

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S. 83-76

MEMORANDUM

SENATE

From..... SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Subject..... PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO
BGS DEGREE REGULATIONS

Date..... OCTOBER 28, 1983

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of October 18, 1983 gives rise to the following motion:

MOTION:

Motion referred back to SCUS by Senate 7/11/83

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.83-76, the proposed modifications to the B.G.S. degree regulations."

If approved the modifications would permit students who have been awarded at least 90 semester hours credit, including thirty upper division hours, at Simon Fraser University who are accepted into a professional program in law, medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine to receive a Bachelor of General Studies degree from Simon Fraser University after successful completion of the first year of professional study. The usual regulations would apply restricting total transfer/challenge credits to sixty, unless taken at UBC or U.Vic. or OLI in which event the restriction is ninety. These restrictions include the work transferred from the professional program. The other general regulations covering the BGS would continue to apply.

Background Information

Provisions exist for the awarding of the Bachelor of Science degree through the Faculty of Science, and for the award of the Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology) degree through the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies utilizing one year of certain professional programs. The specific regulations are provided in the accompanying papers herewith.

In the Fall of 1981 a proposal generally similar to the present one, but with more complex overtones, was debated intensively at the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and was not approved. The overall provisions then being discussed for transfer credit would have been greater than at present.

The present proposal was discussed at the recent SCUS meeting with a number of concerns expressed and some counter arguments. It was observed that there is some structure in the provisions for the B.Sc. degree and some relationship to the professional program with requirement of transfer credit in a Major or Honors program; similarly there is some defined structure of courses in the B.Sc. (Kinesiology) provision and relationship to the professional program. The nature of the BGS degree does not require such structure nor would there be necessarily relationship to the professional program although admission to such a professional program may indicate relationship. There was some concern that the qualification could arise on "credit counting" alone, with some double counting. Some members perceived that this might avoid some difficulties encountered under the B.Sc. procedures.

There was some concern that the provisions could cause students in other major/honors programs to transfer to the BGS to obtain that degree through this method as there is not general opportunity in the various faculties for such procedures. There was argument that the provision is not greatly different from current practice in two areas (B.Sc., B.Sc. Kinesiology). The proposal submitted notes that some of the best undergraduate students transfer to professional schools elsewhere and that they could be among our distinguished alumni but without this provision they would not earn an SFU degree.

--As the recent decision by SCUS showed some divergence of opinion it is desirable that Senate address the issue with some care. The proposal was approved with vote 4 in favour, 3 opposed, 3 abstained.

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MEMORANDUM

To..... Mr. H. M. Evans..... SEP 22 1983 From..... Thomas W. Calvert.....
Secretary Dean,
SCUS..... REGISTRAR'S OFFICE..... Faculty of L.D.S.....
Subject..... MODIFICATION TO BGS..... MAIL DECK Date..... September 19, 1983.....

At its meeting on Tuesday, September 13, the FIDS Undergraduate Curriculum Committee approved a motion recommending that the provision set out below be added to the regulations for the Bachelor of General Studies Degree.

"Students who have completed at least 90 semester hours credit, including 30 upper division hours, at Simon Fraser and are accepted into an accredited professional program in law, medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine are eligible to receive a Bachelor of General Studies degree from Simon Fraser University after successful completion of the first year of professional study. To be acceptable, the courses taken in the professional program must not duplicate courses already taken at SFU and must be acceptable for transfer credit. Candidates must apply for transfer credit and for receipt of the Bachelor's degree through the Registrar's Office, Simon Fraser University. Since official transcripts of the work completed in the first year of the professional program are required for transfer credit purposes, application for graduation should be delayed until the summer semester following the completion of requirements."

"See Department of Kinesiology, page 96, for regulations covering students in the Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology) program transferring into accredited professional schools in dentistry, medicine or veterinary medicine, without completing a degree at Simon Fraser University."

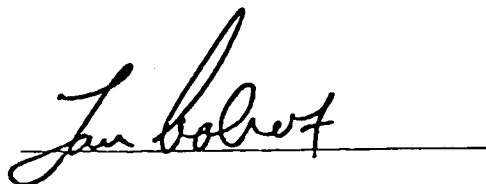
The rationale for this proposal is that some of our best undergraduate students transfer to professional schools at other universities (principally to Law at UBC) after completing 3 years (90 credits) of work at SFU. Under present circumstances, these students do not earn a degree from SFU although they are among our more distinguished alumni. This proposal involves allowing transfer credit of up to 30 hours to be given for work in the professional program in question.

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We recognize that this proposal would allow students to get "double credit" for the work transferred from their professional program. However, we note that there is a well established precedent for this in the regulations which allow the award of the BSc (or BSc (Kines)) degree to students transferring to Medicine or Dentistry (see page 105 of 1983/84 Calendar).

TWC/rj

cc: N. M. G. Bhakthan
J.M. Munro

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departmental sections and in the 123 of this Calendar.

B.Sc. - Science

REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO TRANSFER INTO PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

Transfer credit and Bachelor of Science degrees for students who successfully complete first year medical science professional training:

Students who have completed at least 90 semester hours credit in a science degree program and are accepted into an accredited professional program in medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine are eligible to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from Simon Fraser University after successful completion of the first year of professional study. To be acceptable, the courses taken in the professional program must not duplicate courses already taken at SFU and must be acceptable for transfer credit in a Major or Honors degree program. Candidates must apply for transfer credit and for receipt of the Bachelor's degree through the Registrar's Office, Simon Fraser University. Since official transcripts of the work completed in the first year of the professional program are required for transfer credit purposes, application for graduation should be delayed until the summer semester following the completion of requirements.

General Note: All course requirements should be completed by the end of the Spring Semester preceding the proposed date of entry to a professional school.

B.Sc. KIN.

Requirements for Students wishing to Transfer into Professional Schools

Students who have completed at least 90 semester hours of credit comprising the science core courses, 30 upper division hours in Kinesiology including KIN. 305, 306, 326, 401 and 407, and are accepted into an accredited professional program in dentistry, medicine or veterinary medicine, are eligible to receive a Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology) degree from Simon Fraser University after successful completion of the second year of Professional study. To be acceptable, the courses taken in the Professional Program must not duplicate courses already taken at Simon Fraser University and must be acceptable for transfer credit. Candidates must apply for transfer credit and for receipt of the B.Sc. (Kinesiology) degree through the Registrar's Office, Simon Fraser University.