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Collection Description

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32 cm of textual records.

Administrative History

Reacting to growing pressure throughout the province to study the long-term requirements of higher education, newly-appointed University of British Columbia President John B. MacDonald offered to conduct a survey and prepare recommendations in 1962. He felt it appropriate that the President's Office should prepare such a report given the implicit responsibility under the terms of the Universities Act to provide leadership in planning for long-term higher education and to assist in the development of a strong academic program for the province. MacDonald proposed that he prepare a report which would then be submitted to the Board of Governors and Senate for their approval and then sent to the Ministry of Education for consideration. Working with University faculty and staff, MacDonald organized a Committee on Higher Education and heard briefs prepared by interested community groups throughout the province. The report on *Higher Education in British Columbia and a Plan for the Future*, released in January 1963, proposed the establishment of new organizational structures and more decentralization to restructure the increasingly inadequate higher education system in British Columbia.

Scope and Content

Most of this collection was assembled by William Tetlow of the UBC Office of Institutional Analysis and Planning, and consists of President MacDonald's initial proposal to the Board of Governors and Senate as well as minutes and reports arising from the work of the Committee on Higher Education (1962/63). In addition, there are also copies of numerous briefs presented by community groups from throughout the province. Also included are copies of documents related to the Report, compiled by the President's Office and sent to Simon Fraser University to help the SFU Archives document the origins of their university, and maintained as a potentially useful historical resource.

Notes

File list available.

Related records may be found in the [John Dennison](#) fonds.

File List

Box 1

- 1-1 "President's Statement on Decentralization of Higher Education to the Board of Governors" (July 1962)
- 1-2 UBC Senate meeting minutes (August 1962)
- 1-3 President's Committee on Higher Education - Minutes (1962-1963)
- 1-4 Report Summary
- 1-5 Suggestions for a revised outline
- 1-6 Requests for speakers
- 1-7 Report -- Correspondence, discussion papers, statistics (1962-1963)

Box 2

BRIEFS

- 2-1 "Vocational School for the Okanagan Mainline Area" -- Kelowna Higher Education Committee (1961)
- 2-2 Vernon - Board of School Trustees -- District 22 (1962)
- 2-3 Nelson School Board District No. 7 (1962)
- 2-4 Kamloops Region - Board of School Trustees District No. 24 (1962)
- 2-5 UBC Alumni Association -- Kelowna
- 2-6 UBC Alumni Association -- Trail and District Branch (1962)
- 2-7 Revelstoke - Citizens of the City of Revelstoke (1962)
- 2-8 Vernon and District Council of Women (1962)

- 2-9 UBC Alumni Association -- North/Central Branch (1962)
- 2-10 Trail School Board - School District No. 11 (1962)
- 2-11 Rossland - Mayor H.S. Elmes (1962)
- 2-12 Lake Cowichan
- 2-13 "A Brief in Support of a Junior College at Salmon Arm, BC" -- Junior College Committee (1962)
- 2-14 "A Brief Supporting the Establishment of a Junior College in the South Okanagan" -- Southern Interior Junior College Society (1962)
- 2-15 Prince George Catholic College (1962)
- 2-16 "The Cultural Life of Prince George" -- Board of School Trustees -- School District No. 57 (1962)

BRIEF ABSTRACTS

- 2-18 Spare copies
- 2-19 Governments
- 2-20 Location
- 2-21 Type of Education Wanted
- 2-22 Reasons for New Institutions and Decentralization
- 2-23 Sites
- 2-24 Special Features of Districts and Facilities Interest
- 2-25 Standards, Staff, Private Institutions
- 2-26 Finance

Box 3

DOCUMENTS COMPILED FOR SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

- 3-1 Copies of documents relating to MacDonald Report... sent to S.F.U. at their request November 1979
- 3-2 Copies of documents relating to MacDonald Report... not sent to S.F.U. November 1979