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## MEMORANDUM

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<b>ATTENTION</b>	Senate	<b>DATE</b>	September 10, 2025
<b>FROM</b>	Peter Hall, Associate Vice-President Academic, and Acting Chair, SCUP, on behalf of Dilson Rassier, Provost and Vice-President Academic, and Chair, SCUP	<b>PAGES</b>	1/7
<b>RE:</b>	SCUP Annual Report (SCUP 25-46)		

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At its meeting on September 10, 2025, SCUP reviewed the SCUP Annual Report for April 2024 to March 2025. It is attached for the information of Senate.

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

*For the period of April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025*

**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 set out in the Senate Guidelines for External Reviews;
- To receive and review recommendations for the establishment and disestablishment of academic departments, research units, centres and institutes under Policy R40.01, and forward recommendations to Senate;
- To provide advice to the President on the annual operating budget, annual capital budget and Five-Year Capital Plan before they are submitted to the Board of Governors for their approval.

**II. Meetings Held**

- April 20, 2024
- April 24, 2024 (Special Meeting)
- May 8, 2024
- July 10, 2024
- September 11, 2024
- October 23, 2024
- November 20, 2024 (Special Meeting)
- December 4, 2024
- January 8, 2025
- February 5, 2025
- February 26, 2025
- March 19, 2025

### **III. Academic Planning**

SCUP was consulted on the following document:

- Draft of the Academic Plan 2025-30 (May 8, 2024)

### **IV. Proposed Programs Approved for Further Planning**

SCUP considered and approved the following program proposals for further planning:

- Certificate in Foundations of Canadian Law (January 8, 2025)
- Bachelor of Science in Economics Major and Honours (February 5, 2025)
- Certificate in Professional Practice (February 5, 2025)
- Bachelor of Art in Public Policy (March 19, 2025)

### **V. New and Revised Programs**

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

- Medical Doctor Program (closed session; May 8, 2024)
- Master of Science in Environmental Science (May 8, 2024)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Science (May 8, 2024)
- Certificate in Data Science in Physics (September 11, 2024)
- Graduate Certificate in Global Management (October 23, 2024)
- Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Futures (December 4, 2024)
- Minor in Applied Mathematics (January 8, 2025)
- Minor in Medical Humanities and Social Sciences (February 5, 2025)
- Graduate Diploma in Big Data (February 5, 2025)
- Graduate Diploma in Visual Computing (February 5, 2025)
- Graduate Diploma in Cybersecurity (February 5, 2025)
- FASS-Exeter Dual Degree (February 5, 2025)
- Certificate in Creative Professional Practice (February 26, 2025)
- Certificate in the Foundations of Canadian Law (March 19, 2025)

SCUP considered, approved, and recommend to Senate the following program changes:

- French Master of Arts (name changed to Global French and Francophone Studies; May 8, 2024)
- Master of Business Administration MBA (July 10, 2024)
- Management of Technology MBA (July 10, 2024)
- Graduate Diploma in Business Administration (July 10, 2024)
- Graduate Certificate in Digital Innovation (December 4, 2024)
- Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics (December 4, 2024)
- Master of Publishing (December 4, 2024)
- Graduate Certificate in Financial Analysis (January 8, 2025)
- Master of Engineering in Sustainable Energy Engineering (January 8, 2025)
- Theatre, Production and Design Streams (name changed to Performance, Production and

- Design; March 19, 2025)
- Master of Public Policy (March 19, 2025)

## **VI. Program Suspensions and Dissolutions**

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

- Suspension of Admission to the Double Minor in Philosophy (July 10, 2024)
- Dissolution of the Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Specialty Major and Honours (October 23, 2024)
- Dissolution of the Master of Science in Ecological Restoration (October 23, 2024)
- Suspension of Admission to the Extended Minor in French Studies (January 8, 2025)
- Dissolution of the Bachelor of Arts in Humanities Honours (January 8, 2025)
- Suspension of Admission to the Semester in Dialogue (February 5, 2025)
- Dissolution of the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Sustainable Development (February 5, 2025)
- Suspension of Admission to the Dialogue Minor (March 19, 2025)

## **VII. External Reviews**

SCUP considered and approved the Notice of External Reviews for **2024-25** (May 8, 2024).

SCUP considered and approved the Notice of External Reviews for **2025-26** (March 19, 2025).

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

- Library (July 10, 2024)
- School for International Studies (September 11, 2024)
- Department of Linguistics (October 23, 2024)
- Department of Chemistry (October 23, 2024)
- School of Criminology (January 8, 2025)
- Department of Gerontology (January 8, 2025)
- Faculty of Education (February 5, 2025)

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

- School of Computing Science (September 11, 2024)
- Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science (October 23, 2024)
- Department of Physics (February 5, 2025)

## **VIII. Centres and Institutes**

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the establishment of the following centres and

institutes:

- Global Institute for Agritech (September 11, 2024)
- Centre for Research and Practice in Teacher Education (September 11, 2024)
- i2I Research and Innovation Institute (January 8, 2025)
- SFU-FH Health Research Institute (February 26, 2025)
- Centre for Research in Indigenous Literatures, Oratures, and Media (March 19, 2025)

SCUP reviewed and approved the termination of the following centres and institutes:

- Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health and Addiction (October 23, 2024)

SCUP reviewed and approved the renaming and repositioning of the following institutes:

- Institute for Black and African Diaspora Research and Engagement (revised terms of reference; April 10, 2024)
- First Nations Language Centre (name changed to Indigenous Language Centre; May 8, 2024)
- Revised terms of reference for an institute endowment (closed session; May 8, 2024)
- Gerontology Research Centre (name changed to the Gloria Gutman Gerontology Research Centre; January 8, 2025)

SCUP approved the renewal of the following Centres or Institutes for a five-year term (October 23, 2024 unless noted otherwise):

- Institute for Black and African Diaspora Research and Engagement (April 10, 2024)
- Centre for Global Workforce Strategy
- Jack Austin Centre for Asia Pacific Studies
- Centre for Collaborative Action on Indigenous Health Governance
- Centre for Forensic Research
- Centre for Operations Research and Decision Sciences
- Chronic Pain Research Institute
- Institute for Performance Studies

SCUP reviewed and approved the renewal of the following institute until November 1, 2025:

- Reduction of Youth Violence (October 23, 2024)

SCUP considered the following document for information:

- Centres and Institutes Annual Report (October 23, 2024)

## **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:

- 2025/26 Budget Consultation (closed session; December 4, 2024)

After a review of the available information in relation to the proposed 2025/26 University Budget, SCUP provided its comments to the President.

#### **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:

- Revisions to the terms of reference for a Fellowship (closed session; May 8, 2024)
- Naming and terms of reference for a Chair (closed session; May 8, 2024)
- Naming and terms of reference for a Chair (closed session; July 10, 2024)
- Revised terms of reference for the Legacy for Airway Health Chair in Health Communication (January 8, 2025)
- Naming of the Stella Sun Professorship in International Management (March 19, 2025)

#### **XII. Named Recognition of Buildings, Academic Endowments and Academic Units**

SCUP was not consulted on the naming of or revisions to the name of a building, academic endowment and/or academic unit (with the exception of centres and institutes, see page 4).

#### **XIII. Other Matters Considered by SCUP**

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

- Establishment of a School of Medicine (closed session; May 8, 2024)
- Concentration and stream definitions (September 11, 2024)
- Additional Credentials Report (October 23, 2024)
- Updated Ministry Degree Criteria (October 23, 2024)
- Establishment of a Faculty of Graduate Studies (November 20, 2024)

#### **XIV. Committee Memberships**

##### April 2024 – May 2024

D. Rassier (Chair)  
M. O'Brien  
A. Brooks-Wilson  
N. Krogman  
C. Neustaedter  
D. O'Neil  
P. Hall  
T. Nault  
G. Chapman  
G. Myers  
C. Liu  
B. Fisher  
C. Bullock

T. Brennand  
R. Pantophlet  
V. Williams  
A. Parmar  
M. Abu-Samhan  
H. Singh Walia  
A. Fung  
Q. Vuong  
C. Percival  
Z. Naqvi  
B. Stewart  
J. Sutherland (Secretary)  
A. Pataky (Recording Secretary)

##### June 2024 – March 2025

D. Rassier (Chair)  
M. O'Brien  
A. Brooks-Wilson  
D. Laitsch  
L. Weldon  
D. O'Neil  
P. Hall  
T. Nault  
G. Chapman  
A. Kessler  
C. Liu  
B. Fisher  
C. Bullock  
T. Brennand

R. Pantophlet  
V. Williams  
A. El Hayek  
X. Liu  
M. Abu-Samhan  
H. Do  
P. Man Tong  
C. Percival  
Z. Naqvi  
B. Stewart  
J. Sutherland (Secretary)  
A. Pataky/J. Chapman (Recording Secretary, *changed in October 2024*)

Submitted to Senate by:



Dilson Rassier  
Chair, Senate Committee on University Priorities