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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate **DATE** May 1, 2012
FROM Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and **PAGES** 1/1
Provost, and Chair, SCUP
RE: SCUP Annual Report 2011 – 2012 (SCUP 12-09)

At its April 11, 2012 meeting SCUP reviewed for information the SCUP Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012. It is attached for the information of Senate.

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

ANNUAL REPORT

For the period of April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012

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

2011

- April 6, 2011
- May 4, 2011
- June 1, 2011
- July 6, 2011
- September 14, 2011
- October 12, 2011
- October 26, 2011
- November 23, 2011
- December 7, 2011
- December 21, 2011

2012

- March 7, 2012

III. Academic Planning

In relation to academic planning responsibilities, no documents were submitted to SCUP in this reporting year.

IV. Programs Approved for Further Planning

SCUP considered and approved the following programs for further planning:

- Elementary Generalist Minor (April 6, 2011)
- Secondary Teaching Minor (April 6, 2011)
- Certificate in Ethics: Theory and Application (April 6, 2011)
- SFU/Communication University of China, Masters of Arts Double Degree program in Global Communications (May 4, 2011)
- Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in the Publishing Program (June 1, 2011)
- Joint Major in Earth Sciences and Chemistry (September 14, 2011)
- Certificate in Environmental Literacy (September 14, 2011)

V. New and Revised Programs

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

- PhD in Health Sciences (April 6, 2011)
- Elementary Generalist Minor (June 1, 2011)
- Secondary Teaching Minor (June 1, 2011)
- Certificate in Ethics: Theory and Application (July 6, 2011)
- Certificate in Speech Science (July 6, and September 14, 2011)
- Major, Minor, Honours program in Cinema Studies (October 12, 2011)
- Honours program in Humanities (October 12, 2011)
- Extended Minor in World Literature (October 26, 2011)
- Certificate in Linguistics of Speech Science (October 26, 2011)
- Certificate in Environmental Literacy (December 21, 2011)
- Joint Major and Joint Honours in Earth Sciences and Chemistry (December 21, 2011)

VI. Program Deletions

SCUP considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following program deletions/terminations:

- Publishing Minor in the School of Communication (April 6, 2011)
- Mathematical Sciences Specialization in Education (November 23, 2011)
- Major and Joint Majors in Latin American Studies (December 21, 2011)
- Global Asset and Wealth Management Program (March 7, 2012)

VII. External Reviews

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

- Library External Review (July 6, 2011)
- Department of Earth Sciences (October 26, 2011)
- Department of Economics (November 23, 2011)
- Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology (November 23, 2011)

External review updates were received from the following academic units:

- Department of Humanities (May 4, 2011)
- Department of Political Science (May 4, 2011)
- Department of Gerontology (May 4, 2011)

VIII. Centres and Institutes

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

- Research Institute for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Diseases (May 4, 2011, withdrawn for revision prior to Senate)
- Indigenous Research Institute (July 6, 2011)
- Centre of Hellenic Studies (May 4, 2011)
- Community Health Solutions (replaced Research Institute for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Diseases, October 12, 2011)

SCUP did not receive proposals for the dissolution of any Centres or Institutes.

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the following change to the name of a Centre or Institute:

- Centre for Coastal Studies, to become Centre for Coastal Science and Management (May 4, 2011)

SCUP approved the renewal for a five year term the following Centres or Institutes (December 7, 2011):

- Institute of Micromachine and Microfabrication Research
- Institute for the Humanities
- Institute of Governance Studies
- Mental Health, Law, and Policy Institute
- Centre for Education, Law and Society
- Centre for Tourism Policy and Research
- Co-operative Resource Management Institute

- Centre for Experimental and Constructive Mathematics
- Centre for Scientific Computing
- Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (PIMS)
- TRIUMF – Canada's national laboratory for particle and nuclear physics
- Western Canadian Universities Marine Sciences Society (Bamfield)

SCUP considered the following document for information:

- Centres and Institutes Report 2010/11 (November 23, 2011)

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:

- Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2011 (October 26, 2011)
- 2012/13 Budget Consultation (October 26, 2011 and March 7, 2012)
- University Priority Fund 2012/13 Budget Cycle (December 21, 2011)

After a review of the available information in relation to the proposed 2012/13 University Budget, SCUP provided its advice to the President (March 22, 2012).

X. Establishment of Committees

No committees were established in this reporting year.

XI. Establishment of Chairs and Professorships

SCUP received no proposals for the establishment of Chairs and/or Professorships.

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate changes to the terms of reference of the following Chairs and/or Professorships:

- Chair in Health Disparities in Cancer Research (May 4, 2011)

XII. Other Matters Considered by SCUP

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

- Accreditation Self-Evaluation Draft Report (June 1, 2011)
- Undergraduate Certificate Review (June 1, and July 7, 2011)

- Envision SFU Discussion Paper (July 7, 2011 and October 12, 2011)
- Review of SFU Services and Supports for English as an Additional Language (October 26, 2011)
- SFU Library Strategic Research Plan 2011 – 2016 (December 7, 2011)
- SFU Library Annual Report 2010 – 2011 (December 7, 2011)
- Change of First Nations Studies Program to Department (December 7, 2011)
- Change of Degree name from Master of Financial Risk Management to Master of Science in Finance (December 7, 2011)
- Establishment of School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering (December 7, 2011)

SCUP was consulted on naming of the following:

- Centre of Hellenic Studies, to the Niarchos Centre of Hellenic Studies (May 4, 2011)
- Chair in Health Disparities in Cancer Research to the Leslie Diamond Chair in Cancer Survivorship (May 4, 2011)
- Chair in HIV/AIDS (December 21, 2011)

XIII. Committee Memberships

April 2011 – May 2011

J. Driver (Chair)	B. Krane	M. Pinto	K. Ross
J. Lee	D. Cyr	G. Chapman	T. Brennand
C. Janes	D. Van der Wey	B. Brandhorst	W. Parkhouse
D. Shapiro	N. Rajapakse	H. Wussow	C. Percival
C. Shaw	G. Dow	K. Acierno	A. Dhillon
M. Brinkhurst			
S. Dench			

June 2011 – March 2012

J. Driver (Chair)	B. Krane	M. Pinto	K. Ross
J. Lee	D. Cyr	G. Chapman	T. Brennand
S. Kong	M. Nilson Levisohn	B. Brandhorst	W. Parkhouse
FCAT position vacant	FHSC vacant	H. Wussow	C. Geisler
D. Shapiro	J. McRae	S. Robinsmith	A. Pilarinos
A. Armstrong	D. Reyerros		
S. Dench			

Submitted to Senate by:



Jon Driver
Chair, Senate Committee on University Priorities