

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.71-84

MEMORANDUM

SENATE

From: OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Subject: REWORDING OF SECTION 10.4 OF THE
GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR GRADUATE
STUDIES, S.71-84 (PARTIAL REVISION
OF S.71-50)

Date: JUNE 25, 1971

MOTION:

"That Senate approve the rewording of Section
10.4 of the General Regulations for Graduate
Studies, as outlined in Paper S.71-84."

To: Senate

From: Office of the
Dean of Graduate
Studies

Subject: Rewording of Section 10.4
of the General Regulations
for Graduate Studies

Date: June 17, 1971

The Senate Graduate Studies Committee, at their meeting on June 14, 1971, approved the following rewording of Section 10.4 of the General Regulations for Graduate Studies:

Residence

"The Ph.D. degree requires that a student be registered in an approved program and undertaking full-time study at this University as a Regular Student for a minimum of five consecutive semesters following completion of the Master's degree. At least eight consecutive semesters are required for those students who are permitted to proceed from the Bachelor's First Class Honors level without completing the Master's degree. Any modification of this must be approved by the student's Supervisory Committee and the Senate Graduate Studies Committee."

Rationale

The question which originally concerned Senate was which body or person should have the authority to modify the residence requirement for graduate students in particular cases. The original paragraph provided that this authority should lie with the Senate Graduate Studies Committee with no requirement that anyone else should be consulted.

Objections in Senate were to two points: 1) That modification of the residence requirement should originate with the student's Supervisory Committee. 2) That there was too much red tape involved in going to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee and that, as a consequence, authority should lie either with the student's Supervisory Committee or with the Dean of Graduate Studies acting in the light of the recommendation of the Supervisory Committee.

The first point has been taken account of by writing in a role for the student's Supervisory Committee. On the second point, the Committee felt that, for the sake of uniformity between departments, final authority should lie at the University level. As the standard way of dealing with individual cases at the University level is

through the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, this was the body chosen. The point was reinforced by the Dean saying that if authority in this matter did lie with him he would, in any case, refer it to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee. The Committee rejected the red tape argument, as leveled against itself, on the grounds that it is a highly efficient committee which meets regularly and generates no undue delay.

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Dean
Graduate Studies.

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