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## MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION: Senate	TEL
FROM: Peter Keller, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP	
RE: SCUP Annual Report for 2017 - 2018 (SCUP 18-23)	
DATE: April 30, 2018	TIME

At its April 25, 2018 meeting, SCUP reviewed for information the SCUP Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018. The report is attached for the information of Senate.

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

**ANNUAL REPORT**

*For the period of April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018*

**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**

- April 19, 2017
- May 10, 2017
- June 14, 2017
- September 6, 2017
- October 4, 2017
- October 18, 2017
- November 8, 2017
- December 6, 2017
- January 10, 2018
- February 7, 2018
- March 14, 2018

**III. Academic Planning**

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

- Ministry of Advanced Education Quality Assurance Process Audit (October 4, 2017)

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

SCUP considered and approved the following programs for further planning:

- Professional Kinesiology Certificate (June 14, 2017)
- Minor in Classical Archaeology (June 14, 2017)
- Adult, Youth and Community Literacy Education Minor (September 6, 2017)
- Undergraduate Diploma in First Nations Language Proficiency (March 14, 2018)

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

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

- Sustainable Energy Engineering Program (May 10, 2017)
- Certificate in Biological Anthropology (June 14, 2017)
- Social Justice in Education Minor Program (November 8, 2017)
- Cohort Special Arrangement – Master of Arts in the Linguistics of a First Nations Language (December 6, 2017)
- Graduate Certificate in Education (February 7, 2018)

#### **VI. Program Suspensions and Dissolutions**

SCUP considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following suspensions of admission, and program dissolutions:

- Literacy Instruction Certificate Program (suspension May 10, 2017)
- Graduate Diploma in Quantitative Methods in Fisheries Management (suspension and dissolution May 10, 2017)
- Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology Master of Science (Course Option) (suspension and dissolution September 6, 2017)
- Applied Human Nutrition Certificate Program (suspension and dissolution February 7, 2018)
- Ethnic and Intercultural Relations Certificate (suspension and dissolution March 14, 2018)
- Asia-Canada Studies Minor and Extended Minor Programs (dissolution March 14, 2018) \*Not forwarded to Senate due to caveat; will be resubmitted to SCUP

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

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

- School of Resource and Environmental Management (October 4, 2017)
- Department of History (November 8, 2017)
- Department of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies (November 8, 2017)
- Department of Philosophy (November 8, 2017)
- Department of First Nations Studies (January 10, 2018)
- School of Engineering Science (January 10, 2018)

External review mid-cycle reports were received from the following academic units:

- Department of Mathematics (January 10, 2018)
- Beedie School of Business (January 10, 2018)
- School of Interactive Arts and Technology (March 14, 2018)

## **VIII. Centres and Institutes**

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

- Centre for Collaborative Action on Indigenous Health Governance (June 14, 2017)

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the renaming of the following Centre or Institute:

- From the Centre for Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures to the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies (February 7, 2018)

SCUP approved the renewal of the following Centres or Institutes for a five-year term (December 6, 2017):

- Centre d'études francophones Québec-Pacifique
- Centre for Global Political Economy
- Criminology Research Centre
- David Lam Centre
- CPA Innovation Centre (formerly CMA Innovation Centre)
- Centre for Corporate Governance and Sustainability
- Centre for Policy Studies on Culture and Communities
- Centre for Research on Early Child Health and Education (CRECHE)
- Centre for Natural Hazards Research
- Centre for Wildlife Ecology
- Behavioural and Cognitive Neuroscience Institute
- Centre for Operations Research and Decision Sciences
- Centre for Studies in Print and Media Cultures
- Institute for Diaspora Research and Engagement (IDRE)
- International Cybercrime Research Centre (ICRC)

SCUP approved the renewal of the following Centres or Institutes for a one year or less term:

- Interdisciplinary Research in the Mathematical and Computational Sciences (IRMACS) (December 6, 2017)
- Interaction Design Research Centre (January 10, 2018)

SCUP considered the following document for information:

- Centre and Institute Report 2016/17 (December 6, 2017)

## **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:

- 2018/19 Budget Consultation (October 18, 2017 and March 14, 2018)

## **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 a Chair and/or Professorship:

- BC Notaries Chair in Applied Legal Studies (November 8, 2017)

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

- William Saywell Professorship in Asia Pacific Business (September 6, 2017)
- BC Notaries Chair in Applied Legal Studies (November 8, 2017)

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

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

- Title Change of the French Cohort Program in Public Administration and Community Services (April 19, 2017)
- Program Name Change of the BSc in Management and Systems Science (Major and Honours) (April 19, 2017)
- Renaming of the Program in Development and Sustainability (April 19, 2017)
- Draft Changes to Policy R 40.01 Research Centres and Institutes (October 18, 2017)
- Program Name Change of the Asia-Canada Program (December 6, 2017)

## **XIII. Committee Memberships**

### April 2017 – May 2017

P. Keller (Chair)	G. Myers	T. Brennand	P. Bassi
G. Bird	G. Chapman	L. Chen	C. Cupples
N. Dale	R. Khan Hemani	A. Ige	J. Johnson
D. Laitsch	T. Leacock	A. Mac Namara	A. Moens
Z. Naqvi	M. Roman	C. Shaw	S. Spector
W. Parkhouse	T. Williams	S. Rhodes	B. Basi

### June 2017 – March 2018

P. Keller (Chair)	G. Myers/W. Parkhouse	G. Bird	T. Brennand
T. Budd	G. Chapman	A. Dastmalchian	J. Derksen
R. Garcha	J. Johnson	R. Khan Hemani	D. Laitsch

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Submitted to Senate by:



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