

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

S. 84-76

To.....Senate

From.....N. Heath, Secretary

.....S.U.A.B.

Subject.....ESL Program

Date.....84/11/16

Action taken by the Senate Undergraduate Appeals Board at its meeting of 25 October 1984, gives rise to the following motion:

" That the English as a Second Language testing and remedial program approved by Senate 7 February 1983 (S.83.20) be extended to include those Permanent Residents of Canada (Landed Immigrants) for whom the T.O.E.F.L. is a condition of admission as determined by the Director of Admissions. "

The rationale for this change is attached.

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*Motion Referred by Senate
to SUAB for clarification of
its legal status 3/12/84*

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Subject.....E.S.L. for Landed Immigrants.....

Date.....Oct. 23, 1984.....

E.S.L. FOR LANDED IMMIGRANTS

The E.S.L. remedial program is in its fourth semester of operation. In 83-3, 84-1 and 84-2 we sent E.S.L. information to both international (visa) students and to landed immigrants (permanent residents), if these applicants were required to provide T.O.E.F.L. scores.

In the process of placing students in prescribed E.S.L. courses in 84-3, our practice of requiring landed immigrants to take the E.S.L. program was questioned. A challenge was sustained after the documents provided by Senate were found to refer only to "international students" which we normally interpret to include visa students, but not landed immigrants.

in 84-3, all landed immigrants in the E.S.L. program were informed that their participation in the program was voluntary, i.e. we would not prevent registration in future semesters if present prescribed courses were not successfully completed.

There are two options at this stage:

1. Leave the situation as it currently stands - international students require T.O.E.F.L. and E.S.L.; landed immigrants require T.O.E.F.L. only. Canadian citizens require neither.
2. Change policy to require E.S.L. program for landed immigrants.

The S.U.A.B. found that there were no good reasons to exempt landed immigrants from the E.S.L. test and remedial program. The program had been of clear benefit to many students over the past year.

The E.S.L. test and remedial program would therefore be applied to all applicants for whom T.O.E.F.L. is a condition of admission. Normally this would include all students except:

- Canadian citizens
- Applicants whose first language is English
- Applicants who have completed a considerable amount of secondary or post-secondary education in an English-speaking institution, including work requiring writing skills.

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