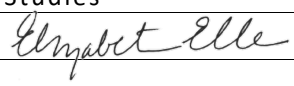


## MEMORANDUM

<b>ATTENTION:</b>	Senate
<b>FROM:</b>	Elizabeth Elle, Vice-Chair, Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies
<b>RE:</b>	Duolingo English Test Pilot (SCUS 23-69) 
<b>DATE:</b>	July 7, 2023

Action undertaken by SCUS on July 6, 2023, gives rise to the following recommendation:

### Motion

That Senate approve the extension of the Duolingo English Test pilot for the Spring 2024 through to Fall 2024 terms.



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**MEMORANDUM**

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ATTENTION SCUS DATE June 20, 2023  
FROM Tom Nault  
Registrar & Executive Director  
RE: Extension for Duolingo English Test to fulfill English Language Requirement

Proposal

Simon Fraser University continues to accept the Duolingo English test (DET) on a pilot basis (Fall 2021 through to Fall 2024; spring, summer, and fall terms) from students in countries where no other English proficiency test is available, in order to satisfy the English Language Requirement (ELR) for undergraduate admission.

Motion

That SCUS approve and recommend to Senate, the extension of the Duolingo English Test pilot for the Spring 2024 through to Fall 2024 terms.

Background

Many institutions across Canada continue to allow students to use DET to satisfy their ELR. DET is an online, English proficiency assessment for international students and recognized globally as a comparator to the IELTS and TOEFL iBT exams.

As a stop gap measure, Senate approved using DET in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for undergraduate admission in Fall 2020. Because testing centers were closed worldwide and the DET is an online test, this provided a good alternative for a small group of applicants. Table 1 notes the number of applicants who used the DET to satisfy ELR with scores above 125 (the minimum required score), and those who subsequently registered in classes.

Table 1. DET Enrolment Snapshot

	2021	2022	2023
Scores of 125 or higher	119	171	202
Registered in classes	12	20	6*

\*Spring and Summer data only

During the pilot period (2020-2023), Student Recruitment & Admissions intended to review the first-year performance of students who used DET for admission in comparison to other ELR tests and determine if the DET could be an ongoing option for SFU undergraduate admission. However, due to the small sample size depicted in Table 1, we request an extension to the the pilot for an additional year to Fall 2024 in order to conduct a fulsome analysis of DET and first-year success.

Calendar Entry

<https://www.sfu.ca/students/calendar/fees-and-regulations/admission/undergraduate-admission.html#english-language-admission>

## English Language Admission Requirement

[...]

- Obtain a satisfactory score on one of the following English language proficiency tests.
  - International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a minimum score of 6.5 on the Academic Modules with no part less than 6.
  - TOEFL iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language internet based test) with an overall score of 88 or better with a minimum score of 20 in each of the four components (listening, speaking, writing, reading).
  - Completion of Cambridge English Qualifications B2 First, C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency with a minimum overall score of 176, with no part less than 169.
  - Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) with an overall score of 70, with no part less than 60.
  - Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) with an overall score of 65, with no part less than 60.
  - Duolingo English Test (DET)\* with an overall score of 125 or better. \*Pilot for Fall 2021 through ~~Fall 2023~~ Fall 2024; only accepted from students in countries where no other English proficiency test is available.

Thank you,

Tom Nault  
Registrar & Executive Director,  
Student Enrollment