

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To..... SENATE

From..... SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC
PLANNING

Subject..... SCAP ANNUAL REPORT-1981: FOR
INFORMATION

Date..... JUNE 17, 1982.

I. INTRODUCTION

Under the rules of Senate, the Senate Committee on Academic Planning is required to submit an annual report. This report will cover the period from January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1981.

Since most of the recommendations emerging from SCAP are subsequently reviewed by Senate, this report will only highlight the major proposals considered by the Committee and problems and issues stemming there from.

II. ACTIVITIES DURING 1981

In the past year, the Senate Committee on Academic Planning considered the following items:

1. Proposal for a Joint Program in French, History, Politics.
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (February, 1981).
2. Assignment of priorities to Universities Council of British Columbia funding categories for the following new programs:
 - a. Environmental toxicology.
 - b. Engineering Science
 - U.C.B.C. advised of appropriate categorization for funding of above new programs.
3. Proposed guidelines for review of programs by SCAP. Revisions were considered at several times during the years with recommendations forwarded to Senate (December, 1981).
4. Proposed new courses in Ancient Greek
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (July, 1981).
5. Proposal for Ph.D. programs in Education.
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (July, 1981).
6. Proposal for a Ph.D. program in Communication.
 - in principle approval for further development of the proposal granted; the Department of Communication advised to proceed with development of a formal proposal.
7. Communication Skills Report.
 - recommendations from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies were considered and approved. To this date, no further action taken.
8. Proposal for Program in Engineering Science - Phase I.
 - recommendation forwarded to Senate (July, 1981)
9. Centre for the Arts development plan.
 - forwarded to Senate for information (July, 1981)

10. Proposal for a Diploma Program in gerontology.
 - in principle approval granted by SCAP; program director advised to proceed with development of formal proposal Fully developed proposal subsequently submitted to SCAP, approved and forward to Senate for consideration (December, 1981).
11. Proposal for a Certificate in French Language Proficiency.
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (November, 1981)
12. Proposal for an M.A. in Women's Studies.
 - approval in principle granted. Program Co-ordinator advised to proceed with development of comprehensive proposal for further consideration.
13. Enrolment limitations - Department of Business Administration.
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (October, 1981)
14. Enrolment limitations - Department of Computing Science.
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (October, 1981)
15. Proposal for the establishment of a Faculty of Business Administration.
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (November, 1981)
16. Degree designations.
 - consideration was given to the extent to which further identifiers should be attached to undergraduate and graduate degrees awarded by Simon Fraser University. Following preparation of a report and further discussion, it was agreed that no further action would be taken.
17. Proposal for a Visual Arts Major.
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (January, 1982)
18. Proposal for an Extended Studies Diploma in Criminology.
 - recommendations forwarded to Senate (January, 1982)

III. THE ACADEMIC PLANNING FUNCTION

In June, 1980, a planning report containing an assessment of Simon Fraser University and indications of possible future directions was prepared by a sub-committee of SCAP, approved, and forwarded to Senate for its consideration. Subsequent to approval of the future planning direction statement by Senate, the Vice-President, Academic proposed to SCAP a set of recommendations regarding its terms of references. These recommendations were also forwarded to Senate and received approval.

Along with the recommendations for changes in SCAP's terms of reference, the Vice-President Academic proposed the establishment of a number of SCAP task forces to examine various planning issues of concern to the University. This approach was less productive than initially anticipated and was subsequently discarded. Instead, the Vice-President Academic, in conjunction with the Deans, has given further consideration to the planning issues identified in the "Future Directions" statement. A paper based on these discussions will be presented to SCAP in 1982.