

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: D. Gagan, Chair 
Senate Committee on Academic Planning

Subject: Department of Geography -
Calendar revision to Ph.D. Program

Date: May 15, 1996

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

Motion:

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.96 - 48 , revision to Calendar entry for the Ph.D. Program in Geography."

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts
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DEAN OF GRADUATE
STUDIES OFFICE

To: Bruce Clayman, Dean
Graduate Studies

From: Andrea Lebowitz, Chair
Faculty of Arts Graduate
Studies Committee

Subject: Calendar Revision
Department of Geography

Date: 8 February, 1996

The Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee, at its meeting of 8 February, 1996, approved the attached calendar revision, submitted by the Department of Geography.

Would you please place this item on the agenda of the next Senate Graduate Studies Committee meeting.

Thank you.



Andrea Lebowitz, Chair
Faculty of Arts Graduate
Studies Committee

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cc: Marian McGinn

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Department of Geography

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Andrea Lebowitz, Chair
Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee

From: Ian Hutchinson
Graduate Chair
Geography

Subject: Calendar revisions

Date: February 07, 1996

The Graduate Studies Committee of the Department of Geography voted unanimously in favour of the attached calendar revision for the Ph.D. programme. /

Ph.D. PROGRAMME ALTERATION AND RATIONALE

Department of Geography

FROM: 1995/6 Calendar (p. 290)

Thesis

Candidates successfully completing qualifying examinations will be required to present a seminar on their research interests. The seminar will be presented before interested faculty and students prior to the presentation of a thesis proposal.

The candidate will present a thesis proposal which will be circulated to faculty and resident graduate students. The candidate will present this proposal at a departmental colloquium no later than the end of the fifth semester of residence. In addition, and prior to the completion of the thesis, the candidate will be expected to present before interested faculty and students, a report on the progress of his/her research. The timing of this report will be selected in consultation with the candidate's Supervisory Committee.

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RATIONALE

The presentation of a seminar to the department was intended to demonstrate breadth of research interests. Our experience has been, however, that this requirement slows down progress in the development of a thesis proposal, which should be the candidate's primary goal at this stage of the Ph.D. programme.

The progress report was intended to provide a forum for feedback prior to the Ph.D. defence. In the opinion of recent graduates, however, it was felt that this report did not serve a useful function and should be eliminated.