

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.01-19

Senate Committee on University Priorities

Memorandum

TO: Senate

FROM: Judith Osborne
Acting Vice President, Academic

RE: Centre for Restorative Justice

DATE: 13 February 2001

Attached is a proposal from Dr. John Pierce, Dean of Arts for the establishment of a Centre for Restorative Justice as a Schedule A Centre.

The Senate Committee on University Priorities reviewed the proposal at its February 7, 2001 meeting. The proposal was unanimously approved subject to a consideration of library resources.

As indicated in the attached correspondence from Todd Mundle, Head, Collections Management Office of the W.A.C. Bennett Library, the Library is satisfied that it can support this Centre.

Once approved by Senate, the proposal is to be submitted to the Board of Governors.

Motion

That Senate approves and recommends to the Board of Governors the establishment of the Centre for Restorative Justice outlined in document S.01-19

Attachments.

- c. J. Pierce
- R. Gordon
- J. Waterhouse
- B. Clayman

W.A.C. Bennett Library
Simon Fraser University
Memorandum

To: Bruce Clayman, VP Research

Subject: Library Report for proposed Centre for Restorative Justice

Cc: Lynn Copeland, University Librarian
Robert Gordon, Director, School of Criminology
Sue Roppel, Secretary, SCUP
Jack Corse, Liaison Librarian for Criminology

From: Todd M. Mundle
Head, Collections Management
tmundle@sfu.ca

Date: February 15, 2001

Here is the Library Report regarding the proposed Centre for Restorative Justice.

I've read over the proposal the Centre for Restorative Justice and I am satisfied that the Library can support this Centre. I had two concerns that I spoke with Robert Gordon about and he has clarified the following:

1. In the three year plan for the Centre it states that in Phase Two a second undergraduate course in restorative justice was to be added to the curriculum: Criminology 442: Correctional Practice: Advanced Topics. It appeared to me that this was a new course but in fact it has been offered for three semesters. There is no need to do a course assessment for this course.
2. In Phase Three a Chair in Restorative Justice will be established. This is still in the fundraising stage. Often with new faculty members there are new directions for a Centre. Robert has assured me that any likely impact on the Library by this new faculty member will come in the guise of new courses. As we have a procedure in place to review library materials for new courses I'm satisfied that we can determine any further necessary library resources at that time.

Future requests for materials to support this Centre will be borne by the existing Library book and periodical budgets assigned to Criminology. Any request for materials will be handled under existing procedures.

Costs:

THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL LIBRARY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH STARTING THIS CENTRE

If you have any questions regarding this report, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone (3263) or by email, tmundle@sfu.ca

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH

TO: Sue Roppel, Secretary
Senate Committee on University
Planning (SCUP)

FROM: Bruce P. Clayman
Vice-President, Research

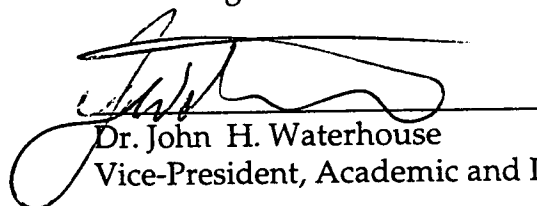
RE: Centre for Restorative Justice

DATE: January 29, 2001

Attached is a proposal from Dr. John Pierce, Dean of Arts, for the establishment of a Centre for Restorative Justice as a Schedule A Centre.

The Governing Committee for Centres and Institutes recommends that the Centre be granted approval by SCUP. Once approved by SCUP, the proposal is to be forwarded to Senate, followed by submission to the Board of Governors.

Governing Committee:



Dr. John H. Waterhouse
Vice-President, Academic and Provost

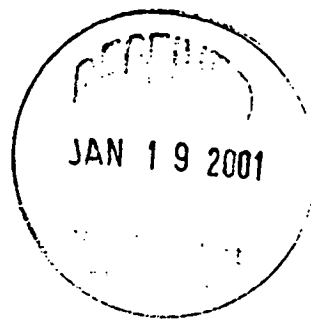


Dr. Bruce P. Clayman
Vice-President, Research

Attachment

C: R. Gordon, Director, Criminology

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts
MEMORANDUM



To: John Waterhouse
V-P Academic

From: John T. Pierce
Dean of Arts

Subject: Centre for Restorative Justice Date: January 18, 2001

John, I am now prepared to make a recommendation to the University's Governing Committee for Centres that a Centre for Restorative Justice (documentation attached) be established and that it be classified as a Schedule 'A' Centre. As you are aware, I asked Rob Gordon for clarification on a number of issues which he has provided to my satisfaction. I believe the Centre will become an important research node and focal point for fundraising.

A handwritten signature in cursive, appearing to read 'John'.

c.c. Rob Gordon, Director, Criminology

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF CRIMINOLOGY

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. John Pierce, Dean of Arts
From: Dr. Robert Gordon, Director
Re: Centre for Restorative Justice
Date: January 15, 2001

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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FACULTY OF ARTS

Further to your memo of January 4th.

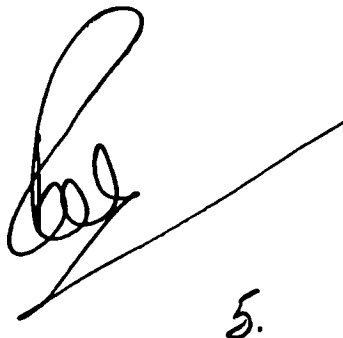
The Centre's Steering Committee (first year) will be:

**Dr. Robert Gordon,
Dr. Elizabeth Elliott,
Dr. Margaret Jackson,
Dr. Ray Corrado,
Dr. Curt Griffiths,
Dr. Ted Palys,
and Mr. David Gustafson (adjunct professor).**

The Co-Directors (first year) will be:

Dr. Robert Gordon and Dr. Elizabeth Elliott.

There are no budgeting implications. Space is provided within the School, and the Centre has started to operate under the auspices of the Criminology Research Centre (e.g., the 2000 Wiebe Memorial Lectures). Janis Horne is busy raising funds in support of the Centre's activities, including funds for an endowed chair in restorative justice.



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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF CRIMINOLOGY

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. John Pierce, Dean of Arts
From: Dr. Robert Gordon, Director
Re: Centre for Restorative Justice
Date: December 21, 2000

This is an application for the establishment of the Centre for Restorative Justice in the School of Criminology.

Attached is a Constitution for the Centre, along with a description of the Centre's objectives (Terms of Reference) and a three-year plan.

These documents have been reviewed and approved by Tom Perry.

The faculty involved in the Centre are: Dr. Liz Elliott (Coordinator), Dr. Ray Corrado, Dr. Rob Gordon, Dr. Curt Griffiths, Dr. Margaret Jackson, Dr. Ted Palys and Mr. Dave Gustafson (Adjunct Professor).

Let the games begin.

A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely of Dr. Robert Gordon, is written in black ink. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

CENTRE FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Constitution

1. Objectives

The activities and programs of the Centre for Restorative Justice are intended to promote teaching, research and community programming in restorative justice. The Centre facilitates research, publications, instruction, colloquia, conferences, visiting speakers and international relationships. In the pursuit of these objectives, the Centre seeks to provide support to existing individual, departmental and cross-departmental activities at Simon Fraser University in the area of restorative justice.

2. Administration

- 2a** The Centre for Restorative Justice shall be governed in accordance with University policies including R.40.01, CENTRES AND INSTITUTES. If this document and University policy differ on any issue, University policy shall prevail.
- 2b** The Centre for Restorative Justice is a Schedule A Centre (R.40.01, page 2) and comes under the direct authority of the Dean of Arts.
- 2c** The Centre for Restorative Justice is housed in the School of Criminology.

3. Appointment of Directors

- 3a** The Director of the Centre shall be appointed by the Dean of Arts on the recommendation of the Centre Steering Committee. The term of office shall normally be for three years.
- 3b** In the absence of the Director, an Acting Director may be drawn from the Centre Steering Committee.

4. Internal Governing Procedure

- 4a** The Centre shall be governed by a Steering Committee made up of five School of Criminology faculty members and up to three representatives from the community. Members will be appointed by recommendation to the Dean of Arts by the Director. Appointments shall be for a three year term.
- 4b** The Steering Committee shall be Chaired by the Director of the Centre. Meetings will normally take place once a month.

5. Associate members of the Centre for Restorative Justice

The Centre shall consist of a body of interested associates from both within, and outside of, the University community, as well as individuals linked to the Centre through the projects and other activities it sponsors and supports. Associate member status is proposed by the Director and approved by the Steering Committee.

CENTRE FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Terms of Reference

The Centre for Restorative Justice at SFU

The Centre for Restorative Justice will provide a focal point for faculty, students and community members to explore a broad range of restorative justice issues. Housed in the School of Criminology, the Centre will establish and maintain facilities, materials, personnel and other resources dedicated to the study, teaching and practice of restorative justice.

The Centre's *initial objectives* are:

- to conduct research on restorative justice and related programmes and practices
- to provide restorative justice programme development and evaluation services
- to develop and provide educational services—particularly courses, seminars and workshops on restorative justice topics
- to co-ordinate and host conferences, including the October 2000 inauguration and subsequent annual hosting of the Ron Wiebe Memorial Lecture Series
- to invite and host visiting speakers, scholars and researchers
- to establish and develop collaborative partnerships with community and government organizations that practice, study or develop restorative justice methods
- to implement and maintain an online clearinghouse for research and other resources on restorative justice through expansion of the Centre's existing Internet site
- to establish a Chair of Restorative Justice funded by an endowment
- to develop special cohort programmes to encourage Aboriginal graduate students to attend the Centre and study restorative justice
- to explore and develop feminist initiatives in the fields of restorative justice and violence against women and children

Restorative Justice

Restorative justice is a philosophy. Guided by the fundamental assumption that crime causes harm to individuals, communities and society, restorative justice encourages and facilitates reparation of that harm. While there are a growing number of techniques and practices emerging within a restorative justice framework, five principle objectives unite these efforts. These principles are: to invite full participation; to heal what has been

broken; to seek full and direct accountability; to unite or reunite what is or has been divided; and to strengthen communities, thereby preventing further harm.¹

Restorative justice is participatory. Victims, offenders, communities, government and individuals work together to create innovative solutions that meet the needs of persons and communities affected by crime. The participation of offenders and victims is essential to the process, and it is important to invite and encourage participation from families, members of the community, civic, and state organizations. Rather than administering punishment for violating laws, restorative justice facilitates the creation, reparation, and strengthening of social relationships. The result is often greater satisfaction for all parties and greater harmony within and across communities.

Advocates and practitioners of restorative justice acknowledge that our conventional justice system leaves much to be desired. It is adversarial, unwieldy, complex and expensive, and it allows little participation from those most directly involved with, and affected by, the acts that mobilize it. Restorative justice provides and promotes alternatives to these conventional measures.

The Need for the Centre

The Centre for Restorative Justice will be the only Canadian university-based organization dedicated to the study, development and practice of restorative justice. In an environment where an increasing number of restorative justice programmes are being developed and endorsed across civic and government organizations, the Centre will play an important role as a venue, resource base and partner for sharing restorative justice knowledge and expertise. Assessing and documenting the effectiveness and applicability of restorative justice methods, and sharing our experiences and data with others will advance the principles of restorative justice here and beyond; now and in the future.

Canada is home to many Aboriginal communities, some of which offer unique and valuable models for community-oriented conflict resolution and reparation consistent with a restorative justice philosophy. Aboriginal communities and practices present an opportunity to learn, share and build upon restorative justice methods. The Centre for Restorative Justice will support these communities and their efforts, thereby contributing to the development and practice of restorative justice, the strengthening of Aboriginal communities and the preservation of Canada's unique cultural heritage.

Client Base

The Centre will serve a broad client base ranging from interested individuals through civic and government organizations within Canada and internationally. Among the Centre's current and anticipated clientele are organizations based on faith, victimization, offending,

¹ Drawn from Susan Sharpe, 1998. *Restorative Justice: A vision for Healing and Change*. Edmonton Victim Offender Mediation Society.

policing, corrections, ethnicity, education and prison justice. Interested members of the public will include students, advocates, Aboriginal persons, victims and offenders.

Revision of These Terms

The members of the Centre for Restorative Justice will revisit, revise and re-endorse these Terms of Reference on an annual basis and/or more frequently upon election.

Structure, Membership and Governance of the Centre

The Centre for Restorative Justice will be housed in the School of Criminology, Faculty of Arts, at Simon Fraser University. The Centre will be administered by a Steering Committee made up of five Simon Fraser University faculty members and three representatives from the community, each to be appointed by the Dean of Arts for a term of three years. The faculty members of the Steering Committee will be drawn from the School of Criminology. The Director of the Centre will be appointed by the Dean upon recommendation by the Steering Committee.

Upon recommendation of the Steering Committee of the Centre, the Dean may appoint individuals from the University and the community as Associate Members of the Centre. Associate Members will be invited to attend the Centre's Annual General Meetings and may work with members of the Steering Committee on projects undertaken by the Centre.

CENTRE FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE THREE-YEAR PLAN

Plan: 1999 - 2002

A three-phase plan will guide the Centre's initial development. Phase One has been implemented; Phase Two is currently in progress; and preparations are under way for Phase Three.

Phase One

September 1999

Fundraising for the Centre's endowment fund begins. The University Advancement office began working with federal and provincial governments, foundations, the faith community and private individuals to secure endowment funding. To date (July 2000) funding has been secured from the Mennonite Central Committee and the Law Foundation of British Columbia. The Correctional Service of Canada has proposed multi-year funding, which is presently under negotiation. (Ongoing)

First undergraduate course in restorative justice offered at SFU
(Criminology 315: Restorative Justice). (Offered yearly)

The Centre hosted its first training course in conjunction with the Fraser Region Community Justice Initiatives Association (Victim-Offender Reconciliation Training). (Offered yearly)

Phase Two

January 2000-

Second undergraduate course in restorative justice added to the curriculum
(Criminology 442: Correctional Practice: Advanced Topics). (Offered yearly)

October 2000

Wiebe Lecture Series inaugurated at SFU's Centre for Dialogue. (Annual)

Phase Three

2001 & 2002

The programs and partnerships developed in phases One and Two will be enhanced by establishing a Chair in Restorative Justice Studies funded by an endowment. The Chair will:

- assume directorship of the Centre for Restorative Justice
- assume responsibility for existing restorative justice courses
- develop additional courses in restorative justice
- develop professional training programs for introduction in 2002

- design, initiate and secure funding for research projects
- supervise the research assistant responsible for Centre resources development (to be established)
- assume responsibility for coordinating the annual Wiebe Memorial Lectures in Restorative Justice (annual)