SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of Senate

From: K. Strand

President

Subject: Reorganization - Educational Foundations Centre

Date: March 16, 1970

As an alternative to the motions put forward by the Faculty of Education regarding the recognition of Communication Studies as a department and the reorganization of the Educational Foundations Centre, I wish to offer the following motion:

For a one year interim period:

a. continued de facto departmental recognition of B.S.F., S.P.F., and C.S.

b. reorganization of the three divisions into an Educational Foundations Centre with the following contraints:

   i.   single undergraduate education committee
  ii.   single graduate education committee
 iii.   single tenure committee
  iv.   a single spokesman for relations external to the Centre.

My reasons for this proposal are the following:

1. Currently the Communication Studies Division contains four faculty members, one of whom has submitted his resignation. The Social and Philosophical Foundations Division currently contains six faculty members. Given the trimester system, I do not believe that viable programs can be maintained in such small departments unless the academic program is very carefully defined.

2. There is no definitive statement of the academic program or programs for these three divisions. There is also no definitive statement of whether and how the Educational Foundations Centre and the Professional Development Centre will relate to one another. In the absence of definitive statements on these two subjects, it is impossible to identify the appropriate organizational structure.

3. The formal status of these three divisions is confusing. Currently, the three divisions have de facto standing as departments while the Centre has de jure recognition from the Board of Governors. Therefore, to support the motions for de jure recognition of three new departments is to move from an integrated position to one of decentralization. Without a more definitive academic justification than is currently available, I cannot support such a move.

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