

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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Senate Committee on University Priorities Memorandum

TO: Senate

FROM: John Waterhouse
Chair, SCUP
Vice President, Academic



RE: Annual Report of the Senate Committee
on University Priorities (SCUP 06- 23)

DATE: April 25, 2006

SCUP has reviewed and approved the Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006. It is included here for the information of Senate.

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Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)

ANNUAL REPORT

For the period of April 1, 2005 – March 31, 2006

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 letters 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

2005

- April 20, 2005
- May 18, 2005
- June 29, 2005
- July 27, 2005
- September 14, 2005
- October 5, 2005
- October 19, 2005
- November 23, 2005
- December 7, 2005

2006

- January 11, 2006
- January 25, 2006
- February 8, 2006
- February 22, 2006
- March 8, 2006

III. Academic Planning

In relation to its academic planning responsibilities, SCUP approved the following:

- New Calendar entry for Cohort Special Arrangements Programs (April 20, 2005)
- Procedures for Development and Administration of Cohort Special Arrangement Programs (April 20, 2005)

IV. Programs Approved for Further Planning

SCUP considered and approved the following programs for further planning:

- Certificate Program in Explorations at Surrey Campus (July 27, 2005)
- Master of Global Health (November 23, 2005)
- PhD in Gerontology (January 25, 2006)
- Masters of International Policy and Practice (February 8, 2006)
- Dialogue Minor in Communication (March 8, 2006)

V. New and Revised Programs

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

- Masters of Education in Educational Practice (April 20, 2005)
- Joint Major program in Mathematics and Computing Science (MACM) (May 18, 2005)
- Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Environmental Education (June 29, 2005)
- PhD in Mathematics Education (September 14, 2005)
- Bachelor of Arts in Health Sciences (October 5, 2005)
- Masters of Arts, Masters of Education and PhD in Educational Technology and Learning Design (October 19, 2005)
- Masters of Science in Population and Public Health (October 19, 2005)
- Graduate Diploma in Foundation of Global Health Studies (November 23, 2005)
- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences/Faculty of Applied Sciences Joint Major in Computational Linguistics (November 23, 2005)
- Minor in Legal Studies and Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Legal Studies (December 7, 2005)
- Collaborative Major in First Nations Studies between SFU (Kamloops) and Thompson Rivers University, and Post Baccalaureate Diploma in First Nation Studies (December 7, 2005)
- Extended Minor in Asia Canada Program (to replace deleted Asia-Canada Minor Program) (December 7, 2005)
- Certificate in Professional Practices (Professional Qualification Program PQP) (January 25, 2006)

- Minor in French Education (January 25, 2006)
- Faculty of Business Administration Concentration in Entrepreneurship (January 25, 2006)
- Faculty of Business Administration Concentration in Management and Technology (January 25, 2006)
- Biological Physics Major and Honors Program (February 22, 2006)

SCUP reviewed, approved, and recommended to Senate the following program revisions:

- Industrial Mathematics (March 8, 2006)

SCUP received the following proposals for information only:

- Cohort Special Arrangement Masters of Global Health (January 11, 2006)

VI. External Reviews

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

- Department of Statistics and Actuarial Sciences (February 8, 2006)
- Department of English (February 22, 2006)

SCUP received update reports from four previous external reviews:

- Department of History (May 18, 2005)
- Department of Economics (February 8, 2006)
- Department of Sociology and Anthropology (February 8, 2006)
- Latin American Studies (March 8, 2006)

VII. Centres and Institutes

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

- Centre for Natural Hazards Research (April 20, 2005)
- School for International Studies (June 20, 2005)
- Behavioural and Cognitive Neuroscience Institute (July 27, 2005)
- CIBC Centre for Corporate Governance and Risk Management (January 11, 2006)
- Bill Reid Centre for Northwest Coast Art Studies (March 8, 2006)

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

- Centre for Innovation Management (October 19, 2005)

SCUP considered and approved the following documents for information only:

- Centres and Institutes Report (January 11, 2006)

VIII. 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:

- 2005/06 Budget Consultation (April 20, 2005)
- Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2005 (July 27, 2005)
- Strategic Initiative Fund 2005/06 Spending & Commitments Report (September 14, 2005)
- Schedule of 2006 Budget Implementation (January 11, 2005)
- 2006/07 Budget Consultation (February 22, 2006)

After a review of the available information in relation to the 2006/07 University Budget proposal, SCUP provided its advice to the President.

IX. Establishment of Committees

SCUP did not consider the establishment of any committees in 2005/06.

X. Establishment of Chairs and Professorships

SCUP considered, approved and recommended to Senate terms of reference for the following Chairs and Professorships:

- RCMP Chair in Crime Analysis Terms of Reference (April 20, 2005)
- RCMP Chair in Criminology Terms of Reference (April 20, 2005)
- Dino De Poli Lectureship in Italian Studies Terms of Reference (June 29, 2005)
- Simons Visiting Chair in Dialogue on International Law and Human Security Terms of Reference (October 5, 2005)
- Simons Permanent Chair in International Law and Human Security Terms of Reference (October 5, 2005)
- Merck Frosst Chair in Statistics and Information Sciences for Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases (November 23, 2005)

SCUP considered, approved and recommended to Senate revised terms of reference for the following Chair:

- FRBC Chair in Resource Geoscience and Geotechnics (formerly the Chair in Terrain Analysis and Forest Geoscience) (October 5, 2005)

XI. Other Matters Considered by SCUP

SCUP also considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following documents and reports during its meetings:

- Strategic Research Plan (July 27, 2005)
- Course Scheduling Policy (October 5, 2005)
- International Student Recruitment and Retention / Proposal to Enter into Agreement with IBT Education Ltd. (December 7, 2005 and January 11, 2006)

XII. Committee Memberships

April 2005 – May 2005

J. Waterhouse (Chair)	B. Krane	M. Pinto	D. Weeks
A. Horvath	I. Gordon	R. Woodbury	J. Wong
D. Harder	W. Wattamaniuk	P. Percival	S. Hunsdale
V. Dunsterville	L. Lemare	P. Shaker	M. Plischke
R. Heath	C. Dean	G. Nicholls	

June 2005 – March 2006

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A. Horvath	I. Gordon	R. Woodbury	J. Wong
D. Harder	W. Wattamaniuk	J. Pierce	N. Haunerland
K. Tilley	D. Warner	E. Love	

S. Dench (joined July 2005)
J. Driver (joined October 2005)
C. Dean (left December 2005)
M. Joffres (joined January 2006)

Submitted to Senate by:

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