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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION: Senate	TEL
FROM: Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP	
RE: SCUP Annual Report 2015 – 2016 (SCUP 16-20)	
DATE: April 26, 2016	TIME

At its April 20, 2016 meeting, SCUP reviewed for information the SCUP Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016. It is attached for the information of Senate.

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

**ANNUAL REPORT**

*For the period of April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016*

**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**

2015

- May 13, 2015
- June 3, 2015
- September 9, 2015
- October 7, 2015
- October 21, 2015
- November 4, 2015 (materials distributed electronically and an e-vote was held)
- December 9, 2015

2016

- January 20, 2016
- February 3, 2016 (electronic)
- March 2, 2016

**III. Academic Planning**

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

- SFU Strategic Review 2015 (December 9, 2015)

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

SCUP considered and approved the following programs for further planning:

- Doctorate in Sustainable Development (June 3, 2015)
- Joint Major and Joint Honours Degrees in Economics and Mathematics (January 20, 2016)

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

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

- Cohort Special Arrangement Program – Master of Arts in Heritage Resource Management (May 13, 2015)
- Cohort Special Arrangement Program – Graduate Certificate in Imaginative Education (February 3, 2016, via e-vote)
- Cohort Special Arrangement Program – Graduate Certificate in Professional Heritage Resource Management (March 2, 2016)

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

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

- International and Global Education Minor Program, Faculty of Education (suspension June 3, 2015)

#### **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 Political Science (External Review Report was received for information – June 3, 2015, Action Plan was postponed until July 2016)
- Department of Humanities (External Review Report was received for information – June 3, 2015, Action Plan was postponed until July 2016)
- Beedie School of Business (September 9, 2015)
- Faculty of Education (October 21, 2015)
- Department of Gerontology (October 21, 2015)
- Department of Psychology (October 21, 2015)
- Environmental Science Program (December 9, 2015)

External review updates were received from the following academic units:

- Department of English (October 7, 2015)
- Department of Archaeology (December 9, 2015)
- School of Communication (January 20, 2016)
- School for the Contemporary Arts (January 20, 2016)
- Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (January 20, 2016)

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

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

- HIV/AIDS Research Centre (May 13, 2015)
- Pacific Water Research Centre (May 13, 2015)
- Centre for High-Throughput Chemical Biology (September 9, 2015)

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

- Centre for Workplace Health and Safety (October 7, 2015)

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

- From the CIBC Centre for Corporate Governance and Risk Management to the Centre for Governance and Sustainability (September 9, 2015)
- From the Centre for Governance and Sustainability to Centre for Corporate Governance and Sustainability (November 4, 2015, via e-vote)
- From CMA Innovation Centre to CPA Innovation Centre (February 3, 2016, via e-vote)

SCUP approved the renewal of the following Centres or Institutes for a five-year term (November 4, 2015, via e-vote):

- Canadian Institute for Studies in Publishing
- Centre for Policy Research on Science and Technology
- Centre for Public Policy Research
- Centre for Scottish Studies
- Centre for Sustainable Community Development
- Centre for the Study of Gender, Social Inequities and Mental Health
- Centre for the Study of Public Opinion and Political Representation
- Evolutionary and Behavioural Ecology Research Group
- First Nations Language Centre
- Gerontology Research Centre
- Institute for Canadian Urban Research Studies
- Institute for Environmental Learning
- Institute for Studies in Criminal Justice Policy
- Institute for Studies in Teacher Education
- Institute for the Reduction of Youth Violence
- International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy
- Vancouver Institute for Visual Analytics

SCUP considered the following document for information:

- Centres and Institutes Report 2014/15 (November 4, 2015, via e-vote)

## **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 2014 – 2015 (October 7, 2015)
- 2016/17 Budget Consultation (October 7, 2015 & March 2, 2016)

After a review of the available information in relation to the proposed 2016/17 University Budget, SCUP provided its advice to the President (March 24, 2016).

## **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:

- Chair in Technology Innovations for Youth Addiction Recovery and Mental Health (September 9, 2015)
- Tom Foord Professor of Practice in Entrepreneurship and Innovation (September 9, 2015)
- Renaming the Dena Wosk Professor of Arts & Culture in the School for the Contemporary Arts to the Grant Strate Professor of Arts & Culture in the School for the Contemporary Arts (October 21, 2015)
- Institute for Transpacific Cultural Research (December 9, 2015)
- Edward and Emily McWhinney Professorship in International Relations (March 2, 2016)

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

- Chair in Avalanche Risk Management (June 3, 2015)
- Chair Technology Innovations for Youth Addiction Recovery and Mental Health (September 9, 2015)
- Tom Foord Professor of Practice in Entrepreneurship and Innovation (September 9, 2015)
- Edward and Emily McWhinney Professorship in International Relations (March 2, 2016 & March 10, 2016 via e-vote)

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

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

- Addition of the Chief Information Officer as a non-voting member of SCUP

### **XIII. Committee Memberships**


#### April 2015 – May 2015

J. Driver (Chair)	G. Myers	N. Abramson	T. Brennand
G. Chapman	D. Chong	C. Chu	J. Craig
M. Eikerling	J. Johnson	D. Laitsch	T. Leacock
K. Magnusson	Z. Naqvi	W. Parkhouse	N. Rajapakse
C. Shaw	B. Schellenberg	M. Simpkin	M. Walker
S. Rhodes	B. Basi		

#### June 2015 – March 2016

J. Driver (Chair)	G. Myers	N. Abramson	T. Brennand
G. Chapman	J. Craig	C. Cupples	M. Eikerling
N. Rajapakse/U. Glässer	P. Hans	J. Johnson	D. Laitsch
T. Leacock	J. Lewthwaite	A. Mundy	Z. Naqvi
W. Parkhouse	J. Hinchliffe/R. Khan Hemani	C. Shaw	B. Schellenberg
S. Rhodes	B. Basi		

Submitted to Senate by:



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