

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S. 81-21

MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

BOARD

Subject FOREIGN ADMISSION POLICIES - SUAB 91

Date 1ST DECEMBER, 1980

At a meeting held on November 19, 1981, the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board reviewed two recommendations involving the admission and transfer standing policies of applicants from a number of European countries and all countries operating under the British and French educational systems.

Approval of these recommendations gives rise to the following motions:--

MOTION I

" That applicants from Austria, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Denmark, Finland, France (including all countries under the French system), The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Yugoslavia continue to be admitted on the basis of acceptable standing on the maturity or leaving certificate in their country. "

MOTION II

" That applicants from the United Kingdom (including all countries following the U.K. Educational system) continue to be admitted on three "Advanced" or "Higher" level subjects and be considered for transfer credit to a maximum of 30 semester hours. That the average required for admission be raised from a "D" to a "C" based on a minimum passing grade of E on a scale of A to E.

If approved, these changes to our admission requirements can become effective immediately. They do not include major changes, nor do they conflict with any statements in the calendar. "

ACM:bc

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

SUAB 91

MEMORANDUM

To..... ALL MEMBERS.....	From..... ALAN C. MCMILLAN.....
..... SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD..... SECRETARY OF SUAB.....
Subject..... FOREIGN ACADEMIC ADMISSION..... REQUIREMENTS - SUAB 91	Date..... NOVEMBER 17, 1980.....

INTRODUCTION

The current admission requirements for applicants from foreign countries were established prior to 1974. These requirements were developed from recommendations by several agencies which are involved in the study and research of foreign education systems. These agencies include the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers, the National Association of Foreign Student Affairs and the Council on Evaluation of Foreign Student Credentials. At the time these recommendations were made, the secondary school curriculum in many European countries surpassed those in North America. As a result, many North American universities and colleges granted first year university credit for the final matriculation year. Simon Fraser followed these recommendations.

OBSERVATION I

In recent years the Educational systems at the secondary level in countries such as Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, The Netherlands, Norway and Sweden have undergone change. In all cases these revisions have lowered the standards such that they equate more to the secondary school graduation levels in North America. As a result of these changes it is recommended that we revise our policy on the granting of transfer credit as follows:-

RECOMMENDATION I

That applicants from Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France (including all countries under the French system), The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Yugoslavia continue to be admitted on the basis of acceptable standing on the maturity or leaving certificate in their country.

RECOMMENDATION I CONT'D

That transfer credit not be assigned for work completed at the secondary level but where appropriate, the student may consider applying for course challenge credit from the approved list of courses at SFU.

OBSERVATION II

The system in the United Kingdom and all countries following that Educational system involving the University of London General Certificate of Education, the Cambridge Higher School Certificate and the Scottish Certificate of Education has also undergone some revisions in recent years. The reports and placement recommendations made by the aforementioned agencies indicate that the advanced or higher level examinations continue to equate to the freshman level in North America. It is felt, however, that the examinations are not at the same high level as in earlier years.

The following recommendation addresses these changes.

RECOMMENDATION II

That applicants from the United Kingdom (including all countries following the U.K. Educational system) continue to be admitted on three "Advanced" or "Higher" level subjects and be considered for transfer credit to a maximum of 30 semester hours. That the average required for admission be raised from a "D" to a "C" based on a minimum passing grade of E on a scale of A to E.

If approved, these changes to our admission requirements can become effective immediately. They do not include major changes, nor do they conflict with any statements in the calendar.

APPENDIX

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>		<u>EXPLANATION</u>
	FROM	TO	
AUSTRIA	Credit on Reifezeugnis	No credit on Reifezeugnis	School leaving certificate
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	Credit on secondary school leaving certificate	No credit on secondary school leaving certificate	School leaving certificate
DENMARK	Credit on Gymnasium certificate	No credit on Gymnasium certificate	School leaving certificate
FINLAND	Credit on matriculation certificate	No credit on matriculation certificate	School leaving certificate
FRANCE - including all countries on French system (French Africa, Lebanon, Laos, Morocco)	Baccalaureat Deuxieme Partie with credit	Baccalaureat (Series A through E) with no credit	School leaving certificate
NETHERLANDS	Leaving certificate with credit	Leaving certificate with no credit	School leaving certificate
NORWAY	Examen Artium with credit	Examen Artium with no credit	School leaving certificate
SWEDEN	Gymnasium with credit	Gymnasium with no credit. *Exception to this would be where an additional year is done (13th year) in Engineering Technology where up to one year of credit can be given if relevant courses done.	

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>		<u>EXPLANATION</u>
	FROM	TO	
UNITED KINGDOM including all other countries on British system (Africa (Anglo- phone), Common- wealth Caribbean, Hong Kong, Malay- sia, Singapore	University of London General Certificate of Education - three advanced levels OR University of Cambridge - three Principal passes with credit "D" average required	Same except "C" average required	G.C.E. and Cambridge programs are judged to be at the school leaving level plus up to first year of university level study
YUGOSLAVIA	Secondary school leaving certificate with credit	Secondary school leaving certificate with no credit	School leaving level