

S.95-17

As amended by Senate

06/03/95

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: J. M. Munro, Chair
Senate Committee on Academic Planning

Subject: Graduate Calendar Revisions - Liberal Studies

Date: February 13, 1995

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

Motion:

That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.95 - 17 , the calendar changes to the Master in Liberal Studies Program including

New course LS 999 - 0 M.A. Project."

J. M. Munro

COURSE ALTERATION AND RATIONALE

(PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

*Change of Title, Change of Course Description,
Change of Credit Hour, Change of Vector,
Change of Prerequisite, Change in Requirements for Graduate Program, etc.)*

PROGRAM IN LIBERAL STUDIES

1. Under 'Degree requirements' at the end of the first sentence of para. 1 (p. 296 of current calendar) change 'and to submit two Extended Essays for oral examination' to 'and to submit two extended essays or one project ~~for oral examination~~'
for oral examination,
2. After the first sentence of para. 2 of 'Degree Requirements' insert 'The Project, which may make significant use of non-written media, will also be developed from work done in the courses.'
3. In para. 5 change 'Director of the Program' to 'Chair of the Graduate Program Committee.'
4. In para 5 change 'extended essays' to 'extended essays or project.'

RATIONALE:

Change #1: The diversity of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs across North America whose one common quality is their interdisciplinary nature, makes it clear that there is no single 'right' way to end the student's experience in a Liberal Studies program. Some programs require one or more extended essays, others require a thesis and still others, such as N.Y.U., Duke Univ. and CUNY Graduate School, allow for the possibility of a project - something which has always been envisaged as a possibility for the program at S.F.U. Our program, now in its fourth year, has students who are completing their work and several of these have expressed the wish to do a project rather than the two extended essays. We therefore request that the students be given this option.

Change #2: The reference to non-print media is intended to open up possibilities for the Project rather than to restrict them. Projects consisting of a single prose (or poetry, presumably) work are not meant to be excluded. Rather we simply would point out to the students that there are other possibilities they might want to consider.

Change #3: This is simply to bring the practice in the Program in Graduate Liberal Studies into line with that elsewhere in the University. (Up until this term the Director of the Program in Graduate Liberal Studies was also serving as Chair of the Graduate Program Committee, but now there is a separate person for this latter role.)

Change #4: Change necessitated by #1.

NEW GRADUATE COURSE PROPOSAL FORM

Calendar Information:

Department: Program in Liberal Studies

Course #: 999 - 0

Title: MA Project

Description: This course is for students choosing to satisfy part of the requirements for an M.A. in Liberal Studies by presenting a Project for formal examination.

Credit Hrs: 0

Vector: LS 999 MA Project

Prerequisite(s), if any: None

Enrollment and Scheduling:

Estimated Enrollment: 5

When will the course first be offered: SU 95.

How often will the course be offered: Each term

Justification:

The intent of this change is to rationalize the calendar entries in view of the proposed change in the regulations allowing the student to submit a final project in lieu of two extended essays

Resources:

Which Faculty member will usually teach the course: NA

What are the budgetary implications of mounting the course: None

Are there sufficient library resources (append details): NA (but statement from Librarian attached).

- Appended:
- a) Outline of the course NA
 - b) An indication of the competence of the Faculty member to give the course NA
 - c) Library resources Approved: Yes

Approval:

Departmental Graduate Committee: J. L. Berggren Date: 9 Nov. 1994

Faculty Graduate Committee: W. K. Kinsing Date: 28 Nov 1994

Faculty: [Signature] Date: 28 Nov 1994

Senate Graduate Committee: B. P. O. [Signature] Date: 9/5/1/12

Senate _____ Date: _____

RATIONALE FOR NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

Program in Liberal Studies

LS 999-0 (MA PROJECT; 999; -)

RATIONALE:

The intent of this change is to rationalize the calendar entries in view of the proposed change in the regulations (see accompanying documents) allowing the student to submit a final project in lieu of two extended essays.

>Library Collections

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>> Dear Ralph,

>> In the Graduate Liberal Studies Program we wish to introduce a
>> course 'LS 999 M.A. Project', which would simply be a number under which
>> our students working on a project rather than two extended essays could
>> register. The project would consist of independent work on a topic approved
>> by the student's supervisory committee which would normally involve
>> non-print media in some substantial way. We need a note from you saying
>> that this has no library implications, so if you could send me such a note
>> I would be grateful. (If you have any questions I will be at 3666 until
>> about 10:30 a.m. today and at 5158 in the afternoon.)

>> Thanks, Len

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Cc: stanton@sfu.ca
Bcc:
From: Len_Berggren@sfu.ca
Subject: Re: library approval
Date: Thursday, November 10, 1994 16:44:36 PST
Attach:
Certify: N
Forwarded by:

Andrea, I'm forwarding this message from the Library re the new course proposal. I hope it is sufficient. If there is any probelm let me know.
Thanks, Len

>From: Ralph Stanton <stanton>
>Subject: Re: library approval
>To: Len_Berggren@sfu.ca
>Date: Thu, 10 Nov 1994 14:48:54 -0800 (PST)
>Cc: sthomas (Sharon Thomas)
>X-Mailer: ELM [version 2.4 PL23]
>Mime-Version: 1.0
>Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
>Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
>Content-Length: 1018

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>Dear Len:

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>There are no Library costs relating to the course LS 999.

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>Regards,

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