

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.75-103

MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

Subject BCIT RETROACTIVE CREDIT

Date JUNE 19, 1975

MOTION 1: "That Senate approve the proposal, as set forth in S.75-103, that the Director of Admissions be authorized to grant retroactive credit for work completed at the British Columbia Institute of Technology, with the Director to identify those students who have completed on 'old programs' and referring them to the appropriate departments for individual assessment."

MOTION 2: "That Senate approve the proposal, as set forth in S.75-103, authorizing the Director of Admissions to grant transfer credit for work completed at Canadian Institutes of Technology or Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology, with the policies for such transfer credit to be similar to those presently operational for BCIT except that credit will be assessed on an individual basis."

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From Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board

Subject BCIT RETROACTIVE CREDIT

Date 19th June, 1975

At its meeting of 22nd May, the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board discussed the attached proposal that the Director of Admissions be authorized by the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board to grant retroactive credit for work completed at the British Columbia Institute of Technology. In so doing, the Director will identify those students who have complete BCIT work on "old programs" and refer them to the appropriate departments for individual assessment. After some discussion, the proposal was approved by the Board unanimously.

Further, the Committee discussed the attached proposal that SUAB authorize the Director of Admissions to grant transfer credit for work completed at Canadian Institutes of Technology or Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology; and that the policies for such transfer credit shall be similar to those presently operational for BCIT except that credit will be assessed on an individual basis. In presenting this proposal, the Director of Admissions indicated that the problem had already been dealt with in the manner indicated in the very small number of cases where it had been necessary. It was his intent, in presenting this proposal to the Board, to obtain Board approval and thus to regularize a situation which was likely to occur with increasing frequency in the future. After some discussion, this proposal was also accepted unanimously by the Board.

These proposals are now transmitted to Senate for its information.

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To ALL MEMBERS

From ALAN C. McMILLAN, SECRETARY

Subject SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD
TRANSFER CREDIT - CANADIAN INSTITUTES
OF TECHNOLOGY AND COLLEGES OF APPLIED
ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD
Date MAY 20, 1975

MOTION: I recommend that SUAB approve the following motion:

"That SUAB authorize the Director of Admissions to grant transfer credit for work completed at a Canadian Institute of Technology or College of Applied Arts and Technology. That the policies of such transfer be similar to those presently operational for B.C.I.T. except that credit will be assessed on an individual basis."

RATIONALE:

1. Senate has approved the granting of transfer credit for B.C.I.T. and many programs at other Institutes of Technology and Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology and Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology are similar to ones at B.C.I.T.
2. The leading Universities in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario are all granting credit for work completed at the Institutes and CAAT's.

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SUAB 64

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

From ALAN C. McMILLAN, SECRETARY

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

Subject B.C.I.T. - RETROACTIVE CREDIT

Date MAY 20, 1975

The attached Senate Minutes of January 14, 1974 contain a motion to refer the question of retroactivity of B.C.I.T. credit to the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board. In view of the fact that most departments are in the final stages of recommending a transfer credit agreement for B.C.I.T. work, it is necessary that we deal with the question of retroactivity.

There is no doubt that there have been several program changes since the inception of B.C.I.T. however, these changes have occurred on differing dates over differing periods of time. As a result it is not feasible to establish one specific date for retroactivity. Accordingly, it is recommended that SUAB approve the following motion:

"That the Director of Admissions be authorized by the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board to grant retroactive credit for work completed at the British Columbia Institute of Technology. In so doing, the Director will identify those students who have completed B.C.I.T. work on 'old programs' and refer them to the appropriate departments for individual assessment."

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D. Baird believed that the motion should not have been presented to Senate without prior submission to the Senate Library Committee, and noted that under the terms of reference of the Committee it was a standing committee reporting to the Senate Library Committee. The Chairman considered the question, noting that it was an unusual situation in that it was a Senate Committee which was called upon to report to the Senate Library Committee but that it had only one term of reference for which it makes a final decision. He considered the terms of reference awkward but that the motion was in order.

J. P. Daem was of the opinion that the conditions currently in effect while awaiting decisions on appeals were discriminatory as they assumed unproven guilt. K. Rieckhoff objected to the change proposed in the current policy as he believed that this could lead to abuses and a significant increase in unsupported appeal requests. The mover of the motion noted that for the procedures to be applied the appeal must be in writing.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board

1. Paper S.74-9 - Transfer Credit for Work at the British Columbia Institute of Technology

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by D. Birch,

"That Senate authorize, as set forth in S.74-9, the Director of Admissions to grant transfer credit for work completed at the British Columbia Institute of Technology."

J. Munro raised questions concerning the desirability of awarding transfer credit as is done for the colleges and sought clarification. The Chairman asked the Director of Admissions to describe the process for transfer credit, and D. Meakin responded the standard process would be that he would collect detailed course descriptions and the most closely allied department would examine the content and determine what content would fit within the general guidelines of being of a University level. Recommendations in terms of transfer credit would be considered by the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by J. P. Daem, seconded by A. Hollibaugh,

"That this new policy be retroactive for any students since the institution of BCIT."

K. Rieckhoff spoke against the motion stating that there had been too many changes in the past offerings and a blanket change was inappropriate. S. Aronoff pointed out that credit would be granted only if it is applicable.

Moved by R. Kissner, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That the motion be referred to the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board for its consideration."

T. Sterling was of the opinion that the University should extend itself to accommodate the few students who might be eligible for transfer credit on a retroactive basis. K. Rieckhoff countered that there was no data to substantiate the claim and if there were only a few students no harm would be caused by delay. S. Aronoff directed attention to the rationale which indicated the motion was an enabling process to permit the Committee to evaluate courses as presented. K. Rieckhoff then stated the motion on retroactivity was out of order, but the Chairman ruled that the rationale statement could apply equally as well in the present as in the past and that the motion was in order. D. Meakin explained that the intent was that transfer credit would be given to students who are admitted to the University in the Fall 1974 and thereafter and retroactivity could apply for work taken prior to passage of the paper.

Question was called on the motion to refer, and a vote taken.

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

15 in favor

11 opposed

5. Academic Planning Committee

1. Paper S.74-10 - Report on the Senate Referral Motion of July 9, 1973 Concerning Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology

Moved by B. Wilson, seconded by K. Rieckhoff,

"That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, the following recommendations of the Academic Planning Committee, as set forth in S.74-10:

1. The existing Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology Department be divided into separate departments of Political Science, and Sociology/Anthropology, and that this action be effective upon acceptance by the Board of Governors;
2. The separate departments bring forward statements of objectives, final program proposals, and detailed curricula for proposed implementation by September 1, 1974."