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Student Records.

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To: Senate

From: Registrar

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Subject: Simon Fraser Student Records
and Secondary Schools in British Columbia

The University has received from time to time very strong recommendations from high school counsellors that the records of students at the University should be sent to the high school in order to assist the counsellors in the advising of oncoming students.

As Registrar, I have mixed feelings about this policy. On the one hand I can see the immense value the student records would have to the counsellors and would appreciate the resulting increase in effectiveness of counselling at the high school level. However, I also consider the student's performance at University is a matter between the student and the University and is not information which belongs by right to any third party.

Because of my ambivalent feelings towards this matter, I sought advice from the Executive Council of the Simon Fraser Student Society. The President of the Student Society wrote to me on January 31st and stated that the Executive Council makes the following recommendation:

"Since the outright release of marks to high schools would be a violation of a student's privacy, we recommend that a student registering for the first time sign a release slip."

The course of action suggested by the Simon Fraser Student Society seems to be a reasonable one. I have discussed this with the counsellors in the Burnaby schools and for the most part they were in agreement that the confidentiality of students' records should be protected and that a student should have the opportunity of stating whether or not he wants to have his record sent back to the high school.

I recommend, therefore, that the Senate approve the institution of a release slip as attached to be signed by students upon first registering at the University and that the records of those students who do sign the slip be sent to the high school annually each May.

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Registrar

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Permission to Release University record to former secondary school.

I hereby grant permission to Simon Fraser University to release to my former Secondary School a copy of my Simon Fraser University permanent record now and in the future until I withdraw this permission by an acknowledged letter to the Registrar of the University.

I have examined a sample copy of a Simon Fraser University student permanent record.

Name

Student Number

Secondary School _____

Date _____