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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department
Title:	Simon Fraser Teachers' Union fonds
ID:	F-118
Date:	1967 - 1968 (date of creation)
Physical description:	13 cm of textual records
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Simon Fraser Teachers' Union held its organizational meeting and first general meeting on July 27, 1967. Its membership consisted of faculty members who felt that the Simon Fraser University Faculty Association (SFUFA) was not representing their interests. The SFTU remained active until 1968, when it integrated into the SFUFA after that body called for the resignation of SFU's president, Patrick Duncan McTaggart-Cowan.

The SFTU was formed, in part, as a reaction to perceived inadequacies with the SFUFA due to its close association with university administration. The SFTU was distinct from the SFUFA because it excluded from its membership the President, administrators, heads, librarians and teaching assistants. The SFTU was designed to deal solely with the problems of faculty members, and to advocate on their behalf.

The Teachers' Union's stated aims were as follows:

to promote, establish, and maintain the highest academic standards among the members of the full-time teaching faculty at Simon Fraser University; to concern itself with the welfare of its membership specifically in the areas of academic freedom, tenure, promotions, dismissal and renewal procedures, and in general to adopt the methods of collective bargaining in furthering the vital interests of its membership; to ensure that the university adheres to democratic principles and procedures in the relations that are established between students, teaching assistants, faculty, administration, and all other members of the academic community; to provide ways and means of furthering the interests of faculty not available through other teacher associations (e.g. Faculty Association, CAUT), due to the limited effectiveness imposed upon such associations by their structure, and, by the exclusion of heads of departments and other administrative personnel, to minimize conflicts of interest that militate against the best interests of the faculty.

The Simon Fraser Teachers' Union executive, consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, corresponding secretary, and four directors managed the business of

the union. The STU was the first union of university professors in Canada, although it did not receive certification under the existing labour code.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of records created, received and collected by the Simon Fraser Teachers' Union in carrying out its stated objectives. Includes the union's constitution, draft amendments to the constitution, correspondence, membership applications and cards, minutes, agenda, reports, financial records, memoranda, and newspaper clippings.

Notes

Title notes

- Source of title proper: Title of the fonds is based on its provenance.

Immediate source of acquisition

Unknown.

Arrangement

The materials were arranged by the Archivist.

Restrictions on access

Some files may contain personal or confidential information. Access to these files may be restricted as stipulated by Archives policy or the donor. Files marked 'pending review' must be reviewed by an archivist prior to release, and as a result of the review access restrictions may apply. Please see the file lists and consult the archivist for more details.

Finding aids

A file list is available.

Related material

Please consult the inventory for the Simon Fraser University Faculty Association fonds, F-79, the Faculty Council fonds, F-112, and the Joint Faculty fonds, F-113.

Accruals

All accessions have been processed as of September 2002. No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- Publication status: published
- Level of detail: Full
- Status description: Revised

Access points

- Labour (subject)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-118-0-0-0-1	File - Constitution	1967	Pending review	118-1
F-118-0-0-0-2	File - Draft amendments to Constitution	1967 - 1968	Pending review	118-1
F-118-0-0-0-3	File - Correspondence - Constitution	1967	Pending review	118-1
F-118-0-0-0-4	File - Informational Notices - Formation of Union	1967 - 1968	Pending review	118-1
F-118-0-0-0-5	File - Applications for membership and membership cards	1967	Pending review	118-1
F-118-0-0-0-6	File - Executive nomination ballot	1967	Pending review	118-1
F-118-0-0-0-7	File - Membership drive notes	1967 - 1968	Pending review	118-1
F-118-0-0-0-8	File - Minutes and agenda	1967	Pending review	118-1
F-118-0-0-0-9	File - Reports to faculty; SFTU News; Union position papers	1967 - 1968	Pending review	118-1
F-118-0-0-0-10	File - Bank statements and finance notes	1967 - 1968	Pending review	118-1
F-118-0-0-0-11	File - Faculty Association memoranda	1967 - 1968	Pending review	118-1
F-118-0-0-0-12	File - Correspondence - affiliation	1967	Pending review	118-1
F-118-0-0-0-13	File - Union President's incoming correspondence	1967 - 1968	Pending review	118-1
F-118-0-0-0-14	File - Union President's outgoing correspondence to University President	1967 - 1968	Pending review	118-1
F-118-0-0-0-15	File - Memoranda from University President	1967 - 1968	Pending review	118-1
F-118-0-0-0-16	File - Newspaper clippings - Teachers' Union	1967 - 1968	Pending review	118-1