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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION: Senate

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FROM: Peter Keller, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP

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RE: SCUP Annual Report for 2016 – 2017 (SCUP 17-21)

DATE: April 21, 2017

TIME

At its April 19, 2017 meeting, SCUP reviewed for information the SCUP Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017. It is attached for the information of Senate.

**Senate Committee on University Priorities
(SCUP)**

ANNUAL REPORT

For the period of April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017

I. Principal Responsibilities

The principal responsibilities of SCUP include:

- The operation of the system of academic planning;
- To recommend the priorities that should be attached to the central allocation of resources required to implement approved new programs and strengthen existing programs;
- To review and approve notices of intent and full program proposals for submission to the provincial degree program approval process;
- To consider and make recommendations to Senate on proposals for new undergraduate and graduate programs and the discontinuance of programs;
- To be responsible for the operation of the system of external review of academic units;
- To receive and review recommendations for the establishment and disestablishment of academic departments, research units, centres and institutes;
- To provide advice to the President on the annual operating budget, annual capital budget and Five Year Capital Plan.

II. Meetings Held

2016

- April 20, 2016
- June 1, 2016
- July 20, 2016
- September 7, 2016
- September 21, 2016
- October 5, 2016
- November 9, 2016
- December 7, 2016

2017

- January 11, 2017
- March 8, 2017

III. Academic Planning

In relation to academic planning responsibilities, SCUP received for information the following:

- 2013-2018 Academic Plan Progress Report (July 20, 2016)

- Ministry of Advanced Education Quality Assurance Process Audit (January 11, 2017)

IV. Programs Approved for Further Planning

SCUP considered and approved the following programs for further planning:

- Certificate in Philosophy, Methodology and Science (April 20, 2016)
- Social Justice in Education Minor Program (January 11, 2017)
- Sustainable Energy Engineering Program (January 11, 2017)
- Certificate in Biological Anthropology (March 8, 2017)

V. New and Revised Programs

SCUP considered, approved, and recommended to Senate the following new programs:

- Major in Labour Studies (April 20, 2016)
- Graduate Certificate in the Linguistics of a First Nations Language (July 20, 2016)
- Certificate in Philosophy and Methodology of Science (December 7, 2016)
- Master of Science in Computer Science (December 7, 2016)

VI. Program Suspensions and Dissolutions

SCUP considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following suspensions of admission, and program dissolutions:

- Graduate Diploma in Foundations of Global Health Program (suspension July 20, 2016)
- Humanities Honours Program (suspension December 7, 2016)
- Asia Canada Studies Minor and Extended Minor Programs (suspension December 7, 2016)
- Spanish Language Certificate (suspension December 7, 2016)
- Bioinformatics Graduate Diploma Program (suspension and dissolution December 7, 2016)
- Certificate in Actuarial Mathematics (suspension and dissolution January 11, 2017)
- Bachelor of Business Administration Honours (with Term at the Segal Graduate School of Business) (suspension and dissolution January 11, 2017)
- Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology Health and Fitness Studies Certificate (suspension January 11, 2017)

VII. External Reviews

SCUP received external review reports and related comments, and developed recommendations for priority action items in relation to the following:

- Department of Humanities (September 21, 2016)
- Department of Political Science (September 21, 2016)
- Department of Chemistry (September 21, 2016)
- School of Criminology (November 9, 2016)
- School for International Studies (November 9, 2016)
- School of Public Policy (November 9, 2016)
- Department of Linguistics (November 9, 2016)

External review mid-cycle reports were received from the following academic units:

- Faculty of Health Sciences (December 7, 2016)
- Department of Biological Sciences (January 11, 2017)
- Department of Physics (January 11, 2017)
- Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science (January 11, 2017)
- School of Computing Science (January 11, 2017)
- Department of Geography (January 11, 2017)

VIII. Centres and Institutes

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the establishment of the following Centres or Institutes:

- Science and Technology for Aging Research (STAR) Institute (July 20, 2016)
- Institute on Violence, Terrorism, and Security (March 8, 2017)
- Canadian ATLAS Tier 1 Data Centre (March 8, 2017)

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the dissolution of the following Centres or Institutes:

- Centre for Coastal Science and Management (October 5, 2016)
- Centre for Studies in Global Asset and Wealth Management (November 9, 2016)

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the renaming of the following Centre or Institute:

- From the Centre for Sustainable Community Development to the Centre for Sustainable Development (June 1, 2016)

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the reclassification of the following Centre or Institute:

- Centre for Forensic Research (March 8, 2017)

SCUP approved the renewal of the following Centres or Institutes for a five-year term (November 9, 2016):

- Institute of Micromachine and Microfabrication Research
- Institute for the Humanities
- Institute of Governance Studies
- Mental Health, Law and Policy Institute
- Stavros Niarchos Foundation Centre for Hellenic Studies
- Centre for Education, Law and Society
- Centre for Tourism Policy and Research
- Co-operative Resource Management Institute
- Centre for Experimental and Constructive Mathematics
- Community Health Solutions
- Indigenous Research Institute
- Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (PIMS)
- TRUIMF – Canada's national laboratory for particle and nuclear physics
- Western Canadian Universities Marine Sciences Society (Bamfield)

SCUP considered the following document for information:

- Centre and Institute Report 2015/16 (November 9, 2016)

IX. Budget and Financial Issues

SCUP received regular updates and various documents in order to gain a familiarity with the operating and capital budget issues at the University, and to enable SCUP to discharge its advisory responsibilities.

Documents received for information:

- 2017/18 Budget Consultation (October 5, 2016 and March 8, 2017)

After a review of the available information in relation to the proposed 2016/17 University Budget, SCUP provided its comments to the President (March 22, 2017).

X. Establishment of Committees

No committees were established in this reporting year.

XI. Establishment of Chairs and Professorships

SCUP was consulted on and/or considered the naming of or revisions to the name of a Chair and/or Professorship:

- Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation Clinical Care Research Professorship (April 20, 2016)
- Renaming the St. Paul's Hospital Chair in Addictions Research to the St. Paul's Hospital Chair in Substance Use Research (October 5, 2016)
- Simons Foundation Chair in International Law and Human Security (November 9, 2016)

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the terms of reference for the following Chairs and/or Professorships:

- Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation Clinical Care Research Professorship (April 20, 2016)
- Simons Foundation Chair in International Law and Human Security (November 9, 2016)

XII. Other Matters Considered by SCUP

SCUP was consulted on, and/or considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following:

- Naming of the Charles Chang Innovation Centre (April 20, 2016)
- Naming of the Charles Chang Institute for Entrepreneurship (April 20, 2016)
- Naming of the Charles Chang Certificate in Innovation and Entrepreneurship (April 20, 2016)

- Hellenic Studies Professorship in Aegean and Mediterranean Societies and Cultures of the Modern Era (April 20, 2016)
- Title change for the Major in Environmental Resource Management to Resource and Environmental Management within the Faculty of Environment (June 1, 2016)
- Terms of Reference and Naming Consultation of the Hari and Madhu Varshney Visiting Scholars Program in Indian Studies (July 20, 2016)
- Terms of Reference and Naming Consultation of the Webster Visiting Scholar and Lecture Series in Biological Sciences (July 20, 2016)
- SFU's Strategic Research Plan for 2016-2020 (September 7, 2016)
- Naming of the Rajan Family Scholar in Computing Science (November 9, 2016)
- Naming of the Simons Distinguished Visiting Fellow in Dialogue on International Law and Human Security (November 9, 2016)
- Naming of the Simons Research Fellow in Dialogue on International Law and Human Security (November 9, 2016)

XIII. Committee Memberships

April 2016 – May 2016

J. Driver (Chair)	G. Myers	N. Abramson	T. Brennand
G. Chapman	C. Cupples	M. Eikerling	U. Glässer
P. Hans	R. Khan Hemani	J. Johnson	D. Laitsch
T. Leacock	J. Lewthwaite	A. Mundy	Z. Naqvi
W. Parkhouse	B. Schellenberg	C. Shaw	S. Rhodes
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June 2016 – March 2017

J. Driver/P. Keller (Chair)	G. Myers	G. Bird	T. Brennand
G. Chapman	L. Chen	C. Cupples	R. Khan Hemani
J. Johnson	D. Laitsch	T. Leacock	A. Mac Namara
B. Malhan	A. Moens	Z. Naqvi	W. Parkhouse
M. Roman	C. Shaw	S. Spector	Adebola Ige
T. Williams	P. Bassi	N. Dale	S. Rhodes
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Submitted to Senate by:



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Chair, Senate Committee on University Priorities