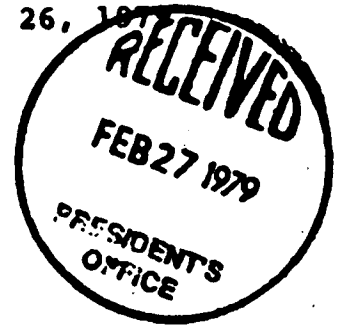




February 26, 1979



Dr. K. George Pedersen,  
President,  
Simon Fraser University,  
BURNABY, B.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I write to say that at a meeting of the Universities Council held today the Simon Fraser University proposal for a School of Resource Management was not approved.

Among the many issues considered by Council were the following: the development of this school by a university lacking the necessary professional infrastructure; the question of employability of graduates; the professional qualification of the school's graduates; the requirement of approximately one million dollars annually, and the stated preference for permanent buildings for a "pilot project".

May I point out that Council generally, felt that it should support, in the Interior, something more viable than that proposed. Council appreciates the effort which Simon Fraser University has expended in fashioning this proposal, and regrets that its decision has to be unfavorable.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. C. Gibson, M.D., F.R.C.P.  
Chairman

c.c. Ministry of Education  
U.C.B.C. Members

Chronology of S.F.U. Interior Program Involvement

- Before 1970** - Beginning of operation of Faculty of Education Professional Development Program at Interior locations.
- Fall 1974** - Upper division credit courses offered in Prince George, Kamloops and Kelowna with "innovative program" funds supplied by the Department of Education.
- Spring 1975** - Feasibility study carried out by S.F.U., with the permission of the Minister of Education, to explore means of determining how best to serve Interior needs for university programs.
- Fall 1975** - Initiation of degree completion program in Psychology and Biological Sciences in collaboration with Okanagan College at Kelowna for three-year experimental period.
- May 5, 1976** - Commission on University Programs in Non-Metropolitan Areas (Winegard Commission) established by Dr. McGeer to "advise the Minister on all matters related to the delivery of academic and professional programs outside of the Vancouver and Victoria metropolitan areas and academic transfer programs and their articulation".
- May 17, 1976** - Winegard Commission discussion paper ("A Series of Proposals") issued. The paper outlined various alternatives in providing university programs in the Interior and stated that "the provision of senior academic programs in the Interior is a pre-requisite to greater equality of academic opportunity and an important step in decentralizing the province's urban and economic growth". During the Summer of 1976 the Commissioner and an advisory panel held public meetings across the province.
- September 2, 1976** - Winegard Commission report issued. Its recommendations included the following:
- (1) "The long-term recommendation is that a multi-campus university be established to serve the non-metropolitan areas of British Columbia."
  - (2) "The new university should begin as a separately funded division of Simon Fraser University charged with the responsibility of providing a comprehensive outreach degree credit program."
  - (3) "Simon Fraser University should be given to December 1976 to accept or reject the proposal. Should the proposal be rejected, it is recommended that a new university be established immediately."
- Fall 1976** - Consideration of Winegard Report recommendations within Simon Fraser University by Faculties, Senate Committee on Academic Planning, and Senate. Preparation of the "Beirne Report" reviewing implications for present and continuing academic and administrative operation of Simon Fraser.
- November 29, 1976** - Senate motion passed: "that Simon Fraser University is willing to accept in principle responsibility for offering university programs in non-metropolitan areas and is prepared

to appoint a Director and appropriate staff to develop specific plans by December 1977, provided that funds for such development will be made available by the government. Any program implementation by Simon Fraser University would require prior approval by the University Senate and Board of Governors, together with assurance of an appropriate level of funding".

- December 14, 1976 - Similar motion to the above passed by Board of Governors with replacement of "offering" in second line by "planning". It was noted that this change did not indicate any lack of interest on the University's part as far as Interior programming was concerned.
- February, 1977 - Meetings between S.F.U. officials and Dr. Hardwick on February 14th and 25th at which he stated that Simon Fraser University would have a major responsibility in offering degree completion programs in the Interior. This responsibility was to involve the offering of programs leading to B.A., B.Sc. and B.G.S. degrees together with "new" professional programs - a program in "resources management" was specifically mentioned.\*
- March, 1977 - Universities Council allocates \$120,000 to Simon Fraser University for Interior program planning. Establishment of S.F.U. Interior Programs Planning Committee.
- May, 1977 - Interior University Programs Board established to coordinate development of Interior programming by all the universities.
- May, 1977 - Simon Fraser University discussion paper "A Model for the Development of Degree-Completion Programs in Non-Metropolitan Areas" prepared following initial meetings with officials of Interior community colleges. This discussion paper, outlined in general terms the concepts of regional university schools, distance education, and university centers. It was widely distributed in the Interior and generally within the academic community in British Columbia.
- Summer, 1977 - After a series of sixteen meetings in the Interior, a series of working papers "Draft Proposals for Interior Programs - July 1977") was prepared and distributed. During July and August, further meetings between members of the Interior Programs Planning Committee and groups in the Interior were held. Representatives of U.B.C. and U.Vic. were invited to participate in these meetings and to discuss their proposals.
- September 15, 1977 - "Report of the Planning Committee on Interior Programming" issued. The overall plan involved an integrated combination of Regional University Schools and high quality distance education. Tentative budgets and examples of possible curricular themes for Regional University Schools were presented. These included a School of Resource Management.

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\* There are no minutes from these meetings; however, there are letters on file written by Brian Wilson to Dr. Hardwick that were designed to serve as aide-memoires.

September 27, 1977 - S.F.U. interior program proposals presented to Interior University Programs Board along with proposals from U.B.C. and U. Vic.

October 3, 1977 - Senate gives approval in principle to concepts outlined in Interior Program Planning Committee Report.

November 1, 1977 - Board of Governors gives approval in principle to concepts outlined in Interior Program Planning Committee Report.

December 6, 1977 - Interior University Programs Board passes following motion: "that the Interior University Programs Board approves in principle the Simon Fraser University proposal to establish a School of Resource Management as a pilot program in Kelowna".

January 23, 1978 - Interior University Programs Board passes following motion: "that the Interior University Programs Board recommends to the Universities Council of British Columbia that Simon Fraser University be awarded the sum of \$585,320 for the fiscal year 1978-79 in support of the School of Resource Management to be established in Kelowna. This program should initially operate for five years and thereafter only following a favourable review to be conducted after three years".

February 6, 1978 - Senate approves Kelowna School of Resource Management as presented to Interior University Programs Board.

February 27, 1978 - Interior University Programs Board passes following motion:

"That whereas the Interior University Programs Board has recommended the establishment as a pilot project of the Simon Fraser University School of Resource Management in Kelowna as part of the Board's overall planning to provide degree completion programs in the Interior of the Province and ...

Whereas the Board has recommended that Simon Fraser University be granted the sum of \$585,320. to develop a detailed curriculum for the School, to appoint a Director and initial faculty, and to offer part of the program in the Fall of 1978, ...

Be it resolved that the Board request that its representatives meet with the Program Coordinating Committee of the Universities Council of British Columbia to describe the program and explain the need for some form of approval in principle in order that funds can be expeditiously released to meet emergent expenditures."

March 10, 1978 - Program Coordinating Committee of Universities Council rejects I.U.P.B. recommendation.

March 17, 1978 - Universities Council approves following motions:

"That the Universities Council agree that the School of Resource Management be established in the Interior and ...

That the matter of the development of a detailed curriculum and the appropriate means to deliver the program be referred back to the Program Coordinating Committee in collaboration with the Interior University Programs Board. Funds will

be recommended by the Universities Council of British Columbia for the hiring of consultants for planning purposes only, and no permanent staff is to be hired at this time."

April 3, 1978 - Interior University Programs Board passed the following motion:

"Whereas the Universities Council of British Columbia has agreed that a School of Resource Management be established in the Interior of British Columbia and whereas the Interior University Programs Board has recommended that Simon Fraser University's proposal to develop such a school be funded, the Interior University Programs Board reiterates its view that planning should proceed for such a school at Kelowna and recommends that Simon Fraser University be awarded \$67,000 in 1978-79 (with anticipation of a similar request for 1979-80) for the appointment for a two-year term of an Acting Director to aid in the planning of the program with appropriate consultation with the public universities, government and industry; with the expectation that courses be commenced by September 1979 following appropriate program review by the Universities Council of British Columbia".

April 14, 1978 - U.C.B.C. Program Coordinating Committee recommends that the above motion be approved.

April 21, 1978 - Universities Council approves the following motion:

"that the Universities Council of British Columbia endorse the recommendation of the Interior University Programs Board pertaining to the establishment of the School of Resource Management in Kelowna".

June 5, 1978 - Interior University Programs Board disbanded with formation of British Columbia Open Learning Institute.

September 25, 1978 - Universities Council informed concerning progress in planning for the Kelowna School of Resource Management, including membership of Advisory Committee.

November 20, 1978 - S.F.U. Senate approves detailed program proposal for Kelowna School of Resource Management.

November 28, 1978 - S.F.U. Board of Governors approves detailed program proposal and projected budget for Kelowna School of Resource Management.

December 8, 1978 - U.C.B.C. Program Coordinating Committee passes following motion without dissenting vote:

"That the Program Coordinating Committee recommend to Council that (a) the Simon Fraser University B.Sc. (Resource Management) program of the Kelowna School of Resource Management be approved; (b) that funding of \$1,000,000 for the 1979-80 operating budget be approved with a commitment (subject to annual review of the budget) to incremental emergent costs through 1983-84..."

The proposal for the B.Sc. (Forest Resource Management) program of the School was referred back to Simon Fraser for further consultation.

December 18, 1978 - Universities Council passes following motion:

"That consideration of Simon Fraser University's B.Sc. (Resource Management) program of the Kelowna School of Resource Management be deferred pending a special meeting of the Universities Council to take place on February 19, 1979."

Early January, 1979 - Universities Council engages Dr. D. A. Jameson of Colorado State University to review Kelowna School of Resource Management proposal.

January 15, 1979 - Jameson Report received. The report favoured the establishment of the Kelowna School of Resource Management, but recommended some changes in the phasing of the program.

January 22, 1979 - Universities Council passes following motions:

1. "That Council confirms its support of the development of a School of Resource Management at Kelowna by Simon Fraser University as a pilot project for five years with evaluation to take place after three years".
2. "That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Program Coordinating Committee be authorized to meet with Simon Fraser University immediately in order to discuss the content of the final submission of the proposal for a Kelowna School of Resource Management with respect to both curriculum and budget".

January 31, 1979 - "Consolidated Program Proposal" submitted by Simon Fraser University to Universities Council based on the recommendations of the Jameson Report and advice received from Council members at the meeting referred to in the above motion.

February 19, 1979 - Kelowna School of Resource Management discussed at special meeting of Universities Council. Apparently, no decision.

February 20, 1979 - Meeting between members of Universities Council and Director of Kelowna School of Resource Management to discuss program proposal.

February 26, 1979 - Letter received from Chairman of Universities Council reporting that "Simon Fraser University proposal for a School of Resource Management was not approved".