

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC
MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate

From: J. M. Munro, Chair
Senate Committee on Academic Planning

Subject: Vectors

Date: February 17, 1994

Action taken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and the Senate Committee on Academic Planning gives rise to the following motion

Motion:

"that in S.73-125, section c) be revised

from:

That within the total number of contact hours assigned to a course, and subject to the approval of the departmental undergraduate curriculum committee, the Chair be permitted to vary the vector pattern. Such vector patterns to reflect only the in-class requirements and the calendar description of the course.

to:

That the vector pattern approved by the Senate when a course is initiated may be changed with the approval of the Chair and the Faculty. The vector pattern shall reflect the in-class requirements and the calendar description of the course. The Faculty decision shall be reported to SCUS for information.

Although the current policy (S.73-125, attached) has been in place since 1973, there are now some additional funding pressures that could result in a shift from the tutorial system in a piecemeal basis. While there is a need to retain flexibility and to respond to innovative ways of delivering course material, there is a corresponding need to keep track of what is happening across faculties and the University as a whole. Currently course vectors are first approved by a Faculty and the proposed amendment to the policy places authority for changes to vectors with that same body. The added step of reporting to SCUS allows for a broader monitoring of such activity across the University, and for bringing forward expressions of concern to SCAP and Senate.

J. M. Munro

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Office of the Registrar

MEMORANDUM

To: Dean, Chairs, Directors
From: W. R. Heath, Registrar
Subject: Vectors
Date: November 15, 1993

Further to the question that was raised at the Administrators Meeting on Thursday, November 4, 1993 and in anticipation of some additional calls regarding this question, I thought it might be useful to distribute the following extract from the Senate Paper S.73-125:

"Use of Vector Patterns (for regularly scheduled courses)

Motion: "That Senate approve, as set forth in S.73 - 125

- a) That all vector patterns be eliminated from University Calendars
- b) That each course description contained in University calendars be accompanied by an indication of the nature of the course, e.g. lecture/tutorial/laboratory, seminar, etc.
- c) That within the total number of contact hours assigned to a course, and subject to the approval of the departmental undergraduate curriculum committee, the Chairman be permitted to vary the vector pattern. Such vector patterns to reflect only the in-class requirements and the calendar description of the course.
- d) That vector patterns for all regularly scheduled courses be included in course guides.
- e) That only departmental approval be required for all course vector patterns to be included in the course guide: departmental approval to be in writing and submitted to the Registrar."

cc. J. Munro, Vice-President Academic
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