

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
MEMORANDUM

To: Senate
From: Alison Watt, Secretary, Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules
Subject: Proposal to establish an Ad Hoc Senate Committee to Review and
Develop the Undergraduate Curriculum
Date: 23 November, 2000

The Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules forwards the following recommendation to Senate:

Motion:

"That Senate approve the establishment of the ad hoc Senate Committee to Review and Develop the Undergraduate Curriculum as outlined in the attached memorandum from the Vice-President, Academic."

Attachment

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Office of the Vice-President, Academic

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR)

FROM: John Waterhouse
Vice-President, Academic

RE: Request for an Ad Hoc Senate Committee to Review and Develop the Undergraduate Curricula

DATE: November 23, 2000

I request that SCAR approve and recommend to Senate the creation of an Ad Hoc Senate Committee to Review and Develop the Undergraduate Curricula with Terms of Reference as follows.

Ad Hoc Senate Committee to Review and Develop the Undergraduate Curricula

Purpose:

To review the undergraduate curricula to ensure that it fulfills the principles set out in the University's Values and Commitments document; to propose strategies for enhancing opportunities for broad cross-disciplinary learning and ensuring that SFU graduates have the academic preparation for future success.

Terms of Reference:

1. To review the existing undergraduate curricula to determine the extent to which opportunities for broad, cross-disciplinary learning are currently provided.
2. To examine undergraduate curricula models at other universities.
3. To seek ideas from within Simon Fraser University, including SCUS, for enhancing the undergraduate curricula.
4. To prepare a Discussion Paper by February 28, ²⁰⁰³~~2001~~ that summarizes its findings, propose a set of principles or guidelines for the undergraduate curricula, and identify models for curricula change.
5. To consult widely with the university community on the Discussion Paper.
6. To submit a Final Report to SCUP by May 30, ²⁰⁰³~~2001~~ for discussion and consideration for approval in principle and forward it to Senate for information.
7. Following approval in principle, the Vice-President, Academic will be responsible for implementation.

~ S.M. & Jan. 01

Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules

Rationale:

It is time for the University to examine whether undergraduate curricula are consistent with our commitments to a broadly based liberal education and are attractive when compared to curricula at other universities. The Committee will examine SFU and other curricula and recommend principles and guidelines for curricular reform, if necessary.

Membership:

~~Chair~~ *one of whom will be the Chair*
~~Six~~ ~~Five additional~~ Faculty members (one from each of the Faculties of Applied Sciences, ~~Arts~~, Business Administration, Education and Science *2 from Arts*)
One undergraduate student
One research support staff member (ex officio, non-voting)

John Waterhouse
Vice-President, Academic and Provost
Simon Fraser University

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