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**MEMORANDUM**

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**ATTENTION** Senate  
**FROM** Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP  
**RE:** SCUP Annual Report 2014 – 2015 (SCUP 15-16)  
**DATE** April 29, 2015  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jon Driver", written over a horizontal line.

SCUP reviewed for information the SCUP Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015. It is attached for the information of Senate.

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

**ANNUAL REPORT**

*For the period of April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015*

**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 notices 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**

2014

- April 16, 2014
- July 16, 2014
- September 24, 2014
- October 8, 2014
- October 22, 2014
- December 3, 2014

2015

- February 4, 2015
- March 11, 2015

**III. Academic Planning**

In relation to academic planning responsibilities, SCUP received for information the following:

- Consolidated 2013 – 2018 Academic Plan Progress Report (December 3, 2014)

**IV. Programs Approved for Further Planning**

SCUP considered and approved the following programs for further planning:

- Joint Major in English and Communication in the Department of English and the School of Communication (April 16, 2014)
- Minor in Resource and Environmental Management in the School of Resource and Environmental Management (July 16, 2014)
- Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Innovation (July 16, 2014)
- Major in Labour Studies in the Labour Studies Program (December 3, 2014)

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

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

- Joint Major in English and History in the Department of English and Department of History (April 16, 2014)
- Certificate in Performance Studies in the Department of English (via electronic ballot, May 14, 2014)
- Graduate Certificate in Science and Technology Commercialization in the Beedie School of Business (July 16, 2014)
- Master of Science in Ecological Restoration in the Faculty of Environment (July 16, 2014)
- Joint Major in English and Communication in the Department of English and the School of Communication (December 3, 2014)
- Minor in Resource and Environmental Management in the School of Resource and Environmental Management (December 3, 2014)
- Minor in Italian Studies in the Department of French (December 3, 2014)
- Certificate in Innovation and Entrepreneurship (February 4, 2015)
- Master of Arts in Comparative Media Arts in the School for the Contemporary Arts (February 4, 2015)
- Cohort Special Arrangements Program – Professional Master of Engineering in Mechatronic Product Realization in the School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering (February 4, 2015)

#### **VI. Program Suspensions and Deletions**

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

- Early Learning Specialization Program, Faculty of Education (suspension and deletion April 16, 2014)

#### **VII. External Reviews**

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

- Department of Mathematics (September 24, 2014)
- Department of French (December 3, 2014)
- School of Interactive Arts and Technology (March 11, 2015)

External review updates were received from the following academic units:

- Department of Economics (February 4, 2015)
- Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology (March 11, 2015)

- Department of Earth Sciences (March 11, 2015)

### **VIII. Centres and Institutes**

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

- Centre for Cell Biology, Development and Disease (September 24, 2014)
- Institute for Performance Studies (October 22, 2014)
- Simon Fraser University – Zhejiang University Joint Centre on Big Data (March 11, 2015)

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

- From the Canadian Centre for Studies in Publishing to the Canadian Institute for Studies in Publishing (July 16, 2014)

SCUP approved the renewal of the following Centres or Institutes for a five-year term (October 22, 2014):

- Centre for Research on Sexual Violence
- Centre for Restorative Justice
- Jack Austin Centre for Asia Pacific Business Studies
- Centre for Global Workforce Strategy
- Centre for Research on International Education

SCUP considered the following document for information:

- Centres and Institutes Report 2013/14 (October 22, 2014)

### **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:

- Annual Financial Report for 2013 – 2014 (September 24, 2014)
- 2015/16 Budget Consultation (October 8, 2014 and March 11, 2015)

After a review of the available information in relation to the proposed 2015/16 University Budget, SCUP provided its advice to the President (March 16, 2015).

### **X. Establishment of Committees**

No committees were established in this reporting year.

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

SCUP was consulted on and/or considered the naming of or revisions to the name of Chair and/or Professorship:

- City of Surrey-Powertech-NSERC Executive Industrial Research Chair in Energy Systems for Smart Cities (April 16, 2014)
- Ebco Eppich Chair in Data Intensive Systems (September 24, 2014)
- Callum Frost Professorship in Translational Research in Autism (October 8, 2014)
- First Nations Health Authority Chair in Heart Health and Wellness at St. Paul's Hospital (February 4, 2015)
- St. Paul's Hospital Chair in Addictions Research (February 4, 2015)

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

- City of Surrey-Powertech-NSERC Executive Industrial Research Chair in Energy Systems for Smart Cities (April 16, 2014)
- Callum Frost Professorship in Translational Research in Autism (October 8, 2014)
- First Nations Health Authority Chair in Heart Health and Wellness at St. Paul's Hospital (February 4, 2015)
- St. Paul's Hospital Chair in Addictions Research (February 4, 2015)

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

- Ebco Eppich Chair in Data Intensive Systems (September 24, 2014)

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

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

- New Ethicists for SFU Research Ethics Board (April 16, 2014)
- Naming of the SFU Theatre (July 16, 2014)
- Title Change for the Bachelor of Arts in Visual Culture and Performance Studies to the Bachelor of Arts in Art, Performance and Cinema Studies in the School for the Contemporary Arts (February 4, 2015)

## **XIII. Committee Memberships**

### April 2014 – May 2014

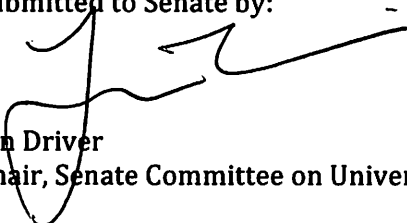
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Submitted to Senate by:



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Chair, Senate Committee on University Priorities