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To : Dr. D. R. Birch

A/V.P. Academic

Enrollment Limit, Professional
Development Program, Faculty of
Education

From K. George Pedersen

President

Date 1979-03-01

This is to confirm that, as its meeting held on February 27, 1979, the Board approved the following motion:

MOTION:

Effective September 1, 1979 the Board establish for the Professional Development Program in the Faculty of Education an enrollment limit of 500 students per year exclusive of those students in programs or modules separately budgeted and funded through such sources as Interior Programs.

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C.C. - Mr. H. Evans, Registrar ✓
(Attention: Mr. H. Nagel)

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

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Dr. K. George Pedersen

President

From Daniel R. Birch

Acting Vice-President, Academic

Subject Enrollment Limit, Professional
Development Program, Faculty of Education

Date 9 February 1979

If you concur I propose that you present the following motion to the Board:

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Effective September 1, 1979 the Board establish for the Professional Development Program in the Faculty of Education an enrollment limit of 500 students per year exclusive of those students in programs or modules separately budgeted and funded through such sources as Interior Programs.

Authority. Under Section 28 (p) of the Universities Act.

"the board has power, with the approval of senate, to determine, from time to time, the number of students that may in the opinion of the board, having regard to the resources available, be accommodated in the university or in any faculty thereof, and to make such rules and regulations as are considered advisable for limiting the admission or accommodation of students to the number so determined".

Background. For some years the Professional Development Program (one-year teacher education program) has been operating with an enrollment target of 750 exclusive of modules funded through Interior Programs and such elements as the Mount Currie Native Indian Teacher Education Program and the North Okanagan Native Indian Teacher Education Program. Three related reasons are presented for reducing the enrollment target.

1. Teacher supply. The statistics on teacher supply are complicated and it is clear that the province continues to import a good many teachers. Nevertheless the situation has changed somewhat in recent years and it is quite clear that in certain academic disciplines and in the more attractive geographical areas job prospects are not good for new teachers.
2. Student selection. The Faculty of Education at S.F.U. has limited enrollment since 1968, the University of Victoria has done likewise in recent years and the University of B.C. has recently announced a limit as well. The teacher supply situation has discouraged students from applying and our Faculty of Education is interested in maintaining its position as the most selective. As recently as three years ago we could accommodate only one out of three qualified applicants. This year almost two-thirds were admitted.

3. New Faculty goals. The Faculty of Education is defining its mission to a greater extent in the expansion of the graduate program and in responding to the need for in-service education for practising teachers. This shift is appropriate and it requires diverting Faculty resources away from pre-service education into those activities designed to upgrade the existing teaching force.

Under the Universities Act of 1974 the Board determines enrollment limits where those are required "with the approval of the senate". Therefore, if this recommendation is approved it will be conveyed to the March meeting of senate.

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*Feb 11/79
Recommended to
the Board
K. Pedersen*