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Admission

Paper S-66

To: Senate, Board of Governors

From: Registrar

24 October, 1967

Subject: 1967 Fall Registration

Table 1 Total Registrations 67-3

	Arts	Education	Science	Total
Undergraduate	2762	1027	927	4716
Graduate	157	13	83	253
Total	2919	1040	1010	4969

Table 2 Undergraduate Registrations 66-3 and 67-3

	67-3	66-3
Returning students	3009	2052
New admissions	1707	2023
Total	4716	4075

Table 3 Undergraduate Applications 66-3 and 67-3

	67-3	66-3
Applications	3047	3846
Applications accepted	2099 (69%)	2490 (65%)
Applications rejected	948 (31%)	1356 (35%)
Accepted students who registered	1707 (81%)	2023 (81%)
Applicants who registered	1707 (56%)	2023 (53%)

Comments

1. In July the Registrar reported to the Dean's Committee that based on projections of past experience there was no need to be concerned that undergraduate enrolments would far exceed 5,000. Some concern had been expressed by segments of the University that 6,000 undergraduates would be enrolled unless measures were taken to limit enrolments. The anticipated enrolment at that time was 3092 returning students and 2023 new students.

See attached paper dated July 13, 1967.

2. On August 7 the Registrar reported to the Dean's Committee that a shift had taken place and that the number of applications from new students was down from the previous year, but that over 3400 registered students had indicated their intention to return in the Fall semester.

The anticipated enrolment at that time was 3300 returning students and 1700 new students.

3. The reasons for a reduction in applications of some 800 are difficult to document.

Since the acceptance rate of 69% was 4% higher than last year there is reason to believe that some of the reduction, possibly a quarter of the numbers, is in the "last hope" category. That is students who are well aware of their ineligibility for any University will apply to a new University thinking it is hard up for students, but after word gets around that it is not so, these applications drop off.

The rest of the drop can only be accounted for by guesswork. My own guesses are as follows:

- a. Bad publicity in the Press regarding crowding at Simon Fraser - "lectures in the corridors".
- b. The active high school relations program conducted by UBC throughout the Province. (UBC enrolled more freshmen than it anticipated).

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3. c. A tapering off of enthusiasm for the bright new thing called Simon Fraser. I have noticed this to some extent amongst secondary school teachers and counsellors. Many of these people were frustrated by what they felt was unreasonableness on the part of UBC and when Simon Fraser came on the scene they looked to it to solve all the grievances, which may have been very personal and petty, they had built up with regard to UBC. When it was discovered that Simon Fraser had admission standards, required certain prerequisites, would not give advance credit with a liberal hand, failed students, had people who made statements disagreeable to others, and so on, just the same as UBC, the enthusiasm for Simon Fraser waned, and the old habit of sending the students to UBC re-asserted itself.
4. The original estimate I made on July 13 of 3092, which was based on a carry-over rate from the Spring and the Summer semesters of 75%, turned out to be a fairly close prediction, in fact much more valid than the declarations of the students.

The reasons why 400 students who had indicated in writing that they would return, did not, is being looked into by means of a mailed questionnaire. If there are enough returns in by the Senate meeting in November they will be reported at that time.


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To: Deans Committee

From: Registrar

13 July, 1967.

Subject: Undergraduate Enrolments: 67-3.

1. Carry-over students

(a)	Enrolment 66-1	-	2565
	New students 66-2	-	<u>165</u>
			2730

Carry-over of this 2730 to 66-3 was 2052 or 75%.

(b)	Enrolment 67-1	-	3957
	New students 67-2	-	<u>166</u>
			4123

4123 x .75 = 3092 carry-over.

Caution - I suspect the carry over rate will in fact be higher this year. There were many students admitted when the University first opened who shouldn't have been admitted and even though they were not required to withdraw they likely saw the signs of failure pretty clearly after two semesters.

2. New Applications

(a)	New applications to 66-3 totalled 3846
	acceptances totalled 2490

an acceptance rate of 65%.

(b) Actual registrations of accepted students in 66-3 was 2023
which is 81% of acceptances,
or 53% of applications.

(c) We expect to have same number of applications this year
so the likely new student registrations, without controls,
would again be 2023.

3. Total Enrolment

Carry overs	3092
New students	<u>2023</u>
	<u>5115</u>

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