

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S. 427

MEMORANDUM

To	MR. H. M. EVANS SECRETARY OF SENATE	From	DR. D. MEAKIN, SECRETARY SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD
Subject	AMENDMENT TO B.C. GRADE XII ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	Date	26th OCTOBER, 1970

At a recent meeting of the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board, a revision of the calendar entry describing the admission requirements for applicants from British Columbia Grade XII was approved. Since an amendment to a policy approved by Senate is involved, the revised calendar entry is now being submitted to Senate for approval.

The revised calendar entry, together with the rationale for the change, is given in Paper SUAB 4 (attached). The intent of the change is not to raise or lower the admission standards, but to use the actual grades awarded in calculating the average. The change will affect a limited number of marginal students, and for this reason, SUAB stated that during a transition period, applicants would be given the benefit of either method. SUAB approved the change unanimously.

If approved, the policy will be implemented to process applicants to Fall Semester, 1971. It will be published in the new edition of the Admissions Bulletin, which will be circulated to schools in January, 1971.

MOTION:

" That the Calendar entry shown in Paper
SUAB 4 be approved. "

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ADMENDMENT TO B.C. GRADE XII ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

At present, our admission requirements for students coming from B.C. Grade XII are specified in terms of a percentage. The vast majority of grades given in B.C. Grade XII are letter grades, which we convert to a percentage in order to calculate an average.

I believe that it is preferable that a grade point average be used as the basis of admission when letter grades predominate. My reasons are as follows:--

1. We are using the grade directly as assigned.
2. The system would be comparable to the internal SFU system.
3. Arguments that we had interpreted a letter grade with a percentage different than that actually obtained, would be eliminated.

MOTION:

" That the attached Calendar entry be submitted to Senate for approval. "

Dr. D. Meakin,
Director of Admissions.

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APPLICANTS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA

1. ADMISSION FROM GRADE 12 (completed in 1967 or later). Graduation on the Academic-Technical Program on any one of the specialties (Arts, Science, Technical), with a minimum 2.4* average (computed as below) in 3 subjects, including English 12 and two additional 12-level subjects chosen from Science(s) 12, Math 12, History 12, Geography 12, Language(s) 12, English Literature 12, Geology 12.

An applicant who has an average below 2.4, but not less than 2.0, will be admitted on the same conditions if staff and facilities permit.

To compute the average, the following equivalents will be used:--

A	(86 - 100%) = 4	C	(60 - 66%) = 2
B	(73 - 85%) = 3	P	(50 - 59%) = 1
C+	(67 - 72%) = 2.5	F	(Less than 50%) = 0

<u>Example:</u>	English 12	P	1
	Physics 12	C+	2.5
	French 12	84%	<u>3</u>
	Average		2.17

NOTE: Students who graduated on the old "University Program" should enquire as to the requirements in terms of this program.

*If Paper SUAB 3 is approved, this will read 2.0, and the second paragraph will be deleted.