of new courses and changes for subsequent presentation to Senate.

New courses	-	66
Program changes - # of programs affected	-	30
New programs	-	18

During the year, SCUS established sub-committees to examine the issues of writing skills of students, sometimes referred to as the "literacy problem", and multiple undergraduate degrees. Recommendations on the latter have been disposed of by Senate; recommendations on communication skills will be coming forward. Guidelines for Cooperative Education practicum courses, extension of participation in the English Placement Test and regulations for enrolment limitation of Business Administration were considered and approved by SCUS.

Two new programs, the Minor and Certificate in Coaching were withdrawn due to rejection by SCUS of a proposed new course. During the year, several other programs and courses were referred for revision and were subsequently approved.

The Committee spent some time examining its role, particularly in the relation to that of SCAP.