

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

Subject POST-SECONDARY LINK (ADVANCED
ACADEMIC COURSES FOR SECONDARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS) - SUAB 79

Date 6TH APRIL, 1978

The Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board, at its meeting of April 5, 1978, approved the following motion:--

MOTION:

" That Senate approve Simon Fraser University's participation in the Post-Secondary Link Pilot Project, as set out in the attached paper, SUAB 79. "

The paper, SUAB 79, has been reviewed by the Faculty Undergraduate Curriculum Committees. The reports of these committees have been considered in the drafting of this paper.

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In May of 1977, the Ministry of Education announced a "pilot project" which would allow secondary school students to enrol in college level (university transfer) courses. This proposal was discussed at the Post-Secondary Co-ordinating Committee of the Universities Council in the Spring and the university representatives indicated that further discussion was necessary before they could state their positions on the granting of transfer credit for such courses. There was no further discussion between the Ministry and the universities until late in the Fall, when we were advised that a number of courses were being taught during the 1977 Fall Semester.

Mr. Jim Carter, Associate Deputy Minister of Education, attended a SUAB meeting and indicated that the Ministry had been remiss in not conducting proper articulation with the universities before commencing that part of the project which affects them. The overall pilot program was intended "to assess the effectiveness of linking the secondary school graduation program more with post-secondary pre-apprenticeship training, career training and advanced academic studies."

Although the pre-apprenticeship and career training packages have no effect on the universities, the advanced academic studies package will allow the more able students to enrol in college courses that have been assessed and given transfer credit toward our undergraduate degree programs. Students who enrol in these courses will be in the process of completing their secondary school graduation. It should be understood that students in the pilot program will be able to timetable the college course(s) into their schedules by virtue of having been allowed to accelerate in one or more of their secondary school subjects.

It is anticipated that nine regional colleges may be involved in offering academic courses over the period of the two years. We have been advised by the Ministry that the following courses were offered in the 1977 Fall Semester:--

<u>College</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>College Course</u>	<u>Secondary Student Enrolment</u>	<u>Total Enrolment</u>
College of New Caledonia	Quesnel	Math 101	3	18
		Psyc 101	1	
		Hist 101	1	
College of New Caledonia	Prince George	Psyc 101)	5	in existing College classes
		Psyc 102)		
Malaspina College	Powell River	Geog 110	12	

In the Spring, 1978, courses are to be offered at the following Colleges:--

<u>College</u>	<u>Centre</u>
Capilano College	North Vancouver
East Kootenay College	Cranbrook
Vancouver Community College	Vancouver
Douglas College	Surrey

The Ministry of Education's pilot project to offer "advanced academic courses" to secondary school students should not be viewed as a totally new approach. In the past, secondary school students have been allowed to register for college courses and the universities of the Province have granted credit to these students, provided they have completed the appropriate admission requirements. The appointment, by the Colleges, of qualified secondary school instructors to teach college level courses and the use of secondary school facilities for college classes, has been a reality for a number of years.

The intent of the Ministry in establishing this pilot project is to make these opportunities more accessible to students throughout the Province and also to formalize the granting of transfer credit by the universities. Following a full discussion of the proposal by SUAB, it was agreed to recommend the acceptance of the Post Secondary Link (Advanced Academic Courses) Pilot Project, for transfer credit, providing the following conditions are met:--

1. The "advanced academic courses" must coincide with the college counterparts and the University courses on which they are based, in content, structure and standards.
2. The instructor of each course must be approved by the appropriate College.
3. Adequate library resources, teaching aids, and appropriate laboratory facilities must be made available for these courses.
4. Advanced Academic Courses are seen as courses in addition to the courses used for high school graduation and, therefore, will not be used for credit toward secondary school graduation and will be recorded on the appropriate college transcript only.
5. A set of criteria will be established by the appropriate College to ensure that only the academically talented students are selected for enrolment in these courses. The students' grade point averages should be considered as the most relevant criterion.
6. Normally, the class profile and learning environment should parallel that of a regular first year college, or university class. A class of secondary school students and regular college students would be desirable.
7. Secondary school students will be allowed to transfer to Simon Fraser University a maximum of two (advanced academic) courses (six semester hours) completed prior to secondary school graduation.

8. Advanced Academic Courses should include only courses at the introductory level.
9. This project will be a two-year pilot study and shall be under constant review by the Ministry, with a report being published following the 1979 Spring Semester.
10. This is considered an experiment and Simon Fraser University will conduct a rigorous review of the project following the 1979 Spring Semester. This approval is for the two-year experimental period (September, 1977 to May, 1979) only.