

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

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Pres. Annual Report
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Senate

From President.

Subject Annual Report

Date March 29, 1966.

The Universities Act provides for an annual report from the Board to the Lt. Governor in Council (article 50) which is in essence a financial report, and covers the period from April 1st to March 31st, to conform with the fiscal year of the Provincial Government.

The Act also provides for an annual report by the President to the Board and the Senate on the progress of the University.

As the present time, I have plans for reporting to convocation three times a year, in the publication "Takkali" the first two issues of which have appeared, and the third one is under preparation, and will cover our fall semester 1965. Issue number four will report on the present spring semester, issue number five on the summer semester etc.

These reports might be considered as the trimester equivalent of the annual report mentioned in article 59, but on the basis of discussion with the Heads of Departments I believe that a separate annual report would have real merit, particularly if it was produced at the end of our summer semester, so that it was available in print by mid-September, and would cover the operation of the preceding fall, spring and summer semesters together with a note on the enrolment for the fall semester in which the publication appeared. With suitable editorial organisation the bulk of this report could be prepared during the summer semester, and a few key parts written quickly, immediately the registration record of the current fall semester was known.

Such a report would have several advantages over the traditional June reporting date of this province, in that it would contain information based on a trimester operation i.e. a complete number of semesters and would contain information of immediate relevance to the estimates to be submitted to the Provincial Government, approximately two months after the annual report would be available. The report would therefore be of value to all members of the legislative assembly and of particular value to the Minister of Education and the Advisory Board in considering our estimates and budget application.

As my annual report is specifically (article 59) Universities Act) for the Board and the Senate, I would appreciate your consideration of the forgoing. I sought the views of the Board of Governors. They agreed with the forgoing thoughts and pointed out that our "Academic Year" really starts in September with the Fall semester so that this is the logical break point for the report.

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