

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To..... Senate .....

From Office of the Dean  
of Graduate Studies

Subject..... Discontinuance of the Senate Committee  
on Graduate Admissions

Date..... December 21, 1970.....

The attached paper has been approved by

- a. Executive Committee of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee at their meeting of

November 23, 1970

- and by
- b. Graduate Studies Committee at their meeting of

December 17, 1970

and the Dean of Graduate Studies now submits this paper to Senate for its consideration and approval.

John M. Webster  
Actg. Dean of  
Graduate Studies

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SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Committee of the  
Senate Committee on  
Graduate Studies

Subject: DISCONTINUANCE OF SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

From: John H. Webster,  
Acting Dean of Graduate Studies

Date: 19 November, 1970

PROBLEM

The multiplicity of Committees and the problem of getting Committees to meet is delaying the processing of graduate applications to the point of frustration of faculty and potential graduate students.

RECOMMENDATION

That we discontinue the Senate Committee on Graduate Admissions (S.C.G.A.).

REASONS FOR DISCONTINUANCE

1. The vast majority of applications currently are not processed by the S.C.G.A. but by the Assistant Registrar, Graduate Studies.
2. The applications which are considered by the S.C.G.A. are frequently delayed for several weeks either because of the few applications to be processed or because of the difficulty in getting the members of the Committee together.
3. The new General Regulations for Graduate Studies delineates more clearly than hereto the admission requirements of all categories of graduate student.
4. The problem of changing membership of this committee every semester does not facilitate the evolution of guidelines to help in deciding difficult applications.
5. Interpretation of Senate policy with regard to admission could be handled equally well through the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies, together with the Executive Committee of Senate Committee on Graduate Studies.

IMPLEMENTATION

I suggest that providing this Motion is carried that this goes into effect at the end of the current semester. Applications will be processed as usual first by the Department whose recommendation will be passed to the Registrar's Office. Any problems arising will be discussed with the Department concerned and handled by the Dean of Graduate Studies and Executive Committee of Senate Committee on Graduate Studies, instead of by the S.C.G.A.

John H. Webster

