

# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

## MEMORANDUM

# S.89-3

To..... Senate

From..... B. P. Clayman, Chair  
Senate Graduate Studies Committee

Subject..... English Language Competence

Date..... November 29, 1988

Action undertaken by the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, at its Meeting on November 28, 1988, gives rise to the following motion:

### MOTION:

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.89-3, the following addition to the General Regulations:

#### Section 1.3.11 English Language Competence

English is the language of instruction and communication in the University. Accordingly, an applicant whose primary language is not English or whose previous education has been conducted in another language must demonstrate command of English sufficient to pursue graduate studies in the chosen field. Applicants normally will be required to achieve a satisfactory score on a standardized English test acceptable to the University. This test must include a writing component. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) combined with the Test of Written English (TWE) are acceptable for this purpose. The minimum University requirements for scores on these tests is TOEFL = 570 and TWE = 5; some graduate programs have higher requirements, as described elsewhere in this Calendar.

Further details about the above tests may be obtained from:

TOEFL and TWE: Educational Testing Service  
CN 6151, Princeton, N.J.  
08541-6151 YSA

English Language Proficiency Test: Director of Admissions  
Office of the Registrar, SFU

Other acceptable English tests: Director of Admissions  
Office of the Registrar, SFU."



B.P. Clayman  
Dean of Graduate Studies.

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DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

TO: Senate Graduate Studies Committee      FROM: B.P. Clayman

SUBJECT: English Language Competence      DATE: 26 October 1988

As promised (at two successive meetings), I am pleased to provide suggested wording of an addition to the graduate admission requirements, concerning English language competence. It is similar to, but briefer than, the corresponding section in the undergraduate regulations:

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