

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Senate Committee on University Priorities
Memorandum

S.05-79

TO: Senate

FROM: John Waterhouse
Chair, SCUP
Vice President, Academic

RE: Dissolution of the Research
Institute for Southeastern Europe
and creation of the Centre for International
Studies

DATE: April 22, 2004

At its April 21, 2004 meeting SCUP reviewed the recommendations from the Governing Committee for Centres and Institutes that the Research Institute for Southeastern Europe be dissolved and replaced with the a newly created Centre for International Studies. SCUP approved the creation of the Centre for International Studies and the dissolution of the Research Institute for Southeastern Europe and recommended the following motions:

Motions

"That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Research Institute for Southeastern Europe, effective immediately."

"That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the Centre for International Studies, effective immediately."

encl.

c: B. Clayman
J. Pierce
L. Cohen
A. Gerolymatos

NOTE

This document has been unfortunately delayed as a result of some revisions suggested by SCUP in May 2004.

A. Watt
26 May, 2005

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH

TO: Secretary
Senate Committee on University
Planning (SCUP)

FROM: Bruce P. Clayman
Vice-President, Research

RE: Research Institute for Southeastern
Europe

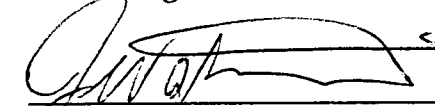
DATE: April 7, 2004

Attached is a proposal from Dr. John Pierce, Dean of Arts, for the establishment of a Centre for International Studies as a Schedule A Centre. It is also the recommendation of the Dean that the Research Institute for Southeastern Europe be dissolved and replaced with the newly created Centre for International Studies (CIS).

The Governing Committee for Centres and Institutes recommends that the Research Institute for Southeastern Europe be dissolved.

The Governing Committee for Centres and Institutes recommends that the Centre for International Studies 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: J. Pierce
A. Gerolymatos, Director, Research Institute for Southeastern Europe
L. Cohen, Chair, Steering Committee, Centre for International Studies

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

To: John Waterhouse
VP Academic

From: John T. Pierce
Dean of Arts

Subject: Proposal for a Centre for
International Studies

Date: January 7, 2004

John, please find attached a proposal for the creation of a Centre for International Studies. This new entity will take the place of the Research Institute for Southeastern Europe by broadening its mandate, membership and primary purpose.

The Institute is intended to build upon and further strengthen the current expertise in international/strategic relations within the University. As such it will serve as an important bookend to the Faculty of Arts initiative to create an undergraduate (and ultimately graduate) program in International Studies. I believe the metamorphosis of RISE to CIS is therefore a natural outgrowth of the University's Internationalization initiative. It has my unqualified support.



JTP/rt

Cc: B. Clayman, Vice President, Research
A. Gerolymatos, Director, Research Institute for Southeastern Europe
L. Cohen, Chair, Steering Committee, Centre for International Studies

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MEMORANDUM

To: John Pierce

From: Andre Gerolymatos

Date: December 18, 2003

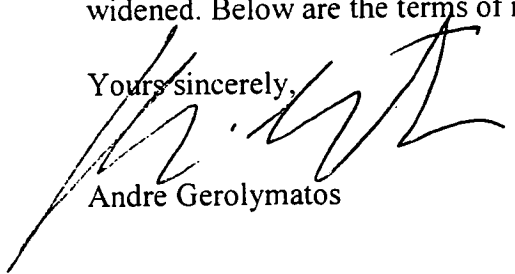
Subject: RISE

The members of RISE have voted unanimously to expand the scope of the institute from southeastern Europe to deal with problems of international relations within the context of international studies. We believe that this expansion of our interests represents a natural progression of our academic research and the increasing linkage between regional politics with international events.

The international community has undergone radical changes in the past five years and it is impossible to consider any region without placing it in an international context. Our members have been involved in a variety of projects in the last couple of years and have come to realize, as a result of this work as well as the dramatic changes that have taken place, that the new "world order" means that the future of countries, regions and continents is now so interlinked that it requires more collaborative research. Effectively, the activities of RISE have already broadened in response to these realities. In addition, there are other faculty who wish to take part in RISE, but their specialization and interests place them beyond the boundaries of Southeast Europe.

Accordingly, we are requesting that the constitution of RISE be amended accordingly. Fundamentally, the goals of RISE remain the same, except that our geographic focus has widened. Below are the terms of reference of the Institute.

Yours sincerely,


Andre Gerolymatos

Simon Fraser University Centre for International Studies (CIS)

The name of this university unit is the "Centre for International Studies" (CIS).

I. Purpose

In the first decade of the third millennium, the old chestnut that "all politics is local" has lost a good deal of its credence. Increasingly, "all politics is global." Most of the major issues facing citizens and communities around the world are not only very similar, they are also closely linked problems, and require solutions that are generally beyond the scope of any one state or society. Problems such as terrorism and other security crises, the environment, human migration and refugees, drug control, health crises, economic development, and crime do not have state frontiers. All such challenging issues are, in fact, "problems without passports."

Simon Fraser University's Centre for International Studies will provide a setting for students, faculty, and members of the community to explore the global issues that are found in today's increasingly complex, inter-dependent and rapidly changing world. Through a comprehensive, rigorous, and focused program of studies, research efforts, and dialogue the Centre will examine the most pressing international issues confronting the members of the global community. The Centre's programs will explore the character and causation of various global problems, examine how such issues have been manifest in diverse regional and cultural settings, and evaluate the alternative policies that have been offered to manage or resolve existing global challenges.

While focused on the important task of analyzing and responding to challenges of the current global situation, the Centre will offer practical training for the solution of major problems within and across societies, as well as developing toleration and understanding among diverse cultures.

Thus, in addition to providing a solid academic basis for the analysis of international affairs, the Centre for International Studies will offer exposure to a global network that links students, citizens, policy makers, members of non-governmental organizations, and academic specialists.

Simon Fraser University is particularly fortunate to have faculty members in many fields who can offer the broad range of expertise regarding the historical and contemporary evolution of international affairs. Such specialists, pursuing their areas of study from different perspectives, can provide the basic and advanced underpinning for an informed consideration of world problems in a turbulent global environment. SFU's Centre for International Studies will draw upon resources across the university, bringing experts from disparate disciplines into fruitful collaboration in order to address major issues. Cooperation with partner institutions and associates throughout the world will also assist the Centre in addressing issues and dilemmas that characterize the present international landscape. In the furtherance of its goals, the Centre will take a variety of initiatives, including research projects, conferences, workshops, teaching programs, publications, community information programs, faculty exchanges, and other forms of information sharing.

II. Governance

1. The Centre for International Studies will be a Schedule A centre within the administrative purview of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
2. Governance of the Centre will be in the purview of the Centre's Steering Committee on International Studies constituted by the Dean of Arts and Social Sciences.
3. The policies guiding the affairs of the Centre will be made by a majority vote.
4. The Steering Committee shall select, by a majority vote, a Director who will be appointed for a four-year term. The Steering Committee shall also select a Deputy Director, Treasurer, and Secretary.
5. New members in the Steering Committee will be elected by a majority vote of the Committee, subject to the approval of the Dean of Arts and Social Sciences.
6. The Centre will also form an International Advisory Committee (IAC). The IAC members are non-voting members of the Centre. Distinguished personalities from the international community will be invited by the Steering Committee to join the International Advisory Committee to contribute their expertise and advice in support of CIS activities. The members of the International Advisory Committee may include individuals and representatives of non-university institutions.

III. Composition of the Steering Committee on International Studies

Lenard Cohen, Department of Political Science
Andre Gerolymatos, Department of History
Paul Warwick, Department of Political Science
Alexander Moens, Department of Political Science
Nadine Roth, Department of History
Janet Matsumura, Department of History
Stephen Easton, Department of Economics
Jennifer Hyndman, Department of Geography
Jan Walls, David Lam Centre for International Communication
Earl Drake, China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development
Nello Angerilli, SFU International
Tom Perry, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Michael Howard, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Paul McFetridge, Department of Linguistics
Simon Verdun-Jones, Department of Criminology

IV. Other Matters

1. The use of the name of the Centre, the administration of the Centre's funds, and the employment of staff shall be the responsibility of the Director and the Steering Committee in keeping with relevant University policies.
2. Contracts and grants will be administered in keeping with the applicable policies and procedures of Simon Fraser University. An annual report shall be prepared by the Director and approved by the Steering Committee.
3. The University will be recognized in all publications emanating from the Centre.

Updated May 26, 2005
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