

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES  
MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate  
FROM: Jonathan Driver, Chair, Senate Graduate Studies Committee  
SUBJECT: Graduate General Regulation 1.12.4 – Readmission (GS2006.09)  
DATE: March 27, 2006  
cc:

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At its meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 Senate Graduate Studies Committee approved the following changes to the graduate general regulation 1.12.4 – Readmission, to take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007, and recommends these changes to Senate for approval:

**From:**

**1.12.4 Readmission**

Under exceptional circumstances and with the recommendation of the chair of the graduate program committee, a student who did not complete the degree requirements within the maximum time, and who was thus required to withdraw, may be readmitted for one semester only to complete those requirements. Final approval for readmission is by the dean of graduate studies.

**To:**

**1.12.4 Readmission**

A student who did not complete the degree requirements within the maximum time, and who was thus required to withdraw, may be readmitted for one semester only to complete those requirements. The semester of readmission may be no later than the ninth semester after the one in which the student withdrew from the program. The student applies for readmission to the relevant graduate program committee, who will make a recommendation to the dean of graduate studies. Final approval for readmission is by the dean of the graduate studies. Readmission decisions may be appealed in the same way as admission decisions (see 1.16.3).

**Rationale:**

The regulation allows a former student to be readmitted to defend a thesis after leaving SFU. It is inappropriate for the university to award degrees many years after a student has completed certain degree requirements, such as courses and comprehensive exams. Three years would be a reasonable maximum time limit for this practice.

**Motion:** “that Senate approve the above-noted revision to Graduate General Regulation 1.12.4 Readmission”

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SGSC  
FROM: Jonathan Driver, Dean of Graduate Studies  
SUBJECT: time limits: revised proposal  
DATE: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2005  
cc:

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The following item was discussed at the February 2006 SGSC meeting (GS2006.05). Following the advice of the committee, I have made some changes to the proposal, and I am bringing it back for the committee's consideration.

In view of various requests from former students to be readmitted to defend their theses many years after leaving SFU, I believe that we should amend the graduate regulations concerning this practice. I believe that it is inappropriate for the University to award degrees many years after a student has completed certain degree requirements, such as courses and comprehensive exams. I suggest three years as a reasonable maximum time limit for this practice.

I also propose that this new regulation take effect September 1<sup>st</sup> 2007, thus allowing more than a year in which former students will have time to complete their theses.

Currently our regulations state:

***1.12.4 Readmission***

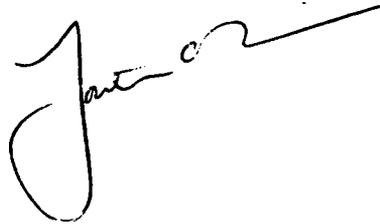
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I propose the following new version of this regulation:

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those requirements. The semester of readmission may be no later than the ninth semester after the one in which the student withdrew from the program. The student applies for readmission to the relevant graduate program committee, who will make a recommendation to the dean of graduate studies. Final approval for readmission is by the dean of graduate studies. Readmission decisions may be appealed in the same way as admission decisions (see 1.16.3).

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