

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.07-5

As amended
by Senate
8 Jan 07

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: B. Krane, Chair
Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

Subject: B.C. College admissions
(SCUS Reference 06-38)

Date: 12 December 2006



Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at a meeting held December 5, 2006 gives rise to the following recommendations:

Motion 1

"that Senate approve changes to the criteria for Admissions from B.C. and Yukon College and University Colleges to read: "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 24 semester hours of transfer credit."

SCUS approved this with the understanding that consequences will be monitored and reported back to SCUS.

Motion 2

and Yukon Community and University Colleges
"that Senate approve B.C. ~~College~~ students be guaranteed admission to all Faculties at SFU (except Business Administration) on completion of 24 credit hours of transferable work with a minimum grade point average of 2.5"
at least

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Office of the Vice-President, Academic

MEMORANDUM

TO: SCUS

FROM: John Waterhouse
Vice-President, Academic

RE: SCEMP Motion on Minimum Number
of Transfer Credits for BC College
Admission

DATE: November 27, 2006

Currently in order to be considered as a BC College transfer student SFU requires 30 transferable credits. Applicants with fewer than 30 credit hours are assessed for admission on the basis of high school grades.

By comparison, UBC requires 24 credits, UVic requires 12 units (equivalent to 24 SFU credits) and UNBC requires at least 15 transfer credits. SCEMP considered whether, in order to be consistent with UBC and UVic, SFU should reduce the minimum number of transfer credits from 30 to 24 for consideration as a BC College transfer student. There was unanimous agreement to recommend the following motion:

Moved: M. Fizzell
Seconded: M. Plischke

"That BC College students be eligible to transfer to SFU on completion of a minimum of 24 credit hours of transferable work."

CARRIED

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Senate Committee on Enrollment Management & Planning Memorandum

TO: SCUS

FROM: John Waterhouse
Chair, SCEMP and
Vice President, Academic

RE: College Admissions Guarantee

DATE: November 27, 2006

A range of factors are currently impacting SFU enrollments, including:

- A declining population of 17-24 year olds;
- An increase in the number of post-secondary seats (gov't access targets) across the system;
- An increase in the number of degree granting institutions;
- The improving BC economy resulting in higher levels of employment.

Because of these and other factors, it has become increasingly important that SFU maintain a competitive position as the university of choice for college transfer applicants. As such, guaranteeing admission to SFU for applicants meeting a minimum threshold of academic achievement provides a more stable basis for enrollment planning, and supports the development of strategic enrollment management now underway at SFU.

Following discussion with all Faculties, there is agreement that students transferring to SFU from college with grade point averages of 2.5 or greater are regularly admitted and are sufficiently well prepared for academic work at SFU. Offering an admissions guarantee to applicants in this group is recruitment positive and provides certainty for college-level students contemplating their options for further academic work.

College transfer applicants with averages lower than 2.5 will still be considered for admission on a competitive basis, as per the criteria detailed in the current SFU Calendar. Associate Degree holders would continue to be admitted at .25 gpa lower (eg. guaranteed admission at 2.25 for Associate Degree holders if the guaranteed admission gpa for other college transfers is 2.5)

Motion

SCEMP approves that BC ~~community~~ college students be guaranteed admission to all Faculties at SFU (except Business Administration) on completion of at least ~~one full~~ ~~year~~ (24 credit hours) of transferable work with a minimum grade point average of 2.5.