

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Office of the Vice-President, Academic
Memorandum

To: Senate

From: Ross Saunders, Acting Vice-President, Academic

Subject: Fraser Valley College Partnership

Date: 17 December, 1991

On behalf of Dr. Munro, I am attaching a draft Memorandum of Agreement concerning our partnership with Fraser Valley College. This has been reviewed by the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and SCAP gave approval in principle to the draft Agreement at its meeting on 4 December. The proposed agreement is similar to the one used for our Business Administration program with Cariboo College which received Senate and Board approval in April, 1989.

We have now been advised that Fraser Valley College has informally approved this document, and it will be forwarded to the Council Advisory Council and the College's Board in January with a recommendation that it be approved.

I am bringing this forward for consideration and approval by Senate.

If approved by Senate, this agreement will go to the Board of Governors at its January meeting.



Memorandum of Agreement

Fraser Valley College, hereinafter referred to as the University College, and Simon Fraser University, hereinafter referred to as the University, agree to cooperate so as to provide selected programmes of study designed to enable students to complete the requirements for specific degrees from the University, while in attendance at the University College.

This partnership shall commence the date upon which this Memorandum is concluded and shall continue until 31 August 1997. In the event that degree-granting status is conferred on the University College prior to 31 August 1997, the parties agree to reach agreement on the process of earlier transition, taking into consideration the commitments made and interests of the students already enrolled in the programmes, and in general allowing for each programme to have had two years of degree completion experience before the termination of the partnership.

The parties agree that the degrees offered as a result of this agreement will reflect the same high standards as other Simon Fraser undergraduate degrees.

The University, in allowing its degrees to be offered at the University College, recognises that the University College will be a comprehensive regional institution dedicated above all to excellence in teaching, while acknowledging active scholarship to be an integral part of the teaching process.

The University and the University College further agree that:

1. the determination of which of the University's degree completion programs will be offered at the University College shall be made jointly by the University College and the University; moreover the offering of any such agreed programme shall be conditional upon the availability of full funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education to both institutions;
2. the degrees offered at the University College shall be designated as "degrees awarded by Simon Fraser University at the University College of the Fraser Valley", and shall be so described on transcripts;
- 3.1 the University and the University College shall together develop the curriculum for each programme to be offered within the partnership at the University College, and it shall be subject to the normal approval process within each institution;
- 3.2 the University and the University College shall together develop procedures to ensure that the grading standards used in upper level (i.e.

third and fourth year) courses offered in programmes at the University College are equivalent to those used in corresponding courses at the University;

4. the relevant University academic regulations and standards for admission, standing and graduation shall apply to students registered in upper-level University courses and programmes offered at the University College, and the University shall be responsible for all final decisions on such matters;
5. where it is deemed necessary or desirable to develop a new upper-level course for inclusion in a degree programme offered at the University College, the proposal shall be developed by the University College faculty members in consultation with corresponding University faculty for review and approval by the relevant University and University College bodies;
6. together they will develop procedures for the recruitment and selection of University College faculty members to teach upper-level courses at the University College and only those faculty who meet the agreed requirements will be appointed to teach upper-level courses;
7. the University College shall provide educational support services, including enriched library facilities, that meet generally accepted standards for Canadian degree-granting institutions;
8. convocations for the purpose of awarding degrees to students who have successfully completed the degree programme at the University College will be held at the University College on a regular basis and attended by representatives of both institutions.

Signed on behalf of:

Simon Fraser University

Fraser Valley College

Chair, Board of Governors

Chairman of the Board

President

President

Date

Date

APPENDIX

Documentation required to complete the agreement:

1. Identification of specific degree programmes.
2. Admissions and registration procedures.
3. UCFV's plans for an enriched LRC.
4. Procedures for programme/course approvals.
5. ~~Criteria and procedures for recruitment and selection of faculty to teach upper-level courses:~~
 - a) candidates currently on faculty at UCFV;
 - b) external candidates.
6. Definition of "active scholarship".
7. Liaison arrangements.