SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

Senate	From Senate Committee on
	Undergraduate Studies
Subject Discontinuation of Course: PSYC 407-3	Date November]5, 1979

Action taken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of October 30th, 1979 gives rise to the following motion:

MOTION

That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, the discontinuation of Psyc. 407-3 (Evaluation Techniques).

Note - In November 1973 Senate approved paper S73-125 which included the following provision:

"Issue 3. Proliferation of Course Offerings

c) That any course not offered within a six semester period be deleted from the calendar unless adequate justification for retaining the course is presented to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and Senate. The Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies to be charged each semester with reviewing course offerings under this ruling and making appropriate recommendations to Senate."

The most recent review identified 66 courses which had not been taught for at least 6 semesters. Of these departments indicated the need to retain 65. One intention of Senate in approving the provision for deleting from the calender courses which had not been offered for two years was to insure that a student reading the calender could have some reasonable assurance that courses listed therein would be offered on a more or less regular basis. The first time the procedure was applied quite a few courses were deleted but one might question the value of maintaining this particular

procedure in view of the amount of energy expended and the scale of the outcome. The Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies intends to consider whether there may not be better means of achieving the purpose of conveying accurate and useful information to students through the University calander.

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