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SIMON FRASER STUDENT SOCIETY

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TO ALL STUDENTS:

Last Thursday, a minority of Simon Fraser University students (along with a few U.B.C. and Vancouver City College students and others non-students,) staged a sit in. They disrupted work in the Registrar's Office, claiming to be working towards rational criteria for undergraduate admissions.

However, it soon became clear to many that those students with admission problems were being used as a tool for a political game - more time was spent on whether or not to barricade, rather than what positive work could be done towards formulating a plan for admissions.

In the meantime, work in the offices of Registrar, Financial Aid, President, Vice President, and Information Officer were disrupted by people sitting on desks and tables. This promotes progress?

Also, this small minority had apparently not stopped to consider the problem of those students who may have had legitimate business with any of the people in these offices.

Your students' council cannot condone this sit-in; a sit-in that uses people with problems in a political game. Neither can we condone a small group, who, by their actions, obstruct the rest of the students on campus.

Student Council has given attention to the problem of admissions and credit transfer since September, and does not now intend to condone or tolerate the disintegration of a valid cause into a political fiasco. In line with this, Council has presented proposals it considers imperative to resolve the problem at hand.

Copy of SFU Admissions Bulletin (68/69) attached to this letter re Registrar's Support Minutes papers Booth.

Rob. Walsh
President
Simon Fraser Student Society

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SIMON FRASER STUDENT SOCIETY - COMMITTEE FOR ADMISSIONS & CREDITS

PROPOSALS

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1. That the President request of Senate to set up immediately an investigating body to look into the question of credit transfer and admissions and that this body be instructed to report back as soon as possible, no later than February 1, 1968.
2. That in the interim period between now and the return of the investigation report, an appeal board be set up to deal with those Simon Fraser Students' who believe their cases to have been unfairly dealt with.
3. That this appeal board be not composed of the same persons who made the original decisions in respect to the cases coming before it.
4. That students be included on this appeal board.
5. That this appeal board begin its hearings immediately.
6. That Students be given adequate representation of the Senate Admissions Committee in respect to the formulation of the operative policies of that board. This is not to be construed as allowing students to have access to other students' academic records.
7. That no student shall be denied admission to Simon Fraser University without detailed written reasons for his refusal.
8. The formulation, publication and distribution of a set policy in respect to credit transfer and admission to Simon Fraser University.
9. That the Registrar of Simon Fraser personally meet with appointed representatives of Vancouver City College Student Council to investigate special problems of credit transfer from that institution.
10. That the present policy of disallowing grade 13 credit transfer from institutions outside of British Columbia, be revoked.
11. The Acting President be instructed to facilitate the co-ordination of Simon Fraser University admissions policy with other institutions throughout British Columbia.

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The above eleven proposals were discussed with and presented to the administration and have been ratified by a majority of Student Council. Response has been favourable and we are looking forward to early implementation of these proposals.

D. Terry Devlin, Chairman Student Committee for

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The following four demands were made by S.D.U. and were rejected.

1. freedom of transfer and automatic acceptance of credit within the B.C. public educational system.
2. an elected parity Student/faculty admissions board.
3. the Opening of all administration files.
4. More money for education as a whole and equitable financing within post-secondary education. This involves the immediate end to the current school construction freeze.

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VANCOUVER CITY COLLEGE

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November 19, 1968.

Mr. Rob Walsh,
President,
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Dear Rob:

The members of the Vancouver City College Student's Council would like to take this opportunity, to make known to both you and your Society, our position on the present situation which exists at your campus.

We feel that the main issue at large; i.e. free transfer and accreditation, are worthy causes. We feel that the achievement of these goals would be beneficial to many students in British Columbia. We do not, however, support the methods which are being employed to attain a satisfactory result. We are of the opinion that protestations and demonstrations can do nothing but damage and retard any movement toward a meaningful settlement.

Those students from Vancouver City College who are actively participating in the demonstrations, are not a representative body of this school. They are acting on their own and without the approval of this Council.

We trust that our Council and Simon Fraser's Student Society shall be able to work to-gether, toward a mutually advantageous end to this situation.

Yours very truly,

William Lewis
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Public Relations Officer