

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

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

Subject: Graduate Calendar Revisions -
Department of History
(SGSC Meeting May 25, 1998)
(SCAP Reference: SCAP 98-25)

Date: June 15, 1998

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 to the Board of Governors as set forth in S.98 - 69, the following addition to the Calendar entry:

Motion
Tabled
14/9/98

Full-time thesis-option students are expected to complete their degree requirements in a maximum of five semesters, and project-option students in a maximum of three semesters. Part-time thesis-option students are expected to complete their degree requirements in a maximum of eight semesters and part-time project option students in a maximum of six semesters."

For Information:

Acting under delegated authority of Senate, the Senate Graduate Studies Committee approved the following:

Course deletions: HIST 863-5 Colonial Administration in Africa
HIST 866-5 European Settlement in Africa
HIST 889-5 The History of Anthropology

New courses: HIST 812-5 Comparative History
HIST 825-5 Modern Germany

Title changes: HIST 851-5, 852-5

Any Senator wishing to consult the full report of curriculum revisions should contact Bobbie Grant, Senate Assistant, at 291-3168 or e-mail bgrant@sfu.ca

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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 7, 1998
TO: Roger Blackman, Associate Dean of Arts
FROM: Jack Little, Chair History GPC
RE: Addition to Calendar Text
CC:

With the support of the Dean of Graduate Studies, a number of years ago the History Department stipulated that the expected MA completion time was five semesters for full-time thesis students, and three semesters for full-time project-option students. Part-time students can take an extra year. These requirements appear in the department's Graduate Brochure, but we now wish to add them to the Calendar. The rationale for having such a time limit is quite simply to encourage students to complete their degrees within a reasonable amount of time. Though the policy has not been rigorously enforced, our completion times have improved dramatically since it was introduced. The reason we wish to add this policy to the calendar is to ensure that students and supervisors realize that it has the university's sanction.

The exact wording of the calendar text which we wish to add is as follows:

"Full-time thesis-option students are expected to complete their degree requirements in a maximum of five semesters, and project-option students in three. Part-time students may take one additional year for completion."

J. J. Little