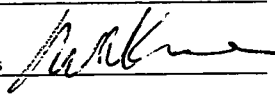




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MEMO

ATTENTION	Senate
FROM	Bill Krane, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies 
RE	International Baccalaureate Credit Proposal (SCUS 08-13)
DATE	September 17, 2008

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of September 9, 2008, gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion:

“that Senate approve the transfer credit awarded to students who have completed the International Baccalaureate diploma be changed to a maximum of 30 units for all standard level and higher level subjects that are passed with a grade of 4 or higher. If assigned credits are less than 30 units, general elective credit will be assigned to bring the total to 30.”

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ATTENTION Bill Krane, Chair  
Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

FROM Mehran Kiai, Director of Enrollment Services

cc: Kate Ross, Registrar & Senior Director, Enrollment Services

RE International Baccalaureate Credit Proposal

DATE July 25, 2008

**Current Policy:** A student who has completed the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma typically will be admitted subject to a minimum overall score of 28. Transfer credit is awarded for some higher level subjects passed with a grade of 4 or higher, to a maximum of 30 units. We not do grant transfer credit for standard level subjects. BC IB diploma holders are awarded an average of 15 transfer credits at the time of admission (see attached chart A).

**Recommendation:** That the transfer credit awarded to students who have completed the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma be changed to:

Transfer credit will be awarded for all standard level and higher level subjects that are passed with a grade of 4 or higher, to a maximum of 30 units. When the individually assigned credit for all standard level and higher level subjects totals less than 30 units, additional general elective credit will be assigned to bring the transfer credit total to 30 units (equivalent of one year of credit).

**Rationale:** The IB diploma program is a rigorous 2 year university preparation program leading to a qualification that is recognized by leading universities world wide.

Students entering SFU with a complete IB diploma perform well in their studies at SFU. Retention data from December 2007 (see attached chart A) illustrates this point. In their first term at SFU, students admitted with a BC IB diploma have an average GPA of 3.00 (3.20 after 30 SFU credits), while BC12 students have an average GPA of 2.58 (2.75 after 30 SFU credits). Only 17.8% of BC IB diploma students were on academic probation (OAP) after 2 years at SFU, while 29.4% of BC12 admits were OAP after 2 years. In addition, BC IB diploma students took an average of 12.9 courses in their first term at SFU, while BC12 students took an average of 11.7 courses.

Many other Canadian universities, including UBC and the University of Victoria (see attached chart B), grant 2<sup>nd</sup> year status upon admission for IB diploma holders. In addition, the University of Victoria awards transfer credit for Standard Level (SL) courses, so this proposal will keep us competitive within BC and across the country.

Encl.

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**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**  
**Dynamic Student Retention Reporting Tool - by Admission Year**  
**Retention Statistics by Entry Cohort (BCIB)**

Data	Total
# Admitted	169
Admission Average (% Score)	88.4
Admission Average (GPA)	3.58
Sum of % OAP Within 2 Yrs of Adm	17.8%
Sum of % RTW Within 2 Yrs of Adm	2.4%
Average of adm_gpaconv	3.58
Average of cgpa_1st term	3.00
Average of cgpa30	3.20
Average of cgpa60	3.26
Average of cgpa90	3.17
Average of 1st Term Credit Load	12.9
Average of 1st Term Credits Passed	12.4
Average of Career Credit Load	10.3
Average of % FT over SFU Career	72.8%
Pass Rate of SFU Credits Attempted	93.4%
Average of SFU Credits Attempted	52
Average of SFU Credits Passed	50
Average of Tfr Credits at Admission	15
Average of Total Tfr Credits	0
Average of Total Cumulative Credits	66

**The Cohort:**

**Academic Standing:**

**CGPA's Over Time:**

**Credit Load:**

**Credit Completion**

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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

**Dynamic Student Retention Reporting Tool - by Admission Year**  
Retention Statistics by Entry Cohort (BC12)

Data	Total
# Admitted	22,124
Admission Average (% Score)	79.8
Admission Average (GPA)	3.37
Sum of % OAP Within 2 Yrs of Adm	29.4%
Sum of % RTW Within 2 Yrs of Adm	11.5%
Average of adm_gpaconv	3.37
Average of cgpa_1st term	2.58
Average of cgpa30	2.75
Average of cgpa60	2.86
Average of cgpa90	2.93
Average of 1st Term Credit Load	11.7
Average of 1st Term Credits Passed	11.2
Average of Career Credit Load	8.4
Average of % ET over SFU Career	9.0%
Pass Rate of SFU Credits Attempted	93.6%
Average of SFU Credits Attempted	84
Average of SFU Credits Passed	81
Average of Tfr Credits at Admission	1
Average of Total Tfr Credits	2
Average of Total Cumulative Credits	84

**The Cohort:**

**Academic Standing:**

**CGPA's Over Time:**

**Credit Load:**

**Credit Completion**

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University	Admission				Diploma Credit and Placement				Other Considerations			Certificates			
	Total minimum IB diploma score accepted for admission	IB diploma accepted as a condition of admission	IB diploma holders admitted to 1st year	IB diploma holders admitted to 2nd year	Minimum score for HL course-by-course credit	Specific credit or placement given for TOK	Credit awarded for one or more SL courses*	Placement awarded for one or more SL courses*	Student has the option to forego credit	Scholarship available specifically for IB students	Early course registration for IB diploma holders	Enhanced access to student housing for IB diploma holders	Dedicated advisors for IB diploma holders	Credit awarded to IB certificate holders	Placement awarded to IB certificate holders
International Baccalaureate															
Acadia University	24	✓	✓	✓	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bishop's University	28	✓	✓	✓	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brandon University	n/a	✓	✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Briarcrest College-Seminary	24	✓	✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brock University	24	✓	✓	✓	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Breton University	24	✓	✓	✓	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Capitiano College	24	✓	✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Carleton University	28	✓	✓	✓	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Collège universitaire de Saint-Basile	24	✓	✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Concordia University - Montréal	27	✓	✓	✓	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Concordia University - College of Alberta	n/a	✓	✓	✓	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dalhousie University	26	✓	✓	✓	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design	24	✓	✓	✓	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Huron University College	28	✓	✓	✓	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kwantlen University College	n/a	✓	✓	✓	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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## IB Recognition Policy Summary - Canadian Universities

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University	Admission		Diploma Credit and Placement				Other Considerations			Certificates		
	Minimum IB diploma score needed for admission*	IB diploma accepted as pre-requisite for admission to IB diploma holders and/or other students	Minimum score for HL course-by-course credit	Specific credit or placement given for TOK	Credit awarded for one or more SL courses**	Placement awarded for one or more SL courses**	Student has the option to forgo credit	Scholarship available specifically for IB students	Early admission given to IB diploma holders	Enhanced access to housing for IB diploma holders	Dedicated advisors for IB diploma holders	Credit awarded to IB certificate holders
 International Baccalaureate												
Lakehead University	28		5			✓		✓				
Laurentian University	28		5			✓		✓				
Memorial University College	24		5			✓						
McGill University	30		5			✓						
McMaster University	28		6			✓						
Memorial University of Newfoundland	24		4			✓		✓				
Mount Allison University	28		5			✓		✓				
Mount Saint Vincent University	n/a		5			✓						
Nova Scotia Agricultural College	24		5			✓						
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	n/a		5			✓						
Ontario College of Art and Design	26		n/a									
Queen's University	28		5			✓						
Royal Military College of Canada	28		5			✓						
Ryerson University	26		4-7			✓						
Saint Mary's University	24		5			✓						

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University	Admission				Diploma Credit and Placement				Awards			Other Considerations			Certificates	
	Total IB diploma score needed for admission	IB diploma accepted for admission	IB diploma accepted for admission	IB diploma accepted for admission	Minimum score for HL course-by-credit	Specific credit or placement given for TOK	Credit awarded for one or more SL courses*	Placement awarded for one or more SL courses*	Student has the option to forgo credit	Scholarship available specifically for IB students	Early course application offered to IB diploma holders	Enhanced access to student housing for IB diploma holders	Dedicated advisors for IB diploma holders	Credit awarded to IB certificate holders	Placement awarded to IB certificate holders	
International Baccalaureate																
Simon Fraser University	28				4				✓					✓		
St. Francis Xavier University	24				5			✓								
St. Thomas University	26				5			✓								
Trent University	28				5			✓								
Trinity Western University	n/a				4			✓								
Université de Moncton	24				5		✓		✓							
Université de Montréal	n/a				n/a											
Université de Sherbrooke	n/a				n/a											
Université Laval	n/a				n/a											
University College of the Fraser Valley	n/a				5		✓									
University of Alberta	29				6	✓		✓								
University of British Columbia	24				5	✓										
University of Calgary	24				5											
University of Guelph	28				5											
University of Manitoba	24				4			✓								

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University	Admission					Diploma Credit and Placement				Awards			Other Considerations			Certificates	
	Minimum IB diploma score with access for admission	IB diploma accepted as pre-requisite for admission	Early registration offered to IB diploma holders	IB diploma holders and the IB diploma holders' parents are eligible to apply for admission	OKA/EE and/or other special programs available to IB diploma holders	Minimum score for HL course-by-course credit	Credit and/or placement awarded on course-by-course basis	Specific credit or placement given for TOK	Credit awarded for one or more SL courses*	Placement awarded for one or more SL courses*	Student has the option to forego credit	Scholarship available specifically for IB students	Early course registration offered to IB diploma holders	Enhanced access to student housing for IB diploma holders	Dedicated advisors for IB diploma holders	Credit awarded to IB certificate holders	Placement awarded to IB certificate holders
International Baccalaureate																	
University of New Brunswick - Fredericton	N/A					5	✓			✓						✓	✓
University of New Brunswick - St. John	N/A					5	✓			✓						✓	✓
University of Ontario Institute of Technology	24					5	✓			✓						✓	✓
University of Ottawa	28					5	✓			✓						✓	✓
University of Prince Edward Island	24					4	✓	✓		✓						✓	✓
University of Regina	24					5	✓			✓						✓	✓
University of Saskatchewan	24					5	✓			✓						✓	✓
University of Toronto	24					5	✓			✓						✓	✓
University of Victoria	24					4	✓	✓		✓						✓	✓
University of Waterloo	28					5	✓	✓		✓						✓	✓
University of Western Ontario	30					5	✓			✓						✓	✓
University of Windsor	24					5	✓			✓						✓	✓
University of Winnipeg	24					5	✓			✓						✓	✓
Wilfrid Laurier University	28					5	✓			✓						✓	✓
York University	28					5	✓			✓						✓	✓

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