


SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: B. Krane, Chair
Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies 

Subject: Diverse Qualifications Adjudication Committee (DQAC)
Review for 2005-2006
(SCUS Reference 06-35)

Date: 6 November 2006

For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its October 3, 2006 meeting, SCUS received the DQAC Annual Report.

The Annual Report of the Diverse Qualifications Adjudication Committee is now forwarded to Senate for information.

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Office of the Associate Vice-President, Academic

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TO: Christine MacKenzie, Chair, Senate
Committee on Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Bill Krane, Chair, Diverse
Qualifications Adjudication
Committee

RE: Diverse Qualifications report

DATE: September 21, 2006

Please find attached a new report on Diverse Qualifications admissions to SFU.

Thank you.

**Report to Senate
Diverse Qualifications Adjudication Committee (DQAC)
As at End of Term 1061**

Simon Fraser University seeks to not only admit applicants who are academically very well qualified, but also recognizes that some candidates have other attributes and achievements which should be considered in determining admission. Up to 10% of candidates for admission to SFU can be recognized for non-academic attributes and achievements under the Diverse Qualifications Admission Policy. The Diverse Qualifications Adjudication Committee (DQAC) adjudicates admission decisions under this policy¹. Applicants under this policy must meet the minimum admission standards, the English language requirement, and the literacy and quantitative skills requirements and have:

- demonstrated commitment and/or excellence in other endeavours, or
- presented a clear and valid reason for attending the University, or
- succeeded in their studies in spite of difficult circumstances.

The attached tables and charts, prepared by the Office of Analytical Studies, provide supporting statistics on the volume and academic performance of students admitted to SFU under the Diverse Qualifications Admission Policy, by year of admission, from 1996/97 to 2005/06.

Ten-Year Historical Perspective of DQ Admits [in comparison to all SFU students²]:

- Since its inception in the Spring in 1996/97, a total of 1,136 students have been admitted to SFU under the DQ admission policy (terms 0971 to 1061, inclusive).
- DQ admits are typically mature or college transfer students, averaging 26 [20] years of age and primarily entering the Faculty of Arts.
- 53% [50%] entered SFU with transfer credit, averaging 38 [45] transfer credit hours.
- DQ students were admitted to SFU with an average GPA of 2.78 [2.94].
- Due to the volume of mature students in the DQ cohort, 16% [6%] were admitted without a grade point average, although 72% [87%] were admitted at 2.50 or higher.
- Of all those admitted, 59% [49%] have completed at least 30 SFU credits, with an average CGPA at 30 credits of 2.76 [2.75].
- 42% [73%] persisted at SFU for at least three elapsed years³, including those who graduated.
- 43% [71%] have graduated with a degree, achieving an average graduation GPA of 2.93 [2.94] in 4.1 years [4.6 years]⁴.

2004/05 DQ Entry Cohort [in comparison to all SFU students]:

- In 2004/05, 105 students were admitted to SFU under the DQ policy, of which 69 students were admitted with a GPA average of 2.62 [2.99].
- By the end of their first term, the average GPA of all 105 students admitted was 2.41 [2.47].
- 45 students have completed at least 30 credits, achieving an average CGPA at 30 credits of 2.56 [2.72].
- By the end of their first term at SFU, 19% [18%] of the 2004/05 DQ entry cohort were placed on academic probation (OAP).
- 38.1% [39.8%] were OAP within two years of admission to SFU.
- 12.4% [12.2%] were required to withdraw from SFU within their first two years at SFU.

¹ The Diverse Qualifications Admission Policy is not available to Faculty of Science applicants.

² Differences in baseline characteristics, such as basis of admission, admission GPA, transfer credits, etc. may account for differences in performance between DQ admits and all SFU students.

³ Three-year survival rate calculated among those admitted three or more years ago.

⁴ Graduation rate, grad GPA and time to graduate are calculated on those admitted four or more years ago.

Annual Report of Students Admitted to SFU Under the Diverse Qualifications Admission Policy As At End of Term 1061

Description:	Fiscal Year											Grand Total	Adm GPA
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06			

Admitted by Basis of Admission¹:

BC Grade 12	2	22	8	31	21	33	43	34	26	12	232	2.85
BC College Transfer	6	47	18	38	31	52	36	42	20	3	293	2.70
Degree	2	9	11	9	8	13	14	25	3		94	2.79
Mature	3	23	25	15	42	49	41	25	44	30	297	2.71
Non-BC Grade 12	2	8	6	4	7	8	8	7	2	4	56	2.95
University Transfer	2	13	8	5	16	20	13	15	7	2	101	2.70
Other	6	2	8	6	7	9	9	11	3	2	63	2.95
Total Admitted	23	124	84	108	132	184	164	159	105	53	1,136	2.78

Demographics:

% Female	61%	55%	57%	54%	64%	55%	56%	64%	54%	40%	57%	2.78
% Male	39%	45%	43%	46%	36%	45%	44%	36%	46%	60%	43%	2.78
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	2.78
% International		1.6%	1.2%	0.9%	2.3%	2.7%	3.0%	2.5%	26.4	1.9%	1.9%	2.33
Average Age at Admission	26.8	23.7	29.0	24.1	26.7	26.4	25.4	25.7	26.4	26.3	25.9	

Faculty at Entry:

Applied Sciences	2	11	6	3	3	3	1	4	1	1	35	2.71
Arts	11	60	66	99	119	163	158	144	104	52	976	2.78
Business Administration	2										2	3.28
Education		3	1		2	5	3	3			17	2.68
Science	2	2	6	3	5	3	1	1			22	2.73
Not specified	6	48	5	3	3	10	2	7			84	2.78
Total	23	124	84	108	132	184	164	159	105	53	1,136	2.78

Admission GPA Distribution:

No GPA	1	13	12	11	24	27	24	15	36	22	185	
0.50 - 1.00						2					2	
1.00 - 1.50						1	1	1	1		3	
1.50 - 2.00	1				1	1	1	2	2		8	
2.00 - 2.50	3	16	12	10	10	20	15	7	17	9	119	
2.50 - 3.00	11	85	38	69	86	104	81	60	39	8	581	
3.00 - 3.50	6	9	20	17	10	27	35	69	10	12	215	
3.50 - 4.00	1	1	2	1	1	7	6	2			18	
4.00 - 4.33						2	2	2			5	
Grand Total	23	124	84	108	132	184	164	159	105	53	1,136	

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Under the Diverse Qualifications Admission Policy
As At End of Term 1061**

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	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06			

Average GPA's of All DQ Admits:

Admission GPA ² # students with GPA	2.78 (22)	2.68 (111)	2.85 (72)	2.80 (97)	2.70 (108)	2.72 (157)	2.83 (140)	2.97 (144)	2.62 (69)	2.71 (31)	2.78 (951)
First Term CGPA All students	2.35 (23)	2.33 (124)	2.39 (84)	2.51 (108)	2.48 (132)	2.59 (184)	2.60 (164)	2.62 (159)	2.41 (105)	2.21 (53)	2.49 (1,136)
University Entry Shock ² # students with GPA's	-0.48 (22)	-0.38 (111)	-0.37 (72)	-0.31 (97)	-0.14 (108)	-0.10 (157)	-0.25 (140)	-0.33 (144)	-0.22 (69)	-0.42 (31)	-0.27 (951)
CGPA @ 30 Credits # students with 30 credits	2.84 (17)	2.73 (73)	2.87 (54)	2.75 (69)	2.77 (88)	2.70 (119)	2.79 (95)	2.80 (108)	2.56 (45)	3.11 (2)	2.76 (670)

Average GPA's of All DQ Graduates:

Admission GPA ³	2.91	2.66	2.83	2.85	2.74	2.71	2.76	3.06	2.04	2.77
First Term CGPA	2.45	2.47	2.53	2.65	2.77	2.72	2.98	3.22	2.78	2.70
University Entry Shock	-0.46	-0.19	-0.32	-0.20	0.03	0.00	0.22	0.16	0.74	-0.08
CGPA @ 30 Credits	2.81	2.72	2.86	2.79	2.79	2.79	2.98	3.19	3.06	2.83
Graduation GPA	3.03	2.83	3.00	2.94	2.94	2.94	3.05	3.28	3.17	2.96
Avg years to graduate ⁴	3.8	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.0	3.7	3.2	2.7	2.0	4.1
# Graduates	(11)	(56)	(37)	(51)	(55)	(69)	(25)	(21)	(1)	(326)

Faculty of Graduation:

Applied Sciences	8	5	10	9	10	10	2	1	1	45
Arts	7	41	21	35	42	52	21	11	11	230
Business Administration	3	2	8	3	3	1	1	3	3	23
Education	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	8
Science	1	3	1	1	1	4	3	3	1	13
Not specified						1				7
All Graduates ⁴	11	56	37	51	55	69	25	21	1	326
										2.93

Academic Standing:

% OAP at end of term #1	8.7%	18.5%	11.9%	11.1%	11.4%	10.9%	12.2%	12.6%	19.0%	17.0%	13.3%
% OAP Within 2 Yrs of Adm	13.0%	34.7%	23.8%	20.4%	16.7%	23.4%	23.2%	21.4%	38.1%	18.9%	24.2%
% RTW Within 2 Yrs of Adm	4.3%	14.5%	7.1%	4.6%	3.8%	6.5%	7.9%	6.9%	12.4%	7.5%	7.7%

Survival:

1st Term Survival Rate	30%	76%	67%	78%	69%	73%	66%	80%	81%	72%	73%
1st Year Survival Rate ⁵	54%	65%	63%	67%	64%	73%	73%	63%	-	-	61%
3-Year Survival Rate	39%	40%	51%	44%	45%	42%	38%	-	-	-	42%
Graduation Rate ⁴	48%	45%	44%	47%	42%	38%	-	-	-	-	43%

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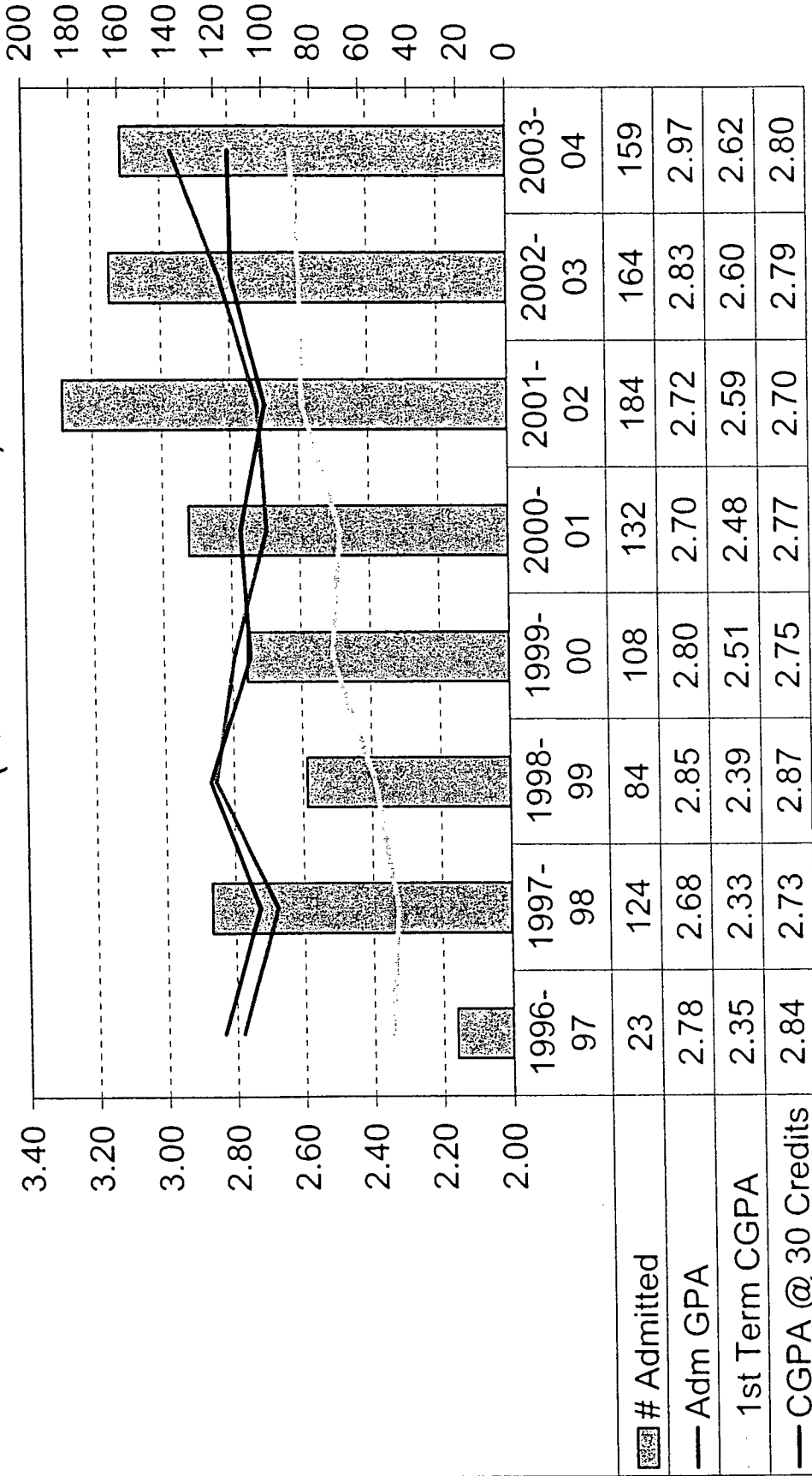
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Notes:

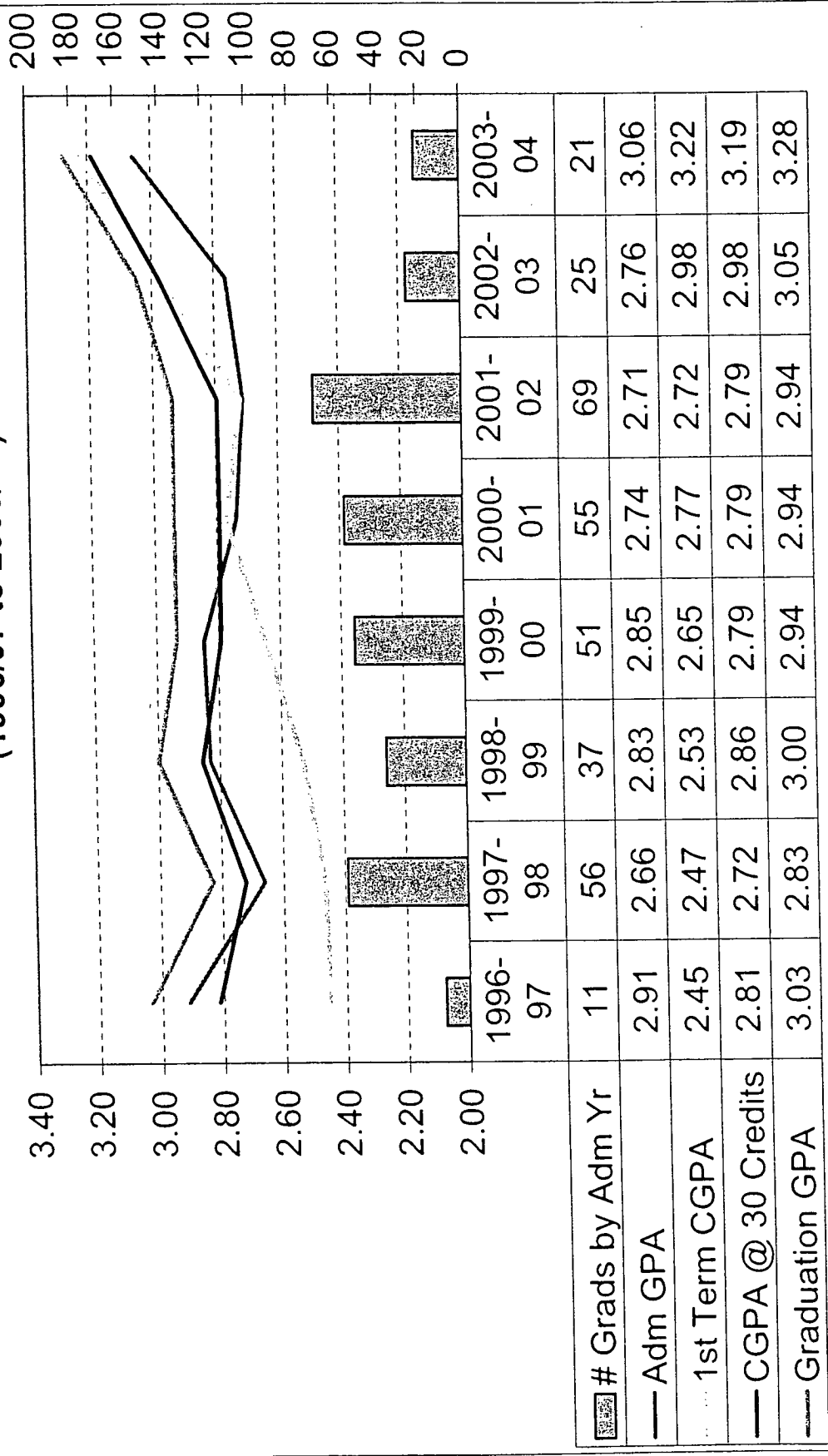
1. Excludes students admitted to SFU, but did not complete their first semester (withdrew or cancelled in their first semester at SFU).
2. University entry shock is the drop in GPA from admission GPA to CGPA at the end of the first term.
3. Average admission GPA excludes students with no GPA (primarily mature students). % GPA's are converted to a 4-point scale.
All subsequent tables displaying admission GPA's combines students from all basis of admission categories, however these GPA's are derived from different sources. For example, the admission GPA of BC12 students is based on grade 12 course work, while the admission GPA of college transfer students is based on their college work, etc.
4. Graduation rate, average graduation GPA and time to graduate only includes those with sufficient time to graduate (four years or more).
5. First year survival rate is the fall-to-fall survival rate, the proportion admitted and registered in the fall at SFU and returned the following fall.

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**GPA's of All DQ Admits
(1996/97 to 2003/04)**



**GPA's of DQ Graduates
(1996/97 to 2003/04)**



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**% OAP and % RTW Within 2 Years of SFU Admission,
1st Term and Fall-To-Fall Survival Rates**

