

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

S. 84-8

SENATE

From. SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

Subject. ADMISSION FROM B.C. INDEPENDENT
SCHOOLS

Date. DECEMBER 20, 1983

Action undertaken by the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board at its meeting of 14 December, 1983 gives rise to the following motion:

MOTION: "That, provided that the B.C. Ministry of Education makes its examinations available, applicants from Group 1 and non-funded independent secondary schools in British Columbia be expected to sit examinations in those Grade 12 courses used to fulfill University entrance requirements, including secondary school graduation. These examination results would be counted in the final grades to the same extent as if the applicant were attending a public secondary school. That this change be effective for courses completed in Summer 1984 or at such time as the examinations become available to students of B.C. independent secondary schools."

Rationale for the change is provided in the attached paper, SUAB 122 (revised).

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SUAB 122
Revised

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To.....SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS.....
BOARD

From.....N. HEATH, SECRETARY.....

.....SUAB.....

Subject....ENTRY FROM B.C. INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
AND PROVINCIAL EXAMINATIONS.

Date.....December 19, 1983.....

When the provincial Grade 12 examination program was announced in Fall 1983, the Ministry of Education had stated that the exams would not be available to students in non-funded and Group I independent B.C. secondary schools, but would be required for students in Group 2 independent secondary schools and public secondary schools. The three provincial universities perceived that this could lead to unfair treatment, especially since many applicants from the non-funded schools are foreign students.

The Ministry of Education is shortly expected to announce that Group I and non-funded independent schools may participate in the exam program, provided they apply in writing to the Ministry by December 1st for the January sitting and March 1st for the June sitting and agree to comply with conditions relating to exam security, invigilation etc.

The current Senate policy on admission of students from B.C. independent schools states, "...the University accepts applicants from all independent schools which adhere to the B.C. High School curriculum, subject to the same conditions as apply to applicants from B.C. Public Schools".

It would now be appropriate for SUAB to state explicitly that the "same conditions..." clause shall be understood to mean "must sit provincial examinations in those Grade 12 subjects required for secondary school graduation and for admission to the University". At a minimum this will be English 12, but will normally include at least two of the further three Grade 12 subjects required.