

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate

FROM: J. Munro
Chair, Senate
Ctee on Academic
Planning

SUBJECT: Graduate Curriculum Revision -
General Regulation 1.9.5

DATE: December 11, 1990

SGSC Reference: Mtg. of November 26, 1990

SCAP Reference: SCAP 90-58

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, gives rise to the following motion:

MOTION: "that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, changes to the Graduate Studies General Regulation 1.9.5 regarding Ph.D. External Examiners, as set forth in S.91-3"

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DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

TO: Senate Graduate Studies
Committee

FROM: B. P. Clayman

SUBJECT: Examiners

DATE: October 2, 1990

Following from the discussion at the SGSC meeting of September 24, 1990, I am pleased to propose the following (underlined) additions to the present regulation describing the Ph.D. External Examiner:

Present Regulation 1.9.5 (first two paragraphs):

The External Examiner shall be chosen as a distinguished scholar with particular experience in the field of the thesis research. Whether the External Examiner will participate in person or in absentia, including the possibility of a conference telephone connection or similar means, will be determined by the Dean of Graduate Studies who will take into account the departmental views.

The External Examiner shall be asked to submit a written report on the thesis to the Dean of Graduate Studies before the examination. The report, which should indicate whether the examiner believes the thesis is ready for defence, shall be distributed before the examination to the members of the Examining Committee. Once the examination has taken place, and if the thesis is passed, the External Examiner shall send a brief report to the Senior Supervisor which indicates the general quality of the thesis. That report (which may be either a copy of the initial report to the Dean of Graduate Studies or a report prepared after the thesis defence) shall accompany the recommendation for award of the degree.

Proposed Regulation 1.9.5 (first two paragraphs):

The External Examiner shall be chosen as a distinguished scholar with particular experience in the field of the thesis research. The Examiner shall be free from potential conflict of interest which may arise, for example, from research collaboration with the student or prospective employment of the student. Whether the External Examiner will participate in person or in absentia, including the possibility of a conference telephone connection or similar means, will be determined by the Dean of Graduate Studies who will take into account the departmental views.

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The External Examiner shall be asked to submit a written report on thesis to the Dean of Graduate Studies before the examination. The report, which should indicate whether the examiner believes the thesis is ready for defence, shall be distributed before the examination to the members of the Examining Committee. In cases when the examiner finds the thesis ready for defence, the report will be kept confidential to the members of the Examining Committee until after the examination. Once the examination has taken place, and if the thesis is passed, the External Examiner shall send a brief report to the Senior supervisor which indicates the general quality of the thesis. That report (which may be either a copy of the initial report to the Dean of Graduate Studies or a report prepared after the thesis defence) shall accompany the recommendation for award of the degree.

This matter will be discussed at the next SGSC meeting.



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