

# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S. 71-129

## MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Subject REVISION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE

Date NOVEMBER 18, 1971

MOTION TO "That Senate approve that requirement (c)  
REVISE:  
'a minimum of 15 semester hour credits in  
each of the general areas of humanities,  
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### Recommendation

That requirement (c) "a minimum of 15 semester hour credits in each of the general areas of humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences," for the General Studies degree be dropped (S.436 revised).

### Reasons for the Recommendation

The intent of the requirement as stated in S.436 was to encourage students to broaden their exposure into all areas of learning. Unfortunately, Departments had considerable difficulty in separating their courses into the general areas of Humanities, Social Science and Natural Science.

The Academic Planning Committee considered the following alternatives:

- (i) require 15 hours within the Faculty of Science, and 30 hours in Arts and/or Education
- (ii) eliminate all area requirements.

The original intent in establishing the Bachelor of General Studies degree was to provide an educational opportunity for those students who are interested in obtaining a broad general education without the currently required specialization in one subject area. Given this intent, the Committee could reasonably have recommended the first of the above alternatives.

In recommending the latter alternative, the Committee is cognizant that opportunity will now exist for students to obtain degrees reflecting either highly diversified or narrowly concentrated courses of study. However, since adequate academic counselling is now available either through the Dean of the Division of General Studies or the University's Academic Advising Office, the Committee favors eliminating the area requirements thereby placing on the student responsibility for the development of an academic program which meets his interests while at the same time reflecting the University's intent in establishing the degree.

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## MEMORANDUM

To MEMBERS OF SENATE

From H. M. EVANS

(EXPLANATORY ONLY)

SECRETARY OF SENATE

Subject SENATE MEETING, DECEMBER 6, 1971  
PAPERS S.71-130 THROUGH S.71-136

Date NOVEMBER 18, 1971

INCLUSIVE, CURRICULUM AND CALENDAR  
CHANGES, FACULTY OF ARTS

For each of the above mentioned papers motions are suggested to enable Senators to focus on salient points and to provide a method for considering the large volume. Alternative motions and amendments would be in order if required at the Senate meeting.

In those instances where it is clear that discontinuance of a course is related to a new course, the entries appear on the same line opposite each other (paired). In general, the order of listing of the courses in the motions corresponds to the order in which the first main mention of the course appears in the general submission.

In a number of instances items in the general submissions have been underlined by this office as an aid in identifying proposals and the underlinings are not indicative of any special emphasis to be attached thereto.

Editorial and other changes have been made by this office where considered necessary. Further editorial changes may be made, particularly in the submission concerning Philosophy and the use of "level" as this could lead to misunderstanding if sections were to be reproduced in the calendar in the present form.