

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: D. Gagan, Chair *David Gagan*
Senate Committee on Academic Planning

Subject: Minimum admission averages

Date: November 27, 1996

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and the Senate Committee on Academic Planning gives rise to the following motion:

Motion:

"that Senate approve as set forth in S.97 - 5 , the changes to the policy on minimum admission averages."

**Memo from Nick Heath,
Director of Admissions
Simon Fraser University**

To: Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

Date: 7 October, 1996

Subject: Minimum admission averages

The Ellis Report stated that British Columbia applicants should receive preferential treatment in u/g admission. Specifically, general admission to the University requires an admission average of 65% (2.40 gpa), but, for British Columbia students, this is reduced to 60% (2.00). This 5% differential applies across the various admission categories. (The differential was eroded for BC Secondary school graduates when the BC admission requirement changed from 2.0 (C) to 2.50 (C+) in the 1970's.)

For practical reasons, the differential has been applied to the location of the school, college or university attended, not the residence of the applicant. Hence an international student attending a British Columbia college may be admitted with an admission average of 2.0 but a British Columbia resident, who wishes to transfer after one year at an Alberta university, requires a minimum average of 2.40.

This policy appears to give unequal university access to Canadians and might be in breach of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Since 1988, when the University began to limit enrolment, these differentials have become largely irrelevant for most applicants because elevated averages have been applied across the board, regardless of the origin of the work. For instance, the minimum average required of degree holders is 2.00 (B.C. degree) or 2.40 (degree from elsewhere), but the typical elevated average applied is 2.50 for both groups.

In spite of the levelling effect of the Enrolment Limiting averages, there are a number of applicants for whom the minimum averages make a significant difference, such as:

- special admission programs in which the minimum average is used (e.g. SCES program)
- Diverse Qualifications admission policy - applicants may only be considered if they meet the minimum published average
- for financial aid, it can make a large difference in applying for assistance to study outside B.C. whether the applicant was qualified but turned away, versus not qualified for admission.

If the minimum averages are to be made consistent, some might argue that the higher averages be used (i.e.. 2.40 rather than 2.00 from a college). This would create significant difficulty within the Provincial post-secondary system. It is unlikely that the colleges or the Provincial government would accept that the admission standard

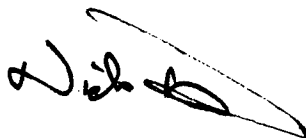
for college transfers should be substantially different from the minimum continuance standards for our own students.
The current minimum averages are shown on the attached Admission Target Schedule for 97-1.

The following changes are suggested:
That the minimum averages required for admission should be:

- graduates from Canadian secondary schools: 67%
average taken over four or five 'academic' courses
- transfer students from college programs that are articulated with SFU: 2.00
average taken on all transferable work attempted, minimum 30 cr.
- transfer students from a recognized university: 2.00
average taken on all transferable work attempted, minimum 30 cr.
- first degree graduates from recognized universities: 2.00
average taken on last two years of degree or post-degree work attempted
- holders of technical diplomas from recognized technical institutions or colleges: 65%
average taken on entire program
- visiting students from a recognized university: 2.00
average taken on all transferable work attempted, minimum 30 cr.

This covers the majority of the admission categories. Further discussion is needed to re-define policy for non-articulated College programs, such as are offered not only in B.C. but in other provinces and countries, including Ontario's CAATs, Quebec's CEGEPs and others.

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97-1 Admission Targets Version 2

ALL FACILITIES

TARGET
97-1

| | |
|--------|-----|
| BOA | 40 |
| BC12 | 300 |
| BCCOL | 260 |
| Other* | 600 |
| Total | |

BC High School Grads
BC College Transfers
See below

APSC, ARTS, BUS, EDUC

| BOA | HIGH RANGE ADMIT NOW | ASD/PSD | Minimum | Target |
|--------|----------------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| | | | | 97 1 |
| BC12 | 86% | 67%-85% | 67% | 25 |
| BCCOL | 3.20 | 2.00 - 3.19 | 2.00 | 255 |
| BCASD | 2.00 | n/a | 2.00 | 20 |
| Other* | various | | | 245 |
| Total | | | | 545 |

BC High School Grads
BC College Transfers
BC Coll Assoc Degrees
See below

*Other BOAs

| BOA | HIGH RANGE ADMIT NOW | ASD/PSD | Minimum | Target |
|-----------|----------------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| | | | | 97 1 |
| BCDEG | 3.20 | 2.00 - 3.19 | 2.00 | 40 |
| DEG | 3.20 | 2.40 - 3.19 | 2.40 | 65 |
| BCUN | 3.20 | 2.00 - 3.19 | 2.00 | 10 |
| UNTR | 3.20 | 2.40 - 3.19 | 2.40 | 30 |
| BCTEC | 85% | 65% - 84% | 65% | 10 |
| TEC | 85% | 65% - 84% | 65% | 5 |
| BCVIS | 3.20 | 2.00 - 3.19 | 2.00 | 10 |
| VIS | 3.20 | 2.40 - 3.19 | 2.40 | 10 |
| CAN12 | 86% | 65% - 85% | 65% | 5 |
| F1213 | 3.50 | 2.50 - 3.49 | 2.50 | 5 |
| MATA | n/a | n/a | n/a | 20 |
| MATB | 3.00/12CR | n/a | n/a | 25 |
| COLTR | 3.40 | 2.40 - 3.39 | 2.40 | 5 |
| (CEGEP) | 86% | 75% - 85% | 75% | 5 |
| SPEN | n/a | | n/a | 5 |
| Sub total | | | | 245 |

Degree Holders
Transfer from univs
Tech coll grads
Visiting Students
High schools outside BC
Mature Students
Colleges outside BC
Special entries

SCIENCE

| BOA | HIGH RANGE ADMIT NOW | ASD/PSD | Minimum | Target |
|--------|----------------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| | | | | 97 1 |
| BC12 | 3.22 | 2.50 - 3.21 | 2.5 | 15 |
| BCCOL | 2.85 | 2.00 - 2.84 | 2.00 | 25 |
| BCASD | 2.00 | n/a | 2.00 | 0 |
| Other* | various | | | 15 |
| Total | | | | 55 |

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|-----------|-----------|-------------|------|----|
| BCDEG | 3.00 | 2.00 - 2.99 | 2.00 | 2 |
| DEG | 3.00 | 2.40 - 2.99 | 2.40 | 2 |
| BCUN | 3.00 | 2.00 - 2.99 | 2.00 | 2 |
| UNTR | 3.00 | 2.40 - 2.99 | 2.40 | 3 |
| BCTEC | 85% | 65% - 84% | 65% | 1 |
| TEC | 85% | 65% - 84% | 65% | 0 |
| BCVIS | 3.00 | 2.00 - 2.99 | 2.00 | 2 |
| VIS | 3.00 | 2.40 - 2.99 | 2.40 | 0 |
| CAN12 | 86% | 65% - 85% | 65% | 2 |
| F1213 | 3.50 | 2.50 - 3.49 | 2.50 | 0 |
| MATA | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0 |
| MATB | 3.00/12CR | n/a | n/a | 0 |
| COLTR | 3.40 | 2.40 - 3.39 | 2.40 | 1 |
| (CEGEP) | 86% | 75% - 85% | 75% | 0 |
| SPEN | n/a | | n/a | 15 |
| Sub total | | | | 15 |

NOTE: Targets filled only to 90% from gpa ranking - remaining 10% by DQAC - these gpas allow for about 10% underfilling in each BOA. Targets set by SCEMP 25 Sept 96. Subject to confirmation by SCAP.

Under Diverse Qualification policy, qualified applicants who are not selected must be made ASD/PSD, not DL.

BC12 for APSC, ARTS, BUS, EDUC - based on % avg on ENGL + best 3 Gr12 academic subjects

BC12 for SCI - based on gpa on 9 required courses

BCCOL for SCI requires 30 cr incl MATH and 2 SCI at Gr 12 or higher