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FOR INFORMATION

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Vice-President Academic

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate
From: J. Munro, Chair
Senate Committee on
Academic Planning
Subject: Annual Report - Senate
Committee on Academic Planning
Date: May 14, 1991

The 1990 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning is attached for the information of Senate.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING

ANNUAL REPORT - 1990

INTRODUCTION

This report covers the activities of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning for the calendar year 1990. Most recommendations of SCAP go forward to Senate for information or further action. Therefore this report presents in summary form the major actions of the Committee.

PROGRAMS APPROVED FOR FURTHER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

When a new program is being considered, it is expected to be forwarded to SCAP for review at an early stage so that information about the program can assist in the planning process. This can also prevent the development of program plans which are considered beyond the scope and mission of the University. This initial approval process was formerly entitled: approval in principle. However this led to considerable discussion about the meaning of "in principle", and the new wording "approval for further planning and development" was adopted in 1990.

Faculty of Applied Science and Faculty of Business Administration

Joint Masters in Resource Management/Business Administration
(October 1990)

Faculty of Arts

Master of Arts in International Studies (June 1990)
Master of Arts in Latin American Studies (November 1990)
Joint Graduate Programs in Philosophy with UBC (December 1990)

NEW PROGRAMS APPROVED

Faculty of Applied Sciences

Masters of Publishing
Ph.D. in Engineering Science

Faculty of Arts

Master of Arts (Liberal Studies)
B.A. Degree - General Program
PBD, Community Economic Development
Co-op Programs in Archaeology and English
Joint Major in English and Women's Studies

Faculty of Business Administration

Joint Major in Business Administration and Geography

Faculty of Education

Minor in Educational Psychology
 Joint Major in French Education

Faculty of Science

B.Sc. Degree - General Science Program
 Minor in Physical Geography

All programs approved in 1990 have been implemented, with the exception of the Masters of Publishing. (In addition, the Vice-President, Academic approved the following programs for implementation: Master of Aquaculture, Master of Fine Arts.)

SCAP also received information about the proposal for a Department of Earth Sciences, but the decision on whether to implement this new program has been delayed pending further advice from the External Review Committee in Geography.

CURRICULUM REVISIONS

SCAP received and forwarded considerable amounts of material on a variety of curriculum revision which had been thoroughly reviewed and approved by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and the Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

Faculty of Applied Sciences: 5 sets of submissions from SCUS, and 1 from SGSC.

Faculty of Arts: 12 sets of submissions from SCUS, and 5 sets of submissions from SGSC.

Faculty of Business Administration: 1 submission from SCUS, and 1 from SGSC.

Faculty of Education: 1 submission from SCUS and 1 from SGSC, and one program deleted.

Faculty of Science: 7 sets of submissions from SCUS; 3 sets of submissions from SGSC.

ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT (SEMP)

Program change in Psychology

Undergraduate Admission Targets 90/91 and revisions

SEMP recommended targets for enrolments for 1990/91 based on the Access program projections, and in the Fall revisions to the enrolment targets for the summer semester 1991 were made, based on enrolment trends in the summer and fall 1990.

PLANNING

Departmental Review Process (April 1990)

Environmental Studies Task Force (October 1990)

Strategic Planning Reports (Fall 1990)

Harbour Centre Program Planning Report (October 1990)

The Strategic Planning exercise required by the Ministry in the Fall resulted in the development of Challenge 2001: The President's Strategic Plan, which was reviewed and endorsed by the Committee in Spring 1991. It is the Chair's intention to develop an academic planning process for consideration by the Committee.

POLICY ISSUES

Minimum Graduation Requirements (December 1990)

SCAP approved and recommended adopted to Senate of new minimum graduation requirements which require a cumulative gpa of 2.0 for graduation effective with the 1991/92 academic year.

EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Department of Communication External Review (February 1990)

Department of Mathematics and Statistics External Review (February 1990)

Department of Chemistry External Review (February 1990)

Department of Biological Sciences External Review (December 1990)

The external review reports on these departments and the responses made by the departments on the reports were considered by SCAP and then by Senate.

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