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To: Senate

From: Space Usage Committee

Date: October 26, 1967.

It is the understanding of the Space Usage Committee that Senate intends to discuss the matter of Space in relation to current and future requirements at their November 6, 1967 meeting. This report is being submitted to Senate in order to assist the members in their discussion.

The Space Usage Committee is an advisory committee to the President and was originally set up in March, 1966, in order to analyze current space usage within the University and make recommendations for more efficient use. Another responsibility is to advise on the allocation of available space and to consider special requests from individuals and departments.

The composition of the Committee is as follows:

- Mr. Wm. De Vries - Acting Manager of General Services - Chairman
- Mr. G.G. Brett - Assistant Manager of General Services (Admin) - Secretary
- Dr. C. Hamilton - Director of University Affairs
- Mr. D.P. Robertson - Registrar
- Mr. D. Baird - University Librarian
- Dean J. Matthews - Faculty of Arts
- Prof. B.D'Aoust - Faculty of Education
- Dr. J. Walkley - Faculty of Science
- Mr. I. Spencer - Graduate Students Association
- One representative - Student Society (not yet named)

The major space problems are a direct result of the fact that Simon Fraser University has more students and faculty than the existing facilities can reasonably accommodate.

Listed below are a number of improvisations that have taken place which were necessary to enable an enrollment of 5000.

1. The fifth floor of the Library is completely converted to offices and tutorial rooms. There are 20 small tutorial rooms and approximately 150 offices of various sizes.
2. A Bookstore "Annex" has been constructed for the sale of text books in order to allow Library space to be used for Library purposes.
3. The Student Lounge has been converted to a cafeteria.
4. A "lunch bag area" has been constructed on the south terrace deck of the Academic Quadrangle.
5. The two "bridge" areas in the Science Complex have been partitioned and now house Science TA's.
6. A number of corridors in the lower floors of the Science Complex have been converted to laboratories.

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7. Storage areas behind the elevators and stairwells in the Academic Quadrangle have been converted to offices.

8. The east Concourse has been converted to a study area.

9. Eight trailers have been acquired for the use of the Departments of Chemistry and Biological Sciences.

10. Six trailers have been acquired and converted to tutorial rooms primarily to free space in the Academic Quadrangle for Arts TA's.

11. Numerous smaller areas have been partitioned for various other uses.

Although many problems have been remedied as a result of these activities there may still be a major space problem that has not yet been resolved to the satisfaction of those concerned; that is the facilities that are being provided for the Arts TA's. They presently have the use of 9 tutorial rooms on the fifth floor of the Academic Quadrangle. As mentioned in the Graduate Student Association brief dated September 18, 1967 to Sharon Yandle the Graduate Students "feel that the minimum requirements which would enable them to carry out their work efficiently are :

1. a desk and a chair
2. a filing cabinet and bookshelves, and
3. an enclosed area of some sort where a modicum of privacy could be maintained for counselling students."

We would submit that private quarters for each of approximately 200 Arts TA's is unrealistic under the present circumstances.

The whole matter of accommodation for TA's is under continual review and now with the President of the Graduate Students Association as a member of the Space Usage Committee it is expected that the TA's will become much more aware of the problems involved in providing them with what they consider adequate accommodation. An invitation to have a representative of the Student Society on the Committee was sent on October 5, 1967 but as yet there has been no response.

One other important matter which has caused the subject of "space" to come before Senate is Phase III.

There appears to be a general feeling that there is some need for a re-assessment of the design and adequacy of those facilities presently proposed for Phase III. As a result of this the Space Usage Committee is calling for the re-establishment of the Science Sub-Committee and Arts-Education Sub-Committee of the Space Usage Committee in order to re-assess the situation. Upon receipt of reports from these two Sub-Committees, the Space Usage Committee will be making recommendations to the President on this matter.

As requested I will be in attendance at the next Senate meeting in order to clarify any points mentioned and to provide any further information required.

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Chairman.