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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

SM 7/10/68

*B. L. Funt*

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| To..... Mr. H. M. Evans,                | From..... B. L. Funt,         |
| ..... Secretary of Senate.              | ..... Dean of Science.        |
| Subject..... Classification of Degrees. | Date..... September 30, 1968. |

At its meeting on Friday, September 27, 1968, the Faculty of Science again considered the classification of degrees. The classification of honors degrees as stated in Senate paper S-118 had been accepted by Faculty on several occasions. However, I reported to Faculty that there appeared to be a consensus amongst all three Faculties that the classification adopted for the honors degree should be extended to cover the majors program on attainment of similar academic standing as reflected in Grade Point Averages.

The following motions were passed:

Honors and Honors First Class

For Honors standing on graduation, a student must normally obtain a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 computed on all courses. Students with a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.5 in the Honors Program, computed on all courses, will normally be recommended for Honors First Class.

First Class in the Majors Program

Students with a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.5 in the major program, computed on all courses, will normally be recommended for First Class standing.

The meeting was attended by 49 faculty members representing more than half of the total Faculty of Science teaching this semester. I am happy to report that these motions received unanimous approval. This is a reflection of the keen desire of members of faculty to obtain a rational and uniform degree classification for students at this University.

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## MEMORANDUM

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To Secretary of Senate

From A.R. MacKinnon

Dean of Education

Subject Classification of Degrees

Date September 30, 1968

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At a meeting of the Faculty of Education on September 30, 1968, the following two motions were passed:

1. "that the Faculty of Education endorse the designation of first-class standing for the General degree.

For: 24  
 Against: 19  
 Abstentions: 14

Motion Carried."

2. "that the Faculty of Education recommend that greater consideration be given to the final two years of a student's program, possibly in accrediting only those courses at the 300 and 400 levels, rather than by assessing a student's standing on his cumulative grade point average.

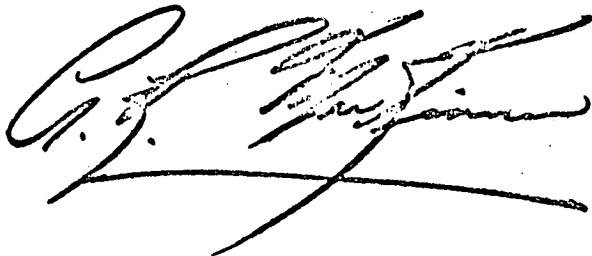
Motion Carried."

Faculty expressed continued opposition to the procedure of categorizing degrees. It was felt, however, that a decision on classification should obtain for the entire University.

It was also agreed that if a student in an Honors program should fail to qualify for an Honors degree, he may be awarded a General degree provided that the latter would be determined on the basis of 120 semester hour credits and not 132 semester hour credits.

In exceptional circumstances, Faculty may recommend first-class standing when the cumulative GPA is below 3.5.

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To Secretary of Senate

From G.A. Rheumer, Acting Dean

Faculty of Arts

Subject Classification of Degrees

Date October 4, 1968

Upon the request of Senate, the Faculty of Arts has re-considered its recommendation as shown in Paper S-125 and now wish to recommend the following pattern:

| <u>General Degree</u> | <u>Honors Degree</u> | <u>Cumulative GPA</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1st Class             | 1st Class            | at least 3.5          |
| 2nd Class             | Honors               | at least 3.0          |
| Pass                  |                      | at least 2.0          |

In special cases, students whose cumulative GPA is close to 3.5 may receive special consideration on the overall record and be recommended by the Faculty for First Class standing in the Honors or General degree.

A student in the Honors program who fails to qualify for an Honors degree can be awarded a general degree, provided the latter would be determined on the basis of 120 credits, not 132.

A cumulative GPA would be calculated on all courses making up the total credits for the degree.

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*G.A. Rheumer*