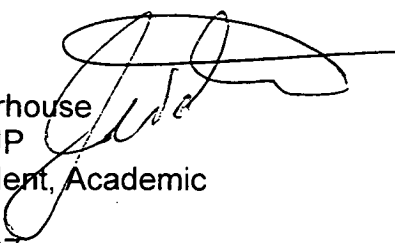


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**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**  
**Senate Committee on University Priorities**  
**Memorandum**

**TO:** Senate

**FROM:** John Waterhouse  
Chair, SCUP  
Vice President, Academic



**RE:** Annual Report of the Senate Committee  
on University Priorities (SCUP 07-24)

**DATE:** April 6, 2007

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SCUP has reviewed and approved the Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007. 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, 2006 – March 31, 2007*

**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**

2006

- April 12, 2006
- May 10, 2006
- June 14, 2006
- July 12, 2006
- September 12, 2006
- September 27, 2006
- October 25, 2006
- November 8, 2006
- December 6, 2006

2007

- January 10, 2007
- January 20, 2007
- February 7, 2007
- February 21, 2007
- March 7, 2007

### **III. Academic Planning**

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

- Amendments to Senate Guidelines for Academic Plans (April 12, 2006)
- Academic Governance and Administration of Degree Programs at the Great Northern Way Campus (May 10, 2006)
- Academic Plan 2007-2010 (March 7, 2007)

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

SCUP considered and approved the following programs for further planning:

- Bachelor of Science in Health Science (May 10, 2006)
- Master of Arts in Humanities (June 14, 2006)
- Master of Arts in Applied Legal Studies (June 14, 2006)
- Major, Minor and Honors program in World Literature (July 12, 2006)
- Minor in Cognitive Science (September 13, 2006)
- Joint Major and a Joint Honors program in Computing Science and Philosophy (September 13, 2006)
- Certificate in Earth Sciences (September 13, 2006)
- Dual Degree in Business Administration (September 27, 2006)
- Major, Honors, and Minor Program in Regional Development (September 27, 2006)
- Masters of Digital Media (November 8, 2006)
- Bachelor of General Studies in the Faculty of Education (December 6, 2006)
- Mechatronic Systems Engineering Option (January 10, 2007)
- Master's of Financial Risk Management (February 7, 2007)
- Master of Arts in International Studies (February 21, 2007)

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

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

- Dialogue Minor in Communication (April 12, 2006)
- Explorations Program (April 12, 2006)
- Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (September 13, 2006)
- Major, Minors and Honors in World Literature (January 10, 2007)
- Joint Major and a Joint Honors program in Computing Science and Philosophy (February 7, 2007)
- Mechatronic Systems Engineering Option (February 21, 2007)
- Master of Digital Media (February 21, 2007)

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

- New Streams in Earth Sciences (September 13, 2006)
- Deletion of the Physics and Physiology Program (September 27, 2006)
- New concentration in Global Health, and name change of Graduate Diploma (February 7, 2007)

## **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 Archaeology (April 12, 2006)
- Department of Physics (June 14, 2006)
- School of Communications (September 13, 2006)
- Integrated Studies Program (October 25, 2006)
- Department of Geography (November 8, 2006)
- Faculty of Business Administration (December 6, 2006)
- Department of Mathematics (December 6, 2006)
- Department of Biological Sciences (December 6, 2006)
- Department of French (February 7, 2007)
- School of Computing Science (February 7, 2007)
- Environmental Science Programme (February 7, 2007)

## **VII. Centres and Institutes**

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

- Centre for Operations Research and Decision Sciences (June 14, 2006)
- Centre for Studies in Print and Media Cultures (June 14, 2006)
- Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures (July 12, 2006)
- Centre for Studies in Wealth Management (October 25, 2006)
- Institute for the Study of Teaching and Learning in the Disciplines (January 10, 2007)
- Children's Health Policy Centre (January 10, 2007)
- David Wheeler Institute for Research in Mathematics Education (February 21, 2007)
- Centre for Imaginative Education (February 21, 2007)
- NANOMED Canada Research Network (March 7, 2007)

SCUP considered the following documents for information only:

- Centres and Institutes Report (October 25, 2006)

- Dialogue Institute name change to “Centre for Dialogue” (February 7, 2007)
- Change to the reporting relationship for the David See-Chai Lam Centre for International Communication (February 7, 2007)

### **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:

- Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2006 (September 27, 2006)
- Strategic Initiative Fund Report (September 13, 2006)
- 2006/07 Budget Consultation (February 21, 2007)

After a review of the available information in relation to the 2007/08 University Budget proposal, SCUP provided its advice to the President.

### **IX. Establishment of Committees**

SCUP did not consider the establishment of any committees in 2006/07. SCUP provided advice to the Vice President Academic regarding the membership of Phase Two of the Faculty Structure Task Force.

### **X. Establishment of Chairs and Professorships**

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

- Jarislowsky Foundation Endowed Chair in Cultural Change (July 12, 2006)
- CTEF Endowed Chair Terms of Reference (November 8, 2006)
- B.C. Leadership Chair In Cognitive Neuroscience in Child Health and Development (February 21, 2007)
- Lohn Foundation Chair in Business Administration (March 7, 2007)

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

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

- Additive Credit for Co-op Education semesters (July 12, 2006)
- Faculty Structure Task Force Final Report (October 25, 2006)
- First Nations University-wide Strategic Plan (January 10, 2007)

## **XII. Committee Memberships**


### April 2006 – May 2006

J. Waterhouse (Chair)	B. Krane	M. Pinto	D. Weeks
A. Horvath	I. Gordon	R. Woodbury	J. Wong
D. Harder	W. Wattamaniuk	J. Pierce	K. Tilley
D. Warner	M. Joffres	J. Driver	E. Love
N. Hauserland	S. Dench		

### June 2006 – March 2007

J. Waterhouse (Chair)	B. Krane	M. Pinto	D. Weeks
D. Zandvliet	I. Gordon	J. Peters	J. Wong
A. Van Baarsen	J. Heslop	L. Copeland	N. Hauserland
R. Rebman	D. Warner	B. Lewis	M. Plischke
M. Joffres	K. Ross (joined Jan. 07)		
S. Dench			

Submitted to Senate by:



John Waterhouse  
Chair, Senate Committee on University Priorities