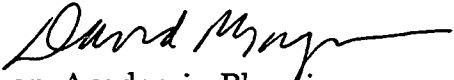


SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

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

Subject: Department of English -
Graduate Curriculum Revisions

(SGSC Meeting Feb. 17, 1997)
(SCAP Reference: SCAP 97-16)

Date: March 14, 1997

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.97 - 38 , the curriculum revisions in the Department of English."

Calendar Change for the Ph.D. Field Exam

Proposed:

To replace this sentence in the SFU calendar (page 308)

FROM

The student may choose either to a) sit a four hour exam (closed book), or
b) take home the examination question and complete it within 7 days.

TO

The student will take home the examination question and complete the
paper within three days.

Rationale

Students choosing the 4-hour option might inadvertently be judged by
criteria more fairly applying to the 7-day option. Students choosing this
option are likely to have domestic circumstances that make 7 days of quiet
impossible to arrange. Students could answer the question adequately
within three days and three days without interruption are more easy to
organize than seven.