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## MEMORANDUM

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**ATTENTION** Senate **DATE** April 22, 2021  
**FROM** Catherine Dauvergne, Vice-President, **PAGES** 1 of 1  
Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP  
**RE:** Annual SCUP Report for April 2020 to March 2021 (SCUP 21-19)

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At its April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 meeting, SCUP reviewed the Annual SCUP Report for April 2020 to March 2021. The document is attached for the information of Senate.

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

**ANNUAL REPORT**

*For the period of April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021*

**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 set out in the Senate Guidelines for External Reviews;
- To receive and review recommendations for the establishment and disestablishment of academic departments, research units, centres and institutes under Policy R40.01, and forward recommendations to Senate;
- To provide advice to the President on the annual operating budget, annual capital budget and Five-Year Capital Plan before they are submitted to the Board of Governors for their approval.

**II. Meetings Held**

- April 22, 2020
- June 3, 2020
- July 15, 2020
- September 9, 2020
- September 23, 2020
- October 7, 2020
- October 21, 2020
- November 18, 2020
- December 2, 2020
- January 20, 2021
- February 17, 2021
- March 10, 2021

**III. Academic Planning**

SCUP the following document:

- Strategic Research Plan (2016 - 2020) Extension (November 18, 2020)

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

SCUP considered and approved the following program proposals for further planning:

- Major and Honours in Computational Physics (April 22, 2020)
- Master of Engineering in Smart Manufacturing and Systems (June 3 2020)
- Sustainable Energy Engineering Honours (September 23, 2020)
- Sustainable Energy Engineering Second Degree (October 21, 2020)
- Climate Change and Society Minor (January 20, 2021)

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

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

- Geographic Information Science Minor (April 22, 2020)
- Indigenous Languages Minor (April 22, 2020)
- Graduate Diploma in Management (April 22, 2020)
- Master in Management (April 22, 2020)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Contemporary Arts (June 3, 2020)
- Certificate in Business Administration in Indigenous Business Leadership (July 15, 2020)
- Graduate Diploma in Business Administration in Indigenous Business Leadership (July 15, 2020)
- Indigenous Business Leadership Executive Master of Business Administration (July 15, 2020)
- Master of Engineering in Smart Manufacturing and Systems (September 9, 2020)
- Addition of specialization to the Health Sciences Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy (Oct 7, 2020)
- Addition of specialization to the Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy (Oct 7, 2020)
- Graduate Certificate in Financial Analysis (Oct 7, 2020)
- Graduate Certificate in Accounting with Digital Analytics (November 18, 2020)
- Master of Science in Accounting with Cognitive Analytics (November 18, 2020)

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

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

- Modelling of Complex Social Systems Graduate Certificate Suspension and Dissolution (April 22, 2020)
- Suspension of Admission to the Latin American Studies Graduate Certificate (April 22, 2020)

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

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

- Senate Guidelines for External Reviews (April 22, 2020)
- Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science (October 21, 2020)
- School of Computing Science (October 21, 2020)

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

- School of Criminology (June 3, 2020)
- Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies (February 17, 2021)
- Department of History (February 17, 2021)
- Department of Indigenous Studies (February 17, 2021)
- Department of Philosophy (February 17, 2021)
- School of Public Policy (February 17, 2021)
- School of Resource and Environmental Management (February 17, 2021)

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

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

- Digital Democracies Institute (September 9, 2020)

SCUP reviewed and approved the termination of the following centres:

- International Centre of Art for Social Change (November 18, 2020)

SCUP reviewed and approved the renaming and repositioning of the following institutes:

- Institute called the Centre for Imaginative Education to a Centre named the Centre for Imagination in Research, Culture & Education (CIRCE) (November 18, 2020)

SCUP approved the renewal of the following Centres or Institutes for a five-year term (November 18, 2020):

- Centre for Public Policy Research
- Gerontology Research Centre
- Centre for Research on International Education
- Centre for Sustainable Development
- Centre for Cell Biology, Development and Disease (C2D2)
- Centre for High-Throughput Chemical Biology (C-HTCB)
- Evolutionary and Behavioural Ecology Research Group
- Canadian Institute for Studies in Publishing
- Institute for Environmental Learning
- International Centre for Criminal Law Reform & Criminal Justice Policy
- Vancouver Institute for Visual Analytics (VIVA)

SCUP reviewed and approved the renewal of the following centres for a one-year term:

- Centre for Policy Research on Science and Technology (CPROST) (November 18, 2020)
- Centre for Restorative Justice (November 18, 2020)
- First Nations Language Centre (November 18, 2020)
- Centre for Scottish Studies (February 17, 2021)

SCUP considered the following document for information:

- Centres and Institutes Report (November 18, 2020)

### **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:

- 2020/21 Budget Consultation (December 2, 2020 and March 12, 2021)

After a review of the available information in relation to the proposed 2021/22 University Budget, SCUP provided its comments to the President.

## **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:

- Renaming of a Chair (closed session July 15, 2020)
- Terms of Reference and Naming of a Chair (closed session July 15, 2020)
- Renaming of a Chair (closed session October 7, 2020)

## **XII. Named Recognition of Buildings, Academic Endowments and Academic Units**

SCUP was consulted on the naming of or revisions to the name of a building, academic endowment and/or academic unit:

- Naming of a Building (closed session January 20, 2021)

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

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

- Name Change of the Film and Video Studies Minor (April 22, 2020)
- Name Change Art, Performance and Cinema Studies Minor (April 22, 2020)
- Name Change of the Certificate in First Nations Languages Proficiency to the Certificate in Indigenous Languages Proficiency (June 3, 2020)
- Name Change of the First Nations Languages Program to Indigenous Languages Program (June 3, 2020)
- Name Change of the First Nations Languages Proficiency Diploma to the Indigenous Languages Proficiency Diploma (June 3, 2020)
- Name Change of the Master of Education in TEAL - Teaching English as an Additional Language (TESL/TEFL) (November 18, 2020)
- Name Change of the following programs (July 15, 2020):
  - First Nations Studies Major
  - Archaeology and First Nations Studies Joint Major
  - First Nations Studies and Linguistics Joint Major
  - First Nations Studies Minor
  - First Nations Studies Research Certificate
  - First Nations Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma
  - First Nations Studies Co-operative Education Program

**XIV. Committee Memberships**

April 2020 – May 2020

J. Driver (Chair)	W. Parkhouse	T. Brennand	T. Bubela	G. Chapman	E. Chenier
J. Denholm	J. Derksen	R. Dunsford	C. Fowler	J. Johnson/ D. O’Neil	R. Khan Hemani/ K. Verkerk
D. Laitsch	T. Leacock	Z. Naqvi	S. O’Neill	A. Parmar	M. Roman
C. Shaw	P. Tingling	C. Walsby	K. Whittle (Secretary)	B. Basi/ J. Sutherland (Recording Secretary)	

June 2020 – March 2021

J. Driver/ C. Dauvergne (Chair)	W. Parkhouse	T. Brennand	G. Chapman	J. Denholm	J. Derksen
E. Fiume	R. Khan Hemani/ K. Verkerk	J. Johnson/ D. O’Neil	D. Laitsch	G. Myers	Z. Naqvi
A. Parmar	J. Pulkingham	S. Raza	M. Roman	C. Shaw	S. Spector
P. Tingling	C. Walsby	A. Wong	K. Whittle (Secretary)	B. Basi/ J.Sutherland (Recording Secretary)	

Submitted to Senate by:

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Chair, Senate Committee on University Priorities