

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To MR. H. M. EVANS
SECRETARY OF SENATE

Subject PH.D. PROGRAM IN KINESIOLOGY -
NOTICE OF MOTION - FOR DISCUSSION

From KLAUS RIECKHOFF
PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS

Date JUNE 18, 1975

Please put the attached motion on the next agenda of Senate.

Motion: Full implementation of the recently approved Ph.D. Program in Kinesiology is to be delayed until September 1, 1976. Students who have already gone through the full admissions process (i.e. have already been notified by the Registrar of their admission) are exempt from this regulation and may register prior to September 1976. Any further notices for admission of Ph.D. students shall apply only to entry for Fall semester 1976 or later.

Rationale: Approval for immediate implementation of the Ph.D. program in Kinesiology by the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, by the Academic Planning Committee and by Senate was granted as the result of repeated assurances that adequate staffing would exist in the department as of Fall 1975, and in particular that the position for a faculty member with strong medical background would be filled.

Since then the following facts have emerged:

- 1) No candidate suitable for a permanent position with the desired medical background has been found. The position will be filled by visiting faculty and the search for a permanent candidate will be continued.
- 2) Dr. Banister will be on sabbatical leave and will be replaced by visiting faculty until Fall 1976.

These facts support strongly the reservations with regard to immediate implementation of this program contained in the recommendation of the Assessment Committee of New Graduate Programs, also stated in two of the external assessors' evaluations. They invalidate at least partially, the counter-arguments presented previously by the department.

It is now apparent that immediate implementation of the program may well have been approved by Senate on the basis of incorrect assumptions.