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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department
Title:	Michael Lebowitz fonds
ID:	F-129
Date:	1960 - 1971 (date of creation)
Physical description:	50 cm of textual records
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Michael Lebowitz, B.S. (N.Y.), M.S. (Wis.) is an emeritus Professor of Economics at Simon Fraser University. He joined SFU in 1965 as a charter faculty member in the Department of Economics and Commerce. Lebowitz was active in university affairs throughout his career.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of records relating to a dispute between SFU's administration and the Political Science, Sociology, and Anthropology Department. In July 1969 SFU President Kenneth Strand placed the PSA Department under trusteeship. In September eight faculty members and a number of students went on strike. Strand suspended the faculty members with pay and informed them of their right to appeal. One faculty member, Nathan Popkin, asked for a separate hearing because, although he was technically "on strike," he conducted classes in his home. Mike Lebowitz agreed to act as his counsel before the appeal committee chaired by UBC economist Gideon Rosenbluth.

The Rosenbluth Committee concluded that there was no cause for dismissal. The university reinstated Popkin only to allow his contract to expire the following year.

Fonds consists of correspondence, minutes, transcripts, agendas, notes, schedules, procedural rules, chronologies, reports, constitutions, petitions, news clippings, and other documents.

While Lebowitz acquired the papers for Popkin's defense, there is considerable material relating to the other professors who went on strike.

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

The fonds was donated to the SFU Archives by Michael Lebowitz.

Arrangement

The materials were arranged by the Archivist.

Restrictions on access

The files are open with no restrictions.

Finding aids

Series descriptions and file lists are available. For additional biographical information, see the essay written by Mike Lebowitz in March 2002 which is available in the hard copy version of the finding aid maintained in the Archives Reading Room.

Related material

See the inventories for the Office of the Registrar fonds, F-85-1; Norman Swartz PSA Collection, F-131; and the PSA Collection, SFU Archives Collector, F-150. Also see Nathan S. Popkin Collection at the University of British Columbia Library, Special Collections.

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

- Law and justice (subject)

Series descriptions

Series F-129-1: Correspondence

Date: 1966 - 1971 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records relating to the administrative crisis in the PSA Department, the establishment of a trusteeship by the University, and the strike by eight faculty members of the PSA Department. Includes correspondence, reports, notes, statements, press releases and other documents.

Physical description: 20 cm of textual records

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-129-1-0-0-1	File - Correspondence	1966 - 1967	Open	129-1
F-129-1-0-0-2	File - Correspondence	1968	Open	129-1
F-129-1-0-0-3	File - Correspondence	1968	Open	129-1
F-129-1-0-0-4	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-1
F-129-1-0-0-5	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-1
F-129-1-0-0-6	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-1
F-129-1-0-0-7	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-1
F-129-1-0-0-8	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-1
F-129-1-0-0-9	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-1
F-129-1-0-0-10	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-1
F-129-1-0-0-11	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-1
F-129-1-0-0-12	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-1
F-129-1-0-0-13	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-1
F-129-1-0-0-14	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-1
F-129-1-0-0-15	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-2
F-129-1-0-0-16	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-2
F-129-1-0-0-17	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-2
F-129-1-0-0-18	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-2
F-129-1-0-0-19	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	129-2
F-129-1-0-0-20	File - Correspondence	1970	Open	129-2
F-129-1-0-0-21	File - Correspondence	1970 - 1971	Open	129-2

Series F-129-2: Minutes and transcripts

Date: 1966 - 1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records relating to meetings within the PSA Department and between the department and other University units. Includes minutes, transcripts, agendas and other documents.

Physical description: 4 cm of textual records

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-129-2-0-0-1	File - Senate minutes	1966 - 1969	Open	129-2
F-129-2-0-0-2	File - PSA. Department minutes	1968 - 1969	Open	129-2
F-129-2-0-0-3	File - PSA meeting with Dean of Arts and other transcripts	1969	Open	129-2
F-129-2-0-0-4	File - Trustee Committee of PSA Department, minutes	1969 - 1970	Open	129-2

Series F-129-3: Hearings and appeal records

Date: 1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists primarily of records relating to the suspension hearings for Nathan Popkin. Also contains some records relating to suspension hearings for Kathleen Aberle, Louis Feldhammer, John Leggett, and Prudence Wheeldon, as well as records relating to the appeal for non-renewal of contract for Tom Brose and Gerald Sperling. Includes handwritten notes made during the Popkin hearing, schedules, procedural rules, chronologies, statements, transcripts, and other documents.

Physical description: 13 cm of textual records

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-129-3-0-0-1	File - Suspension hearing-Popkin	1970	Open	129-3
F-129-3-0-0-2	File - President's submission to Popkin hearing	1970	Open	129-3
F-129-3-0-0-3	File - President's statement on Palmer decision	1970	Open	129-3
F-129-3-0-0-4	File - Popkin hearing notes 1/2	1970	Open	129-3
F-129-3-0-0-5	File - Popkin hearing notes 2/2	1970	Open	129-3
F-129-3-0-0-6	File - Suspension hearings-Aberle, Feldhammer, Leggett, Wheeldon	1970	Open	129-3
F-129-3-0-0-7	File - Appeal re non-renewal of contract-Brose, Sperling	1970	Open	129-3

Series F-129-4: Background documents

Date: 1960 - 1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records providing background information about the PSA dispute and miscellaneous documents created in the course of the dispute. Includes reports, constitutions, petitions, news clippings, and other documents.

Physical description: 25 cm of textual records

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-129-4-0-0-1	File - Academic freedom and tenure	1964 - 1967	Open	
F-129-4-0-0-2	File - Geography department constitution	1960 - 1969	Open	129-4
F-129-4-0-0-3	File - Faculty Association constitution and bylaws	1968	Open	129-4
F-129-4-0-0-4	File - CAUT report on SFU	1968	Open	129-4
F-129-4-0-0-5	File - PSA Strike Bulletins	1969	Open	129-4
F-129-4-0-0-6	File - Other departments re PSA dispute	1969	Open	129-4
F-129-4-0-0-7	File - Faculty of Arts curriculum committee	1969	Open	129-4
F-129-4-0-0-8	File - Newspaper and journal articles	1969 - 1970	Open	129-4
F-129-4-0-0-9	File - History department tenure criteria and documentation	1970	Open	129-4