

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
MEMORANDUM

S.06-10

To: Senate

From: C. MacKenzie, Chair *C. MacKenzie*
Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

Subject: Admission requirements
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
(SCUS Reference: SCUS 05-23)

Date: December 7, 2005

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at the September 27, 2005 meeting gives rise to the following motions:

Motion 1

"that Senate approve a change to the requirements for admission to the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) such that effective Fall 2006, students currently enrolled in other Faculties at SFU must have a GPA of 2.0 or greater to enter the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences."

Motion 2

"that Senate approve a change to the requirements for admission to FASS so that effective immediately, if a student withdraws or is required to withdraw and if the student is, at that time, in the FASS, and if that student is subsequently readmitted to the University, s/he shall be permitted to re-enter FASS, even though their SFU CGPA is less than 2.00."

Motion 3

"that Senate approve a change to the requirements for admission to FASS so that effective immediately, students in Science and Tech One may not transfer into the FASS until the end of the second semester following their admission to the Science One or Tech One programs."

Rationale:

SCUS recommends to Senate for approval the attached three motions dealing with changes to Admission requirements in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS). For a student to remain in good academic standing at SFU, they must have a CGPA of 2.0 or greater; thus FASS is requiring that students who seek to transfer into FASS are in good academic standing. The motion to restrict transfers from cohort programs at Surrey arises because of the unprecedented situation of Fall 2004 and Spring 2005 in which a large numbers of students (almost one quarter of the total annual intake in this program) transferred out of one of the non-FASS cohorts into FASS. Such transfers undermine the cohort program structure, create difficulties for student access to courses in FASS, and may also create a potential 'back door' for admission to the Burnaby campus.