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Richard E. Lester fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department
Title:	Richard E. Lester fonds
ID:	F-209
Date:	1963-1985 (date of creation)
Physical description:	38 cm of textual records
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Richard Lester was born in Toronto, Ontario in 1928. He came to Vancouver in 1947, eventually attending law school at the University of British Columbia. After being called to the British Columbia Bar in 1953 he practiced in Maple Ridge (then Haney). He served on the school board and was president of the BC School Trustees Association from 1961 to 1963.

In 1963 he was appointed to the first Board of Governors for the newly formed Simon Fraser University, a position he held until he became Chairman of the Board in the fall of 1968. He resigned this position in 1971, returning to his law practice.

Lester lived in Maple Ridge and then West Vancouver. He married Lois Audrey Jensen in 1952 and has 4 children.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of records relating to Lester's time as a member of the Board of Governors and then the Chairman of the Board. The records are arranged in 3 series: Academic Freedom and Tenure, Correspondence, and Subject files. The subject files include records relating to the CAUT censure, the Department of Political Science, Sociology, and Anthropology (PSA) dispute, and university reorganization as a result of the censure and dispute.

Notes

Title notes

- Source of title proper: Title based on contents of the fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

The fonds was donated by Richard Lester to the Simon Fraser University Archives.

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 reference archivist for more details.

Related material

Please consult the inventory for the Board of Governors fonds F-33.

Other notes

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

Access points

- Education (subject)

Series descriptions

Series F-209-1: Academic Freedom and Tenure

Date: 1966 - 1971 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records relating to the creation and revision of the university's Academic Freedom and Tenure statements and policies. Includes reports, examples from other universities, correspondence, and notes to file.

Physical description: 11 cm of textual records

Note:

Title based on contents of the series.

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-209-1-0-0-1	File - Academic freedom and tenure statement	1966 - 1968	Pending review	209-1
F-209-1-0-0-2	File - Academic freedom and tenure	1967 - 1969	Pending review	209-1
F-209-1-0-0-3	File - Academic freedom and tenure	1967 - 1969	Pending review	209-1
F-209-1-0-0-4	File - Academic freedom and tenure	1970 - 1971	Pending review	209-1
F-209-1-0-0-5	File - Academic freedom and tenure	1971	Pending review	209-1

Series F-209-2: Correspondence

Date: 1963 - 1971 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of correspondence generated while Richard Lester was both a member of the Board of Governors and also Chairman of the Board.

Physical description: 8 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-209-2-0-0-1	File - Correspondence - general	1963 - 1965	Pending review	209-1
F-209-2-0-0-2	File - Correspondence	1968 - 1969	Pending review	209-2
F-209-2-0-0-3	File - Correspondence	1967 - 1971	Pending review	209-2
F-209-2-0-0-4	File - Correspondence - Dr. Kenneth Strand appointment as president	1971	Pending review	209-2

Series F-209-3: Subject files

Date: 1963 - 1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of subject files relating to Lester's involvement in the architecture and construction of the campus, censure from CAUT, reorganization, resolutions, and a recollection of his time at SFU.

Physical description: 19 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Architectural drawing (documentary form)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-209-3-0-0-1	File - Architecture & Building	1963 - 1964	Pending review	209-2
F-209-3-0-0-2	File - Board of Governors minutes, vol. 1	1963 - 1965	Pending review	209-2
F-209-3-0-0-3	File - Board of Governors minutes, vol. 2	1963 - 1965	Pending review	209-2
F-209-3-0-0-4	File - Censure from CAUT	1967 - 1968	Pending review	209-3
F-209-3-0-0-5	File - PSA dispute	1969 - 1970	Pending review	209-3
F-209-3-0-0-6	File - Reorganization of university structure	1967 - 1968	Pending review	209-3
F-209-3-0-0-7	File - Reorganization of university structure	1967 - 1970	Pending review	209-3
F-209-3-0-0-8	File - Resolutions of board and faculty flowing from censure	1968 - 1971	Pending review	209-3
F-209-3-0-0-9	File - Essay - Richard Lester's recollection of his time at SFU	1985	Pending review	209-3
F-209-3-0-0-10	File - Communications between Lester and President Strand	1968 - 1971	Pending review	209-3