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**MEMORANDUM**


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| <b>ATTENTION</b> | Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies                              | <b>DATE</b>  | September 27, 2017 |
| <b>FROM</b>      | Rummana Khan Hemani, Registrar & Executive Director, Student Enrolment | <b>PAGES</b> | 1/1                |
| <b>RE:</b>       | Revisions to the English Language Admission Requirement                |              |                    |

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**Motion**

That the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies approve under delegated authority, and send to Senate for information, the addition of the following two English Language Proficiency exams to satisfy the University's English Language Requirement:

The Canadian English Language Test (CAEL)  
 Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE)

**Background**

Both of these English language proficiency tests are accepted widely in Canada (attachment).

**PROPOSED CALENDAR ENTRY (ADDITIONS BOLDED)**

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5. completion of the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) with a minimum overall band score of 6.5 with no part less than 6.0.)
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7. **Completion of the Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) with an overall score of 70, with no part less than 60**
8. **Completion of the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) with an overall score of 65, with no part less than 60**

|           | <b>Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL)</b> | <b>International English Language Testing System (IELTS)</b>          | <b>Pearson Test of English, Academic (PTE)</b> | <b>Test of English as a Foreign Language, IBT (TOEFL)</b> |   |
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| <b>BC</b> | Simon Fraser University (Undergraduate Studies)  | <b>Proposed: Overall 70 with no part less than 60</b>                 | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0         | <b>Proposed: Overall 65 with no part less than 60</b>     | Overall 88 with no part less than 20                                  |
|           | University of British Columbia                   | Overall 70  | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0         | Overall 65 with no part less than 60                      | Overall 90 with no part less than 21                                  |
|           | University of British Columbia - Okanagan        | Overall 70  | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0         | Overall 65 with no part less than 60                      | Overall 90 with no part less than 21                                  |
|           | University of Victoria                           | Overall 70 with no part less than 60                                  | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0         | N/A   | Overall 90 with no part less than 20                                  |
|           | University of Northern British Columbia          | Overall 70 with no part less than 60                                  | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0         | Overall 65 with no part less than 60                      | Overall 90 with no part less than 20                                  |
|           | Thompson Rivers University                       | Overall 70 with no part less than 60                                  | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0         | Overall 58 with no part less than 55                      | Overall 88 with no part less than 20                                  |
| <b>AB</b> | University of Alberta                            | N/A   | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 5.5         | N/A   | Overall 90 with no part less than 21                                  |
|           | University of Calgary                            | Overall 70  | Overall 6.5                                    | Overall 60  | Overall 86  |
|           | Mount Royal University                           | Overall 70 with no part less than 50                                  | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 5.0         | Overall 58 with no part less than 55                      | Overall 83 with no part less than 20                                  |
|           | University of Lethbridge                         | Overall 60, min 50 in Listening, Reading, Speaking, min 60 in Writing | Overall 6.0 with no part less than 6.0         | Overall 54  | Overall 80; min 16 in Listening, Reading, Speaking, min 18 in Writing |
| <b>SK</b> | University of Saskatchewan                       | Overall 70 with no part less than 60                                  | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0         | Overall 63 with no part less than 59                      | Overall 86 with no part less than 19                                  |

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|    | University of Regina   | Overall 60   | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 5.0   | N/A  | Overall 80, min 19 in Reading and Listening, min 18 in Speaking and Writing  |
| MB | University of Manitoba | Overall 60   | Overall 6.5  | Overall 58%  | Overall 86 with no part less than 20   |
|    | University of Winnipeg | Overall 60   | Overall 6.5  | Overall 58   | Overall 80 with no part less than 19   |
| ON | McMaster University    | Overall 70   | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 5.0   | Overall 60 with minimum 60 in Writing and Speaking | Overall 86 with no part less than 20   |
|    | Queen's University     | Overall 70 with no part less than 60   | Overall 6.5  | Overall 60   | Overall 88; min 24 in Writing, 22 in Speaking & Reading, min 20 in Listening |
|    | Ryerson University     | Overall 70   | Overall 6.5  | Overall 60   | Overall 92-93  |
|    | University of Ottawa   | Overall 70 with minimum 60 on written section  | Overall 6.5 with minimum 6.5 on written section  | Overall 60 with minimum 60 on written section      | Overall 86 with minimum 22 on written section                                |
|    | University of Toronto  | Overall 70 with no part less than 60   | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0   | N/A  | Overall 100 with minimum 22 on written section                               |
|    | University of Waterloo | Overall 70 with minimum 70 in writing and speaking, and 60 in the remaining sections | Overall 6.5 with minimum 6.5 in writing and speaking, and 6.0 in reading and listening | Overall 70 with minimum 65 in writing and speaking | Overall 90 with minimum 25 in writing and speaking                           |
|    | Western University     | Overall 60 with no part less than 60   | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0   | Overall 58 with no part less than 56               | Overall 83 with no part less than 20   |
|    | York University        | N/A  | Overall 6.5  | N/A  | Overall 83   |
|    | University of Guelph   | Overall 70   | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0   | Overall 60 with no part less than 60               | Overall 89 with no part less than 21   |
|    | University of Windsor  | Overall 60   | Overall 6.5  | Overall 60   | Overall 83 with minimum 20 on essay  |

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|    | Wilfrid Laurier University                    | Overall 70 with no part less than 60  | Overall 6.5  | Overall 59                           | Overall 83 with no part less than 20   |
|    | Brock University                              | Overall 60 with minimum 60 on writing and no other subtest below 50                     | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 5.5   | Overall 60 with no part less than 60 | Overall 80 with no part less than 19   |
|    | University of Ontario Institute of Technology | Overall 70 with no part less than 60  | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0 (Education and Nursing programs require a score of 7.0) | Overall 58                           | Overall 83 to 87 (may vary by program) with minimum 20 in listening, writing and reading, and 19 in speaking |
|    | Lakehead University                           | Overall 60  | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0   | N/A                                  | Overall 80 with no part less than 19   |
|    | Carleton University                           | Overall 70  | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0   | Overall 60 with no part less than 60 | Overall 86; min 22 in writing and speaking, min 20 reading and listening                                     |
| QC | McGill University                             | Overall 70% with no part less than 60%  | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0   | Overall 65 with no part less than 60 | Overall 90 with no part less than 21   |
|    | Concordia University                          | Overall 70  | Overall 7.0  | Overall 61                           | Overall 90   |
| NB | University of New Brunswick                   | N/A   | Overall 6.5  | N/A                                  | N/A  |
| NS | Dalhousie University                          | Overall 70  | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0   | N/A                                  | Overall 90 with no part less than 20   |
|    | Saint Mary's University                       | Overall 60 with no part less than 50  | Overall 6.5 with no part less than 6.0   | Overall 58                           | Overall 80 with no part less than 20   |
| PE | University of Prince Edward Island            | Overall 60  | Overall 6.5 with 6.5 in writing no other band below 6.0  | Overall 58                           | Overall 80 with no part less than 20   |
| NL | Memorial University of Newfoundland           | Overall 50 to 60 in each of the four skills tested, with at least two band scores of 60 | Overall 6.5, with minimum 6.0 reading and writing  | Overall 58 with no part less than 58 | Overall 79; min 20 in reading and writing, min 17 in listening and speaking                                  |



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| ATTENTION | Senate  | DATE  | September 15, 2017 |
| FROM      | Stephen Spector, Acting Chair<br>Senate Committee on<br>Undergraduate Studies | PAGES | 1/2                |
| RE:       | English Language Admission Requirement (SCUS 17-41)                           |       |                    |

**For information:**

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of September 14, 2017 SCUS approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2018.

**1. English Language Admission Requirement (SCUS 17-41)**

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