SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

MEMORANDUM

To:

Senate

From:

J. M. Munro, Chair

Senate Committee on Academic Planning

Subject:

Faculty of Business Administration –

Continuance requirements for Direct Entry (Category 1)

Students to the BBA Program (SCAP Reference: SCAP 99-35)

Date:

October 19, 1999

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Enrollment Management and Planning, the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules gives rise to the following motion:

Motion:

"that Senate rescind the motion (amended) contained in S.99-30 as follows

"that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors as set forth in S.99-30 that the 15% cap on Category 1 admissions to the Faculty of Business Administration be removed and replaced by the requirement that the maintenance CGPA for Category 1 students be raised to B- (2.67) until these students have completed all the lower division requirements (with the exception of BUS 207 and BUS 254).""

In the event that the above motion is approved by Senate, the following motion will be immediately presented for consideration by Senate:

Motion:

"that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors as set forth in S.99- 6 that the 15% cap on Category 1 admissions to the Faculty of Business Administration be removed.

J.M. Muno

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Faculty of Business Administration

To:

Senate

From: John Waterhouse, Dean

Faculty of Business Administr

Subject:

Continuance requirements

Date: October 19, 1999

for some BBA students

In 1998, the Faculty of Business Administration initiated a new admissions policy, allowing students to be admitted to the Bachelor of Business Administration program in four separate categories.

Category 1 direct entry from Grade 12 direct entry from College

Category 3 entry into the Major after 2 years at SFU

Category 4 entry into the Major after a mixture of SFU and College courses

At the same time, Senate approved an amendment which imposed a 15% limit on Category 1 admissions. The Faculty had no experience with direct admissions and Senate was concerned that the balance between the categories might shift overwhelming towards the Category 1 admissions. No other program had a Senate-imposed percentage limit on any category of admission.

In March, 1999, Senate received a recommendation from the Faculty of Business Administration requesting the removal of the limit. On the floor of Senate, without consultation with the Faculty of Business Administration, an amendment was approved to raise the continuance requirement for students admitted into Category 1 from a CGPA of 2.25 to a CGPA of 2.67 until they had completed the lower division requirements. The precise motion as amended stated:

"that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S. 99-30 that the 15% cap on Category 1 admissions to the Faculty of Business Administration be removed and replaced by the requirement that the maintenance CGPA for Category 1 students be raised to B- (2.67) until those students have completed all the lower division requirements (with the exception of BUS 207 and 254)."

(amendment italicized)

No other program has a continuance requirement that changes during the course of the program and the Faculty requests that Senate remove this unnecessary complexity.

The University now approves annual and semester admission targets for each Faculty for each basis of admission (including Grade 12 and college transfers). The 15% cap is therefore no longer required in order to manage the distribution of admissions.

The Faculty of Business Administration requests that the amended motion originally approved by Senate be rescinded, and that the original motion be approved.