

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

Senate

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Vice-President, Academic

Subject Report to Senate of the Activities of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning

Date April 26, 1983

I am pleased to present to Senate the Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning for the period January 1, 1982 - December 31, 1982.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING  
JANUARY 1, 1982 - DECEMBER 31, 1982

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Under the rules of Senate, the Senate Committee on Academic Planning is required to submit an annual report. This report will cover the period from January 1, 1982 through December 31, 1982.

Since most of the recommendations emerging from SCAP are subsequently reviewed by Senate, this report will only highlight the major proposals considered by the Committee and problems and issues stemming therefrom.

## II. ACTIVITIES DURING 1982

In the past year, the Senate Committee on Academic Planning considered the following items:

1. Proposal for an Engineering Science Program including organization of Engineering Science as a separate Faculty.  
-recommendations forwarded to Senate (February, 1982).
2. Permission for the Department of Business Administration and the Department of Computing Science to suspend for one year, beginning 1 March 1982, admission to extended studies diplomas in their departments.  
-recommendations forwarded to Senate (February, 1982)
3. Establishment of a joint SCAP/SCUS ad hoc committee to review the basis and operation of the undergraduate registration priority system.  
-Committee established; report submitted to SCAP (July 1982) and to SCUS; recommendations forwarded to Registrar for implementation.
4. Discussion of 1981/82 proposed budget adjustments affecting the Faculty of Arts (English lecturer positions), Faculty of Education (Faculty Associate Salaries) and Faculty of Science (non-salary operating budget), and the Teaching Assistant Budget.  
-no recommendations made.

5. Assignment of priorities for implementation of the following 1982/83 new programs:

- a. Joint major in French, History and Politics
- b. Certificate in French Language Proficiency
- c. Extended Studies Diploma in Criminology
- d. Ph.D. in Computing Science
- e. Environmental Toxicology

-recommendations accepted by President.

6. Proposal for a Co-operative Program in Biological Sciences

-recommendation forwarded to Senate (March 1982)

7. Proposal for a Ph.D. Program in Communication.

-recommendation forwarded to Senate (March 1982)

8. Proposal to establish two planning committees - internal and external - to develop SFU Downtown.

-approval given and committees formed.

- 9a. Proposal for a Centre for Resource Management

-recommendation approved by SCAP but subsequently withdrawn after negative reaction from Faculties.

- 9b. Proposal for a minor in Resource Management.

-in principle approval granted by SCAP; Director advised to proceed with development of a formal proposal.

10. Proposed changes to 100 numbered courses offered by the Department of English.

-recommendations forwarded to Senate (June 1982)

11. Proposal for the degree offered by the Faculty of Business Administration to be known as the Bachelor of Business Administration.

-recommendation forwarded to Senate (June 1982)

12. Proposed Policy on International Students

-recommendations forwarded to Senate

13. Proposal for an Earth Sciences Program

-in principle approval granted by SCAP; faculty members advised to proceed with development of formal proposal.

14. Proposal for a new MBA program

-in principle approval granted by SCAP; chairman advised to proceed with development of formal proposal. Fully developed proposal subsequently submitted to SCAP, approved and forwarded to Senate (January, 1983).

15. Considered report of the President's Committee on Enrolment Limitations.

-recommendations forwarded to Senate (October 1982)

16. Proposal to stream the Kinesiology Honors Program

-proposal defeated.

17. Proposals: Graduate Programs in the Department of Criminology

-in principle approval granted by SCAP of:

-fundamental revision of the curriculum of the existing "academically oriented" M.A. program in Criminology

-introduction of a Ph.D. program in Criminology

-introduction of an Applied Master's Degree in Criminal Justice

-Department Chairman advised to proceed with development of formal proposals.

18. Proposal for Review of Canadian Studies Program

- SCAP agreed to defer consideration for one year.

19. Proposal for establishment of a non-thesis option Graduate Master's degree in Mathematics

-in principle approval granted by SCAP; Department Chairman advised to proceed with development of a formal proposal.

20. Consideration of revised procedures for undergraduate curriculum review

-recommendations forwarded to Senate (February 1983)

21. Procedures for external review of the Departments of Sociology/Anthropology and Political Science.

-procedures approved by SCAP

22. Assignment of priorities for the implementation of the following 1983/84 new programs:

- a. Ph.D. programs in the Faculty of Education
- b. Diploma in Gerontology
- c. New M.B.A. program in the Faculty of Business Administration
- d. Major in Visual Arts in the Centre for the Arts
- e. Joint Honours Program in Mathematics and Computing Science.

-Recommendations forwarded to President.

### III. THE ACADEMIC PLANNING FUNCTION

In June, 1980, a planning report containing an assessment of Simon Fraser University and indications of possible future directions was prepared by a sub-committee of SCAP, approved, and forwarded to Senate for its consideration. Subsequent to approval of the future planning direction statement by Senate, the Vice-President, Academic proposed to SCAP a set of recommendations regarding its terms of reference. These recommendations were also forwarded to Senate and received approval.

Along with the recommendations for changes in SCAP's terms of reference, the Vice-President Academic proposed the establishment of a number of SCAP task forces to examine various planning issues of concern to the University. This approach was less productive than initially anticipated and was subsequently discarded. Instead, the Vice-President, Academic, in conjunction with the Deans, gave further consideration to the planning issues identified in the "Future Directions" statement. Their decisions culminated in a paper presented to SCAP entitled "Priorities in Academic Planning". The paper was initially reviewed by the Committee and, with minor modifications, was forwarded to Faculties for comments. The paper will be returned to SCAP after further consideration.