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WHEREAS there are many claims of grievance against admissions policies, grading, calendar interpretations and

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WHEREAS Senate is not composed so as to be representative of faculty and student numbers and interests.

BE IT RESOLVED that

1. Senate establish a continuing Review Commission composed of two students to be identified by the students at large and two faculty to be identified by faculty at large.
2. The functions of the Review Commission be to actively seek out, anticipate and report on grievances related to academic policies of Simon Fraser.

E. Gibson

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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



BURNABY 2, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Telephone 291-3211 Area code 604

November 27, 1968

Mr. Rob. Walsh,
President,
Simon Fraser Student Society,
Simon Fraser University,
Burnaby 2, B. C.

Dear Mr. Walsh:

I am very pleased and grateful to receive your prompt and humane reply. The request for advice arose out of a natural concern for those involved and an equally strong concern that you should express your reasons in your own terms. I fully agree with the spirit of the reasons you presented. I shall ask the Attorney-General to give every consideration to the requests set out in your reply. I shall also forward to him the expression of faculty on this issue.

I trust that you will communicate my reply to the students.

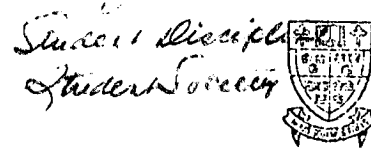
Yours sincerely,

K. Strand

K. Strand
Acting President

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SIMON FRASER STUDENT SOCIETY

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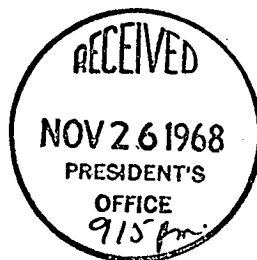
November 26, 1968

Dr. K. Strand
Acting President
Simon Fraser University
Burnaby 2, B.C.

Dr. Strand:

In reply to your response to Motion C: "Please advise me as to the reasons why I should advocate withdrawal of the charges." The following reasons should suffice:

1. The purpose of the RCMP presence on campus was to clear the administration building: that purpose was served. Criminal prosecution is therefore unnecessary.
2. The Simon Fraser Student Society has in its possession petitions signed (as of 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 26, 1968) by over 2300 students of SFU requesting the Attorney-General to drop all criminal charges against the 114 arrested. Copies of the petition will be forthcoming. We expect more copies of the petition from UBC and VCC students and from the general public. Enclosed please find a sample of the petition.
3. The occupants of the building were unaware of the consequences of having a criminal record. The students cannot be considered fully conscious of committing a criminal act.
4. The use of the RCMP to evict the occupants of the building does not necessitate the criminal prosecution of the persons arrested.
5. The conviction of the students arrested will, in the future, seriously endanger the possibility of rational debate to resolve the university problems.
6. Your asking the Attorney-General to drop the charges will help restore an atmosphere of rationality and reason on the campus of our university.
7. Some of the persons arrested did not endorse the occupation but entered the building with the desire to learn about the conflict. In terms of those who may be guilty or not guilty of occupying the Administration Building, the number arrested is not true since some persons were accidentally absent from the building and yet others accidentally present in the building at the time of the RCMP arrival.



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8. I feel that one of the functions of a university is to develop a critical mind. Since criticism is learning, the severity of this legal action will stifle the educational potential of this institution, perhaps so discouraging the power of critical thought so as to leave SFU intellectually meek.

9. The enforcement of criminal charges, in addition to calling the RCMP, will doubly assert the negative precedence of using outside force to resolve the conflicts within the structure of the university. The ramifications of this dangerous precedence surely will be felt throughout the larger international academic community.

10. Finally, I appeal to you on humanitarian grounds to consider the severe consequences of criminal conviction upon the personal lives of the students arrested and the personal lives of their families.

In addition to the above 10 reasons I will quote to you a portion of the letter dated November 26, 1968 received from the Student Society legal advisors in which an individual's capacity to request the dismissal of criminal charges is treated:

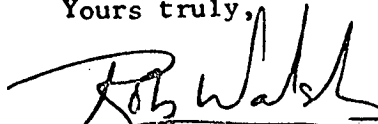
"It is the writer's considered opinion that there is nothing improper in the presentation of a motion requesting that the President of the University ask (sic) the Attorney-General to effect the three requests stated in the motion. (There is no reason at law why an individual or a party cannot make representations to the Attorney-General's department with respect to criminal charges.)

The Attorney-General may or may not act upon such representations but if they should be made by Dr. Strand it would not constitute contempt of Court."

In view of the potential explosiveness of Motion C, I beg you to favourably reply immediately. Should you feel that I could be of any assistance in your appeal to the Attorney-General, please feel free to so request my assistance.

Again, I remind you of the immanence of this question and once again appeal to you to respond immediately and favourably.

Yours truly,



Rob Walsh
President

Simon Fraser Student Society

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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



BURNABY 2, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Telephone 291-3211 Area code 604

November 26, 1968

Mr. Rob. Walsh,
President,
Simon Fraser Student Society,
Simon Fraser University,
Burnaby 2, B. C.

Dear Mr. Walsh:

This letter is in reply to your letter of November 25 in which you informed me of a number of motions passed by the Simon Fraser Student Society at its extraordinary special meeting held 12:30 p. m. to 5:00 p. m., November 25.

You have asked me to respond to the four motions - A, B, C and D. My response to motion A is:

As I have repeatedly stated, reason is the means by which changes will be made within this University. The Senate has not yet dealt directly with these issues as you have stated them, but Senate has established parity committees to hear appeals and to recommend to Senate long-range policies. (See attached motions). No procedural criteria have yet been established and I expect Senate to consider these matters further in its next regular meeting on Monday, December 2.

My response to motion B is:

As the alleged existence of the documents you mention is a critical matter for this University, I will call for the formation of a committee. The terms of reference of this committee will be the preparation of policy recommendations to me on the "openness" of University files. In its deliberations, the committee is asked to pay particular attention to such questions as the potential misuse of open files and technical problems.

My response to motion C is:

Please advise me as to the reasons why I should advocate withdrawal of the charges.

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My response to motion D is:

Since the events of Saturday morning, November 23, I have advised the Municipal Police (R. C. M. P.) to discontinue their presence at the University. I have, in turn, been advised by them that, as of Monday morning, November 25, at 8:00 a. m., none of their officers is engaged in his duties on the campus of Simon Fraser University.

I would also like to repeat a call I made on September 9, 1968 - namely, that a faculty/student presidential advisory committee be formed. I said:

"One of the conditions under which a majority of the student search committee agreed to my candidature was that within six weeks of taking office I call for the formation of an advisory committee to consist of three elected students and three faculty members. We agreed upon the method by which the students would be elected and we agreed that the faculty members would be selected by a means to be determined by Joint Faculty. I now formally call for the creation of this advisory committee.

"A word of comment concerning the committee. I regard this as an excellent proposal as I need advice on a number of issues. I urge that it be created promptly. It is the most clear line of communication possible."

Yours sincerely,

K. Strand

K. Strand,
Acting President.

Att.

P. S. The attachments will follow.

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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



BURNABY 2, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Telephone 291-3211 Area code 604

26 November, 1968.

Mr. Rob. Walsh,
President,
Simon Fraser Student Society.

Dear Mr. Walsh,

I am preparing a reply to your letter of
November 25th.

I do not know if you will receive my reply by
5 p.m. today. Your letter was received by me at 8:30 p.m.
last night.

Furthermore, my reply will be in the form of an
open letter, and you will be supplied with a number of
copies.

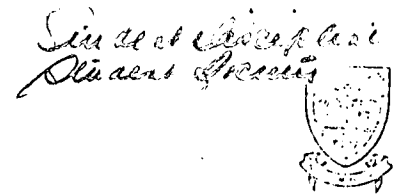
Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K. Strand".

K. Strand
Acting President

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SIMON FRASER STUDENT SOCIETY

simon fraser university/burnaby 2, b.c./telephone 291-3181

November 25, 1968.

Dr. Strand
Acting President
Simon Fraser University
Burnaby 2, B.C.

Dear Dr. Strand:

At an extraordinary Special Meeting of the Simon Fraser Student Society held today between 12:30 to 5:00 pm, the following motions were passed:

- A. That Dr. Strand, as Chairman, convene a Special Meeting of Senate to consider the following 4 points:
- i. freedom of transfer within the B.C. education system
 - ii. opening of all files on admissions and standing to an investigation committee
 - iii. the establishment of a student-faculty parity committee on admissions and standing
 - iv. increase financing of higher education in B.C.
- (Senators Wong and Boland will present to Senate a paper on these points.)
- B. Dr. Strand, as Acting President, call for the formation of an investigating committee composed of 3 students elected by the S.F. student Society and 3 faculty elected by faculty to:
- i. investigate the administrative operations of the university including the alleged existence of documents inquiring into the political sympathies of faculty and students
 - ii. and that this committee have access to all university files
 - iii. to publicly recommend action, legal and internal university action to the Acting President
- C. Dr. Strand ask the Attorney-General of the Province of B.C.
- i. to drop all criminal charges against the 114 people arrested with reference to Section 372 (c), Criminal Code of Canada
 - ii. that no further legal charges be laid against any of the 114 people arrested or against any persons involved in the occupation of the Administration Building of Simon Fraser University
 - iii. no charges be laid against juveniles involved in the occupation
- D. That Dr. Strand assure the University that there will not be a continual or any further presence of any officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on the campus of Simon Fraser University. This is not to be construed that the RCMP cannot be called to protect the basic individual rights pertaining to physical well-being or personal property, where the SFU Security Patrol is unable to handle this isolated case.

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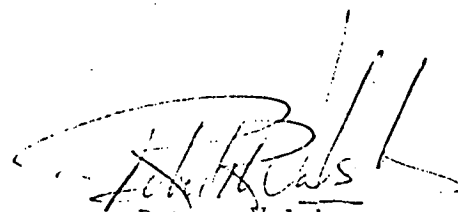
E. That Dr. Strand respond in writing to the above four motions (A, B, C, and D) by Tuesday, 5:00 pm, November 26, 1968, and that if he does not respond, the Executive Council of the S.F.S.S. will introduce a motion to a meeting of S.F.S.S. convened at 12:30 pm, Wednesday, November 27, 1968, asking for the resignation of Dr. Strand as Acting President of Simon Fraser University, by ballot vote, and that SFSS will consider further motions such as a strike by the general student body of Simon Fraser University.

In addition, the following motion was passed:

Whereas Dr. Strand expressed his unwillingness to resolve the conflict internally in the University through rational debate between faculty and students, the Simon Fraser Student Society condemn Dr. Strand, Acting President, for calling the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on campus in violation of the principles of academic freedom and of integral autonomy of the Simon Fraser University community. Further, that this motion and its condemnation be not construed as being a condemnation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

It was the hope of the Simon Fraser Student Society that these requests will receive a favourable and speedy response.

Yours truly,



Robert Walsh
President

Simon Fraser Student Society

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Admiss & Standings
Appeal

SPECIAL MEETING OF SENATE -- WEDNESDAY, November 20, 1968

MOTIONS APPROVED BY SENATE

Copy of these motions was provided immediately following the close of the Senate Meeting and taken directly into the group occupying the Administration Building.

MOTIONS APPROVED BY SENATE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1968

I. MOTION ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

Because there are clearly a number of outstanding grievances concerning admissions and standings, the Senate should establish an Admissions and Standings Appeal Committee as a separate and distinct body from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings.

MEMBERSHIP

1. One member of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings to be selected by that body, as a non-voting member.
2. Two faculty senators to be named by Senate, one student senator to be named by Senate, and one student to be named by the Student Society.
3. The Assistant Registrar for Admissions, who shall be a non-voting member and secretary to the Committee.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To hear appeals on decisions of admissions and standings from applicants for admission or registered students;
2. To permit representations directly made by any student appellant, the student ombudsman, the Dean of Student Affairs, any of the Deans of Faculty, or any member of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings.
3. The Committee is required to give clear reason in writing to each appellant whose written petition for admission, re-admission, or adjustment of standing has been denied.
4. The appeal Committee shall have the right of access to any and all University records relevant to an appeal.
5. The decision of this body shall be binding on the University.

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MOTIONS APPROVED BY SENATE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1968

II. MOTION: That Senate order a complete review

of undergraduate admissions and standings

policies, to be organized as follows:

1. That the Senate name one member of faculty who will be charged with the development of a definitive and comprehensive admissions and standings policy in consultation with an advisory committee consisting of three faculty members appointed by Senate and three students determined by the Student Society.
2. (a) The above-named individual shall be released from all other duties for a period of three months.

(b) Regular consultation with the above named advisory committee, as well as consultation with interested parties, both inside and outside the University.

(c) That the draft policies when developed be submitted to the Consultation Committee for discussion, and subsequent to that be forwarded to the President for consideration and final approval by Senate.
3. That these approved policies in respect to admissions and standings be made public.

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Ad. & Student
Appeals

SPECIAL MEETING OF SENATE -- WEDNESDAY, November 20, 1968.

Submissions from the Simon Fraser Student Society (The proposals were accompanied by papers from the Student Society - S-172 (a), S-172(b) and S-175.

PROPOSALS

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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Admissions & Standards

SPECIAL MEETING OF SENATE

Wednesday, November 20, 1968.

Motion:- D. Korbin, G. Sperling

Motion: moved by Donn Korbin

Whereas: the Admissions Policy (and its application) at SFU has been found unacceptable by those which it affects, the students of SF, U.B.C., and Van City College, Senate.

1. Acceptw in relation to S.F.U. Admissions and Accreditation Criteria the principle of free transfer and automatic acceptance of credits within the B.C. educational system.
 - i. This principle is to be applied to all
 - a. Grade 13 students
 - b. Regional and Community College students in B.C. on the Academic Program
 - c. B.C. university students (ie. U.B.C. and Victoria Univer.)
 - ii. Adoption in Principle indicates that Senate accept the following:
 - a. All students from the above categories will be admitted for study at SFU upon completion of a semester/year with an overall average of 2.0 or its equivalent
 - b. The above students will receive transfer credits in all courses for which they receive a passing mark.
 - c. These courses will at the discretion of the individual student concerned, be acceptable for advanced standing in all departments, subject to prior discussion between the individual student and the particular department.
2. Call for election for a parity student/faculty admissions board.
 - i. Composition
 - a. three students elected by the S.F.S.S
 - b. three faculty members elected at large by joint faculty
 - ii. Responsibilities
 - a. to formulate entrance criteria for all categories of students within the guidelines set out
 - b. to hear appeals from students wishing to appeal the application of criteria by the Registrar's office or for any other reason. Its decision will be final,
 - iii. Senate agrees to ratify all decisions of this Board
 - iv. This Board will have access to all files in the Registrar's office concerning admissions and accreditation.
3. Calls for election held by S.F.S.S. for an investigation committee with complete access to all files of the Registrar's office concerning admissions and accreditation.
 - i. Composition.
 - a. five students elected by the S.F.S.S.
 - b. one student sitting on the Admissions Board elected by the students sitting on that Board.
 - c. two observers, one each elected by the students of V.C.C. and U.B.C. These observers will have the right of participation in discussions, but will not be voting members. Observers from other colleges and universities in B.C. will be accepted upon their request or the request of the committee.
 - ii. Responsibilities:
 - a. to work for redress of all those individuals which the records indicate have been victims of improper or improperly applied criteria in the past. These cases will be pursued or made public only with the permission of the individuals involved.
 - b. to investigate charges of discrimination on whatever grounds on the part of the Registrar's Office in both admissions and the granting of credits and standing and to bring back a report to Senate, S.F.S.S. and Joint Faculty.
4. will initiate a public campaign demanding increased funding of higher education and equitable financing within the educational system.
5. Non-academic criteria will not be applied to refuse admission to any applicant. Equivalent academic criteria will be applied for all applicants. (Higher criteria than that demanded by the University for B.C. students will *not be applied to out of province or foreign students.