

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

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

Subject: Research Institute on Southeastern Europe (RISE)

Date: June 19, 1997

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

Motion:

"that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors as set forth in S.97 - 56 , the establishment of the Research Institute on Southeastern Europe (RISE) as a Schedule A Institute."

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH

TO: Alison Watt
Secretary, Senate Committee
on Academic Planning (SCAP)

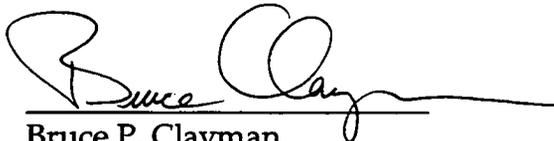
FROM: Bruce P. Clayman
Vice-President, Research

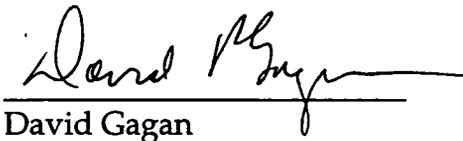
RE: Research Institute on
Southeastern Europe (RISE)

DATE: May 8, 1997

I attach a proposal from Dr. Evan Alderson for the establishment of the Research Institute on Southeastern Europe (RISE) as a Schedule A Institute .

The Governing Committee for Centres and Institutes recommends that the Institute be granted approval by SCAP at its next meeting. Once approved by SCAP, the proposal is to be forwarded to the next meeting of Senate, followed by submission to the Board of Governors.


Bruce P. Clayman
Vice-President, Research


David Gagan
Vice-President, Academic

Attachment

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts
MEMORANDUM

To: Bruce Clayman
Vice-President, Research

From: Evan Alderson
Dean of Arts

Subject: Research Institute on
Southeastern Europe

Date: April 24, 1997

I am pleased to forward the accompanying proposal for the establishment of a new Research Institute on Southeastern Europe. I strongly endorse this proposal.

The establishment of this institute is closely related to the recent appointment of Dr. Andre Gerolymatos as the Hellenic Canadian Congress of B.C. Chair in Hellenic Studies. After much discussion this endowed position was defined in a way that would satisfy the donors' intention to support the study of Greek history and culture at Simon Fraser and that would also enable the incumbent to build upon the available academic synergies of this institution. The concept of a research centre which takes the whole of Southeastern Europe as its focus is an excellent way to realize this second objective.

I am convinced that this institute will draw together important scholarship at Simon Fraser and attract distinguished participants from elsewhere. Dr. Gerolymatos' energetic and collaborative style has already led to a number of projects of a kind appropriate to the mandate of the proposed institute and which have involved several SFU faculty. The establishment of the Research Institute on Southeastern Europe will enhance the substance, the visibility and the funding of relevant scholarship at Simon Fraser.



Evan Alderson

EA/jm:

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D. Gagan
A. Gerolymatos



Proposal for the formation
of a Research Institute
on Southeastern Europe: (RISE)

Constitution

The name of this research group is “Research Institute on Southeastern Europe (RISE)”

I. Purpose:

The post cold war period has been characterized by a reduction in conflict between the two major nuclear powers and the increasing significance of both regional conflicts, and low intensity forms of civil strife within and among troubled states and societies. The countries of the Balkan peninsula and the eastern Mediterranean region-- which together we consider under the rubric of south eastern Europe-- have been particularly afflicted by such regional turbulence.

The goals of the research institute will be to shed light on the problems of the region, both in terms of its historical and contemporary context. Among the research themes that will be addressed are questions of regional cooperation, defense and security, historical background, as well as various socio-economic and political issues that have challenged the status quo of the states in the region.

With the establishment of the Hellenic Studies Chair along with the existing faculty who specialize in this area, there is now at Simon Fraser University a sufficient number of scholars who can make a collective contribution to the study of southeastern Europe.

The objectives of the institute is to promote an understanding of and cooperation with the countries and peoples of southeastern Europe. To that end, the institute will focus on a variety of initiatives including research projects, conferences, publications, community-information programs, faculty exchanges, and other forms of information sharing.

II. Governance:

1. RISE will be a "Schedule A" Centre, within the administrative purview of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts.
2. There will be two forms of association with the Institute: membership on the executive committee and participation on the international advisory committee.

a) Members of the international advisory committee will be non-voting members of the Institute. Distinguished personalities from the international community will be invited by the executive committee to join the international advisory committee to contribute their expertise and advice in support of the activities of RISE. The membership of the international advisory committee may include individuals and representatives of institutions.

b) The executive committee will initially include four Simon Fraser University faculty members:

Dr. Andre Gerolymatos, Hellenic Studies Chair in the Department of History, SFU Director of RISE.

Dr. Lenard Cohen, Department of Political Science SFU

Dr. Alexander Moens, Department of Political Science SFU

Dr. Richard Debo, Department of History, SFU

The executive committee will have the power to include other faculty.

The policies guiding the affairs of the institute will be made by majority vote.

3. The Director shall be appointed for a four year term. The Director shall be selected by a majority vote by the executive committee of RISE. Dr. Andre Gerolymatos has been selected by the executive committee to be the Director of the Institute.

III. Other matters:

1. The research institute will substantially finance its activities and initiatives by means of external funding. The modest funding necessary for its continuing operations will be provided by an allocation from endowment revenues available through the Hellenic Canadian Congress of BC Chair in Hellenic Studies. Office space will be provided through the Hellenic Studies Chair program.

2. The use of the name of the Institute, the administration of Institute funds, and the employment of staff shall be the responsibility of the Director, ~~in keeping with relevant University policies.~~

3. Contracts and grants will be administered in keeping with the applicable policies and procedures of Simon Fraser University. An annual report shall be prepared under the direction of the Executive Director.

4. The University will be recognized in all publications of the Institute.