## SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Senate

From:

Senate Committee on

Academic Planning

Subject:

**Limiting Credits for** 

Tri-Ed Summer Courses

Reference: SCUS 89-53

**SCAP 89-70** 

December 13, 1989 Date:

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies gives rise to the following motion:

### **Motion:**

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors as set forth in S. 90-3, that the maximum number of credit hours offered through the Tri-Education Summer Institute that can count towards a degree in the Faculty of Arts or towards a degree or Post Baccalaureate Diploma in the Faculty of Education be limited to nine (9)."

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# FACULTY OF ARTS DEAN OF ARTS

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Ron Heath

FROM:

Sheila Roberts

Secretary, SCUS

Secretary, FACC

RE:

Limiting Credits for

DATE:

October 20, 1989

Tri-Ed. Summer Courses

After a series of meetings regarding the one week offerings by the Tri-Education Summer Institute, the Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee at its meeting of July 20, 1989 passed the following motion:

That the maximum number of offerings through the Tri-Education Summer Institute that can count towards a degree in the Faculty of Arts be three, (a total of 9 credits).

The Faculty of Education has passed a similar restriction for the Bachelor of Education degree and the Post Baccalaureate Diploma.

Please place this item on the agenda of the next SCUS meeting.

Thank you.

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cc: Education Department

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### SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF EDUCATION MEMORANDUM

To: Ellen Gee, Associate Dean

Faculty of Arts

From: Mike Manley-Casimir, Director

Undergraduate Programs

Faculty of Education

Re: Tri-Ed. Special Summer Institutes

Date: July 5, 1989

Further to our recent meeting on the Tri Ed Special Summer Institutes and the B.G.S., the following was the decision taken by the Faculty of Education Undergraduate Programs Committee:

That the maximum total number of Tri-Ed. Summer Institute credits be 9 for the Post Baccalaureate Diploma and 9 for the B. Ed. Degree.

I trust this is useful.

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### SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF EDUCATION MEMORANDUM

To: W.R. Heath

Secretary, SCUS

From: Cornel Hamm, Director

Undergraduate Programs

Faculty of Education

Re: Special Summer Institute Credits

Restriction

Date: Nov. 20/89

The rationale for the motion to restrict to a maximum of 9 credits for courses taken through Tri-University offerings of Special Summer Institutes is as follows:

- 1) Teacher Qualification Service has expressed concern about the proliferation of such Institutes and has asked the universities to assure them (TQS) of the academic integrity of these Institutes.
- 2. It has come to our attention that some students completing B.G.S. degrees by courses taken on a transfer credit basis, through DISC, and by Special Summer Institutes have a 'smorgasbord' of courses forming no curricular coherence.
- 3. It is very difficult to exercise curricular control over courses offered through these Summer Institutes. Most of the courses are Special Topics courses mounted quickly in response to immediate Ministry and professional needs. Many also have an 'implementation' component, which is partially supervised by the profession. It is therefore virtually impossible satisfactorily to scrutinize and assess in advance the academic merit of these courses though the evaluation of these courses after the fact reveals that teachers and other professionals rate them highly.