

# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Senate

**From:** Roger Blackman, Chair  
Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

**Subject:** BC Adult Graduation Diploma (BCAGD  
(SCUS Reference 04-13)

**Date:** July 19, 2004

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Action undertaken at the July 13, 2004 meeting of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies gives rise to the following motion:

### MOTION:

“That Senate approve extension of the policy on admission of students who had graduated with the BC Adult Graduation Diploma for three years, with a review in Fall 2007, as set forth in S. 04-61 .”

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**  
**Office of the Registrar**  
**Memorandum**

To: SCUS

From: Diane Whiteley Director  
of Admissions & Records/  
Donna Moore, Associate  
Director of Admissions

Subject: Review of Performance of  
BC Adult Graduation Diploma  
Students

Date: June 15, 2004

*Diane Whiteley*  
*Donna Moore*

**Background**

Senate approved a policy on admission of students who had graduated with the BC Adult Graduation Diploma (BCAGD) on a pilot basis on April 3, 2000. In the timeframe approved for the pilot, SCUS must now provide a report on this policy to Senate. Admissions was to be asked for input in terms of the impact and consequences resulting from this policy.

**Profile and performance of BCAGD Students**

Since the pilot began in 2000, a total of 21 BCAGD students have applied for admission. Five of the twenty one have attended SFU. The remaining students did not submit all their documents, cancelled their application, were denied admission or were admitted but did not register.

The performance of the five BCAGD students who have attended is as follows.

| BCAGD Students | Attended From | Attended To | SFU Cum<br>GPA | SFU Units<br>Completed |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Student #1     | 2002 Fall     | 2003 Spring | 0.000          | 13                     |
| Student #2     | 2002 Spring   | 2003 Spring | 1.760          | 14                     |
| Student #3     | 2002 Spring   | 2004 Summer | 2.191          | 42                     |
| Student #4     | 2003 Spring   | 2004 Spring | 3.266          | 21                     |
| Student #5     | 2003 Spring   | 2004 Summer | 2.488          | 44                     |

Since the numbers are too small to draw any conclusion, the recommendation is to extend the policy for three more years from June 2004 to August 2007, with a review in Fall 2007.

## Minimum Admission Requirements

The minimum admission average will vary depending on the number of applications received, and on spaces available.

## Additional Information for BC Secondary School Applicants

### Independent Schools

The University accepts applications from students attending independent schools adhering to the BC secondary school curriculum. Applicants must have written any secondary school examinations administered by the provincial Ministry of Education in courses used towards graduation. Examination results will be evaluated in the same manner as if the applicant were attending a public secondary school.

### Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate Exams

BC secondary school students taking these programs should see "Advanced Placement Program and International Baccalaureate" on page 35.

### BC Adult Graduation Diploma

This credential is available to adults who take courses to complete graduation through a secondary school, adult education centre or a community college.

Applicants who have completed the diploma and who are at least 19 years of age may be admitted if they have completed:

- four courses (16 credits) at grade 11 or advanced level to include English, mathematics, social studies or First Nations 12, an experimental or laboratory science
- four courses (16 credits) at the grade 12 or provincial level to include English and three additional subjects selected from: biology, mathematics, chemistry, English literature, languages, statistics, geography, history, physics

All four grade 12 or provincial level subjects must be graded: a minimum average of C+ or 67% is required, based on the Ministry of Education grading scale.

Entry requirements to business administration, computing science, engineering science, kinesiology, Tech one and the Faculty of Science parallel those for BC secondary school graduates.

### BC Calculus Examination Certificate

All prospective SFU, University of BC, University of Northern BC and University of Victoria students who have completed, or who are registered in, a secondary school calculus course are eligible to write a calculus challenge exam. Students who pass this exam will receive an SFU-UBC-UNBC-UVic Calculus Challenge Examination Certificate that permits them to obtain calculus transfer credit at one of these universities. Secondary school students can write the exam, which must be done prior to entering one of the four participating BC universities. Only one attempt to write this exam is permitted. The exam's resulting grade will be converted into the individual university's equivalent grade. These equivalencies are noted on the certificate.

### Calculus Course Credit

A student who has passed the calculus challenge exam and is registered at Simon Fraser University may be awarded transfer credit: MATH 151 (3). Students already eligible for transfer credit because of high AP or IB scores will keep this eligibility regardless of their examination score and can waive the examination score and/or credit.

### Examination Locations, Schedule

Each year a university will host the calculus challenge examination. Exams are held twice a year. The April exam is held at participating high schools, or at the host university. The August exam takes place only at the host university.

### Application to Write the Exam

Application to take the exam must be made to the mathematics department the university that is hosting the examination in that year.

### Examination Information

The exam is three hours in duration. For further enquiries about writing the calculus examination and the Calculus Examination Certificate, contact: Math Challenge 151, Department of Mathematics, 8888 University Drive, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, V5A 1S6; 604.291.3332 Tel; 604.291.4947 Fax; or e-mail [fabriciu@sfu.ca](mailto:fabriciu@sfu.ca).

### Upgrading BC Grade 12 Grades

Applicants who wish to improve their grades in BC grade 12 courses may do so in accordance with Ministry of Education policies, except that the final grade in a provincially-examinable course may not be increased by taking an equivalent college course. For example, an applicant who has achieved a mark of 66% in principles of mathematics 12 may not count in her/his admission average a subsequent, higher grade (say 'B' or 73%) in an ABE provincial level mathematics course taken through a college.

## Admission from BC and Yukon Community and University Colleges

BC community college students may apply for general admission (Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences requirements) or for direct entry to a number of programs:

- Arts and Social Sciences, Faculty of (General Admission); all departments and schools (see "Arts and Social Sciences, Faculty of" on page 30)
- or for direct entry to the following programs:
- Business Administration, Faculty of (see "Business Administration, Faculty of" on page 30)
- Communication, School of (Faculty of Applied Sciences) (see "Communication, School of" on page 30)
- Computing Science, School of (Faculty of Applied Sciences) (see "Computing Science, School of" on page 30)
- Engineering Science, School of (Faculty of Applied Sciences) (see "Engineering Science, School of" on page 30)
- Kinesiology, School of (Faculty of Applied Sciences) (see "Kinesiology, School of" on page 30)
- Science, Faculty of; all departments and schools (see "Science, Faculty of" on page 31)

### Arts and Social Sciences, Faculty of

Students must complete at least one full year (30 credit hours) of transferable work with a minimum average of 2.00 or 60%. Up to 60 credit hours of transfer credit will be awarded for acceptable passed courses.

Applicants who met the University's admission requirements after completing grade 12 may be admitted on the basis of those requirements, provided that they have attempted fewer than 30 semester hours of transfer credit. However, they will not be admitted if they present three or more transferable courses equal to nine or more credit hours with an average of less than 2.0 or 60%.

### Business Administration, Faculty of

Students planning to enter the BBA degree program must meet the same requirement as those given for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, except that the equivalents of the following courses must be passed with a C- grade or higher:

BUEC 232-3  
BUS 237-3, BUS 251-3, BUS 272-3  
ECON 103-3, ECON 105-3

MATH 157-3 (or MATH 151-3 or MATH 154-3) and two of ENGL 101-3; 102-3, 103-3, 104-3, 105-3, 199-3, PHIL 001-3, 100-3, 120-3.

Admission is highly competitive. Most transfer students enter the University's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences before they are approved into the Faculty of Business Administration (see "Business Administration, Faculty of" on page 30).

### Communication, School of

Admission requirements are the same as those for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (see above).

### Computing Science, School of

Students applying for the computing science program may be admitted directly based on excellent college grades, or may be offered general University admission with the opportunity to apply for later admission based on Simon Fraser University grades. Admission is highly competitive.

For direct entry from college, students must complete at least 30 credit hours of transferable credit including seven courses that receive the following transfer credit:

- PHIL 100 or 120 or three credits in English
- two of MACM 101, 201 MATH 151, 152 and 232
- two of CMPT 101, 150, 201, 250 and 275
- three credits in biological sciences, chemistry, earth sciences, kinesiology or physics
- three credits in anthropology, archaeology, communication, Canadian studies, criminology, economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology or women's studies

Admission will be based on a grade point average calculated on the best seven courses satisfying these requirements. No course may be included in the average if it is considered a duplicate of any course previously taken.

### Engineering Science, School of

Students planning to enter the BASc degree program must complete at least 30 credit hours in transferable science or engineering courses.

Admission is highly competitive. Students must apply directly to the School of Engineering Science as well as to the University.

### Information Technology/Interactive Arts

Interested BC community college students should contact 604.268.7500 for further information.

### Kinesiology, School of

Students planning to enter the BSc (Kinesiology) degree program must complete at least 30 semester hours of transferable credit.

Admission is competitive. A total of approximately 120 students are approved into the kinesiology major program per year. Most students who wish to be kinesiology majors are typically admitted to the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, or to the Faculty of Science first, and then they apply to kinesiology after achieving a criterion grade point average in a specified set of courses. Please see "Internal Transfer" on page 128 for details.

However, a small number of students may be admitted directly to the kinesiology major program based on excellent grades in courses which transfer to Simon Fraser University as:

BISC 101-4  
MBB 221-3  
CHEM 121-4, 122-2, 281-4  
KIN 142-3  
MATH 151-3, (or 154-3), 152-3 (or 155-3)  
PHYS 101-3, (or 120-3), 102-3, (or 121-3), 130-2, (or 131-2)

A student who completes courses at a grade point average of C+ or better will be admitted into the program.

### Science, Faculty of

Admission is the BSc degree receive the full credit of C+ or better.

- Math 100
- two of BISC

### Transfer Credit

A transfer graduate (division) transfer credit British Columbia website at w

### Associate Holders

Commencing admission will be allowed to minimum admission students will well as for the Commencing average for established less than the

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### BC University

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