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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From

Subject NEW GRADUATE COURSE PROPOSALS -
GEOGRAPHY

Date DECEMBER 22, 1971

MOTION: "That Senate approve, as set forth in Paper
S.72-5 the new courses:
Geography 823-3 Themes in the Geography of Canada
Geography 824-5 Themes in the Geography of Canada."

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MEMORANDUM

To Senate

From J. Wheatley, Dean

Graduate Studies

Subject New Graduate Course Proposals

Date December 21, 1971

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MOTION: "That the following courses be approved:

- Geog 823-3 Themes in the Geography of Canada
- Geog 824-5 Themes in the Geography of Canada"

These courses were approved by the Executive Committee of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee at its meeting on November 22, 1971.

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Dean
Graduate Studies.

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1. CALENDAR INFORMATION:

Department: Geography Course Number: 823-3/824-5

Title: "Themes in the Geography of Canada"

Description: Studies in selected topics of Canadian geography. Bibliographic and cartographic foundations. Independent investigations and group discussions.

Credit Hours: 3 or 5 Vector: _____ Prerequisite(s) if any: none

2. ENROLLMENT AND SCHEDULING:

Estimated Enrollment: 10 When will the course first be offered: 8 mos. after approval

How often will the course be offered: available every semester, according to demand or need

3. JUSTIFICATION:

A number of graduate students (and faculty) working on Canadian themes would benefit from the critical exchange and mutual aid provided by a special seminar. Such themes are now becoming prominent in the work of this department.

4. RESOURCES:

Which Faculty member will normally teach the course: all available faculty

What are the budgetary implications of mounting the course: none

Are there sufficient Library resources (append details): Yes

- Appended: a) Outline of the Course
- b) An indication of the competence of the Faculty member to give the course
- c) Library resources

Approved: Departmental Graduate Studies Committee: [Signature] Date: 15/1/71

Faculty Graduate Studies Committee: [Signature] Date: Oct 16/71

Faculty: [Signature] Date: Nov 5/71

Senate Graduate Studies Committee: [Signature] Date: Nov 22/71

Senate: _____ Date: _____

Course Outline:

1. The topic will vary, responding to interests of faculty and students.
2. Ordinarily, the general scheme would be:
 - (a) Several weeks' meetings devoted to the exposition of major scholarly aspects of the chosen topic (orientation) conducted through presentations by the faculty member in charge, as well as through group discussion.
 - (b) Some work on relevant bibliography, involving preparation of materials to be distributed by student members, and comment on the available sources and guides.
3. Topical reports based on individual student research, occupying most of the seminar's meetings after the first three or four weeks.
4. A concluding session featuring summing up of the seminar's work by the faculty member in charge.

Competence of Faculty:

Almost all of the present faculty of the department are at present actively involved in research, and frequently in teaching, concerning Canadian problems.

Library Resources:

The holdings of the S.F.U. Library, supplemented by those at U.B.C., Vancouver Public Library, University of Washington (Seattle), and certain other smaller collections, if not fully sufficient are helpful.

Seminar - TOPICS IN THE GEOGRAPHY OF CANADA

"Geographical Aspects of British Columbia Coast Cultures"

Biblio. Refs. : Mintz, G.A. "A preliminary bibliography and checklist of material pertaining to the study of British Columbia's native inhabitants." (Mimeo) 192 pp., Vancouver, 1971.

Orientation : Drucker, Philip. Indians of the Northwest Coast. American Museum Science Books, B3. New York: American Museum of Natural History, 1963. xiv + 224 pp.

Duff, Wilson. Indian History of British Columbia. Vol. 1. "The impact of the white man". (Anthropology in British Columbia Memoir No. 5). Victoria: Provincial Museum, 1964. 117 pp.

McFeat, Tom, (ed.). Indians of the North Pacific Coast: studies in selected topics. (The Carleton Library, No. 25.) Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, Ltd., 1966. xvi + 277 pp.

Tentative program of seminars on:
"Geographical Aspects of British Columbia Coast Cultures"

1. Orientation to the literature. Ecological and historical problems of Northwest Indian cultures. (Students to prepare bibliographies of individual areas and cultures.)
Reading: Drucker, McFeat (cf. Bibliography)
2. Population history of B.C. coast and in other areas of conquest (Peru, California, Melanesia, etc.).
(Reports* by members of seminar on assigned reading topics.)
Reading: Duff.
3. Continuation of 2.
4. Settlement pattern: options and determinants.
(Reports on the standard literature.)
5. Continuation of 4.
6. Livelihood and its controls.
(Assigned reports on the major groups.)
7. Continuation of 6.
8. Trade and navigation.
(Assigned reports.)
9. Continuation of 8.
10. Historical evaluation.

* Each student to present orally his reports on readings assigned according to area or culture, and a short (one page) written summary of each. Discussion and critique to follow presentations.