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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department
Title:	John F. Ellis fonds
ID:	F-142
Date:	1964 - 1969 (date of creation)
Physical description:	13 cm of textual records
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

John Ellis came to SFU as a charter faculty member in the Faculty of Education. He received his Ed.D degree from the University of California at Berkeley and had a twenty-year career in public education before joining the University to direct the Professional Foundations Program. He served as temporary acting president of SFU for four days following the resignation of Patrick McTaggart-Cowan in May 1968.

In November of that year, a series of protests against Simon Fraser University's admissions policies and inconsistent accreditation for courses taken at other institutions culminated in a 65 hour "sit-in" in the University Administration Offices. The University Senate responded by charging Professor Ellis with the responsibility of "the development of a definitive and comprehensive admissions and standings policy in consultation with an advisory committee..." (Simon Fraser University Senate. Minutes of Meeting held November 20, 1968. Although there was an "advisory committee" named by Senate, the final report is the product of Dr. Ellis' research, reflection and writing. Admissions and Standards: A Suggested Policy was released late March 1969. In June 1969, Senate adopted the recommendations of the report with only minor revisions. The admissions controversy was effectively defused. The Ellis Report as it was re-titled by the university community, was widely applauded in post-secondary education circles in British Columbia, and played an important role in the development of Simon Fraser University.

Scope and content

The files include Dr. Ellis's notes on numerous interviews, background research, and the correspondence which accumulated in the preparation of the report as well as a briefly annotated copy of the report itself.

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

John Ellis donated the fonds to the SFU Archives in 1978.

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

File list is available.

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

- Senate
- Faculty of Education

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-142-0-0-0-1	File - Notes on Consultations re Admissions Policy	1968 - 1969	Pending review	142-1
F-142-0-0-0-2	File - Responses to report obtained before it was taken to Senate	1964	Pending review	142-1
F-142-0-0-0-3	File - Correspondence and notes re admissions report	1968 - 1969	Pending review	142-1
F-142-0-0-0-4	File - Background research for Admissions Report #1 and Minutes of Senate Meeting establishing Admissions Report #2	1968 - 1969	Pending review	142-1
F-142-0-0-0-5	File - Background research for Admissions Report #2	1968 - 1969	Pending review	142-1
F-142-0-0-0-6	File - Admissions and Standards: A Suggest Policy (annotated)	1969	Pending review	142-1
F-142-0-0-0-7	File - Admissions and Standards: A Suggest Policy (unbound)	1969	Pending review	142-1