

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.82-14

MEMORANDUM

To: SENATE

From: SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Subject: DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING SCIENCE - CHANGES - REQUIREMENTS OF A 100 DIVISION ENGLISH COURSE OR ALTERNATIVE

Date: DECEMBER 17, 1981

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of December 8, 1981, gives rise to the following motion:

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.82-14 that the following be added as a lower level requirement for all students who declare an intent to enter a minor, major or honors program in Computing Science: Completion of one of ENGL 101, 102, 103, or 104, or PHIL 001 with a grade of C- or better, normally within the first 30 hours of work at SFU. This requirement must be completed before formally declaring a minor, major or honors."

Prior to the placement of this item on the agenda of SCUS for debate, it was required that the Faculties of Arts and of Interdisciplinary Studies and the Departments of Computing Science and of English hold some discussions to clarify the nature of need, the intent of proposed regulations, and the impacts. A number of meetings were held with some compromise being achieved prior to debate at SCUS on December 8. SCUS approved motion as above and also approved motion that the English and Computing Science Departments be encouraged to consult further and the English Department be requested to develop a course to better meet the needs of Computing Science students.

It was suggested that as the intent is to provide annually for some 150 major and honors students in Computing Science that at the lower levels the number requiring servicing would be some 300 - some already are undertaking such work.

It was recognized that the Department of English might be faced with a responsibility for resolving communication skills problems of students in other departments if similar actions were initiated elsewhere.

Proposals had been made earlier requiring a 100 division English course as prerequisite for CMPT 201 and for CMPT 260, but following discussion those proposals were withdrawn.

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SCUS 81- 74A

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(As amended and approved
by SCUS, December 8/81.)

To..... H. EVANS Registrar's Office	From..... T. Calvert, Dean, Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies
Subject..... COMPUTING SCIENCE CURRICULUM	Date..... December 7, 1981

At this time SCUS has before it a proposal from Computing Science which would have the effect of:

1. Making a 100 level English course a requirement for all majors, honors and minors in Computing Science.
2. Making a 100 level English course a prerequisite for CMPT 201 and 260.

As a result of discussion with representatives of the Department of English and the Faculty of Arts I intend to move the following amendment.

- " 1. That the following be added as a lower level requirement for all students who declare an intent to enter a minor, major or honors program in Computing Science: Completion of one of ENGL 101, 102, 103 or 104 or PHIL 001 with a grade of C- or better, normally within the first 30 hours of work at SFU. This requirement must be completed before formally declaring a minor, major or honors.
2. That the English and Computing Science Departments be encouraged to consult and that the English Department is requested to develop a course to better meet the needs of Computing Science students."



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