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ATTENTION Senate	TEL
FROM Bill Krane, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	
CC	
RE Admission Requirements (SCUS 07-36)	
DATE October 3, 2007	

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting held September 11, 2007 gave rise to the following recommendations:

**Motion 1:** *Referred back to Scus S.M. 5 NOV07*

“That Senate approve in principle that the maximum allowable difference between a final BC English 12 high school mark and provincial exam be set on an annual basis in relation to the standard deviation of the differences. SCUS will determine the annual maximum allowable difference upon receiving a recommendation from Student Services.”

**Rationale:**

There have been a number of BC 12 students (both in-province and Offshore School BC Programs) where the discrepancy between their high school marks and provincial exam marks have been substantial.

For example, in the Fall 2007 Term there were a number of potentially admissible BC 12 students with a discrepancy of 30 to 54 points between their English 12 high school mark and provincial exam mark.

Establishing an allowable difference would identify students who are potentially at risk and permit interventions to help students become better prepared for their academic studies at SFU.

**Motion 2:**

“That the admission criteria for applicants transferring from all recognized colleges and universities be as follows: Applicants in good standing from other recognized universities and colleges may be admitted upon completion of at least 24 credit hours of transferable work with a minimum 60% (2.0) average.”

This change will also apply to visiting applicants (VIS) who are evaluated as University transfer students.

**Rationale:**

With the recent Senate change to the BC College transfer and BC University transfer requirements to a minimum of 24 credit hours of transferable work, we are complicating the issue of college and university transfer by requiring 24 credits from institutions within BC and 30 from others outside of BC.

Many transfer applicants attend a variety of post-secondary institutions across provincial, as well as national boundaries. Thus they cannot simply be classified as BC college transfer or BC university transfer students.

This proposal will simplify the transfer process for prospective students, reduce complexity, and strategically keep us competitive within BC and across the country.