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For Information

Dr. Pauline Jewett
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Dear Dr. Jewett:

Thank you for your letter of May 11, 1977 communicating the motions of the Senate and Board of Simon Fraser University. It is clear that a majority of your Senators are not aware that Universities received an increase of over 11 per cent, double the increase recorded in the provincial budget. Many other ministries with valuable programs did not fare as well.

I agree with your Senators that increases in student fees should not be routine means of meeting budget shortfalls. But rather than interpreting the Senate's message as a warning to government, I suggest it is a reminder to those charged with leadership in your University to bring costs of university education within the ability of the province to earn revenue and the student's ability to pay.

With the first quarter report in, provincial revenues are not growing fast enough to warrant optimism that increases in provincial grants will be very large in 1978/79.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. McGeer".

Patrick L. McGeer
Minister of Education