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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	April 27, 2023
FROM	Kevin Oldknow, Senior Advisor on Academic Planning and Acting Chair, SCUP on behalf of Wade Parkhouse, Provost and Vice-President Academic	PAGES	1/6
RE:	SCUP Annual Report (SCUP 23-15)		

At its meeting on April 12, 2023, SCUP reviewed the Annual SCUP Report for April 2022 to March 2023. It is attached for the information of Senate.

Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP) ANNUAL REPORT

For the period of April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

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

- May 11, 2022
- June 15, 2022
- July 13, 2022
- November 16, 2022
- December 7, 2022
- January 25, 2023
- February 8, 2023
- March 8, 2023
- March 22, 2023

III. Academic Planning

SCUP reviewed the following documents for information:

- Medical School Update (January 25, 2023)

IV. Proposed Programs Approved for Further Planning

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

- Japanese Studies Certificate (June 15, 2022)
- Master of Science in Environmental Science (March 8, 2023)

- Doctor of Philosophy of in Environmental Science (March 8, 2023)

V. New and Revised Programs

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

- Japanese Studies Certificate (November 16, 2022)

VI. Program Suspensions and Dissolutions

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

- Suspension of Admission to the Master of Science in Ecological Restoration (January 25, 2023)

VII. External Reviews

SCUP received, approved, and recommended to Senate the external review reports and related recommendations for priority action items for the following academic units (December 7, 2022):

- Department of Biological Sciences
- Department of French
- Department of Political Science
- Department of Global Humanities
- Department of Geography

External review mid-cycle reports were reviewed for the following academic units (July 13, 2022):

- School of Engineering Science
- Department of Earth Sciences

VIII. Centres and Institutes

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

- Visual and Interactive Computing Institute (VINCI) (July 13, 2022)
- Pacific Institute on Pathogens, Pandemics and Society (PIPPS) (November 16, 2022)

SCUP reviewed and approved the dissolution of the following Centres and Institutes:

- Centre for Global Political Economy (November 16, 2022)
- Behavioural and Cognitive Neuroscience Institute (November 16, 2022)

SCUP reviewed and approved the termination of the following Institute:

- David Wheeler Institute for Research in Mathematics Education (November 16, 2022)

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

- Centre for Education, Law and Society (CELS) to the Cassidy Centre for Educational Justice (July 13, 2022)

No Centres or Institutes submitted revisions to their Terms of Reference in this reporting year.

SCUP approved the renewal of the following Centres and Institutes for a five-year term (November 16, 2022):

- Centre d'études francophones Québec-Pacifique
- David Lam Centre for International Communication
- Institute of Governance Studies
- Centre for Corporate Governance and Sustainability
- Centre for Research on Early Child Health and Education
- Centre for Natural Hazards Research
- Centre for Wildlife Ecology
- International Cybercrime Research Centre (ICRC)
- Science and Technology for Aging Research Institute (STAR)
- Institute on Violence, Terrorism, and Security

SCUP reviewed and approved the renewal of the following Centres for a two-year term (November 16, 2022):

- Centre for Collaborative Action on Indigenous Health Governance
- Centre for Operations Research and Decision Sciences

SCUP reviewed and approved the renewal of the following Centres for a three-year term:

- Centre for Studies in Print and Media Cultures (November 16, 2022)

SCUP reviewed and approved an extension renewal of the following Centres for a three-month term:

- Institute for Black and African Diaspora Research and Engagement (November 16, 2022)
- Institute for Black and African Diaspora Research and Engagement (March 8, 2023)

SCUP reviewed the following document for information:

- Centres and Institutes Annual Report (November 16, 2022)

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:

- 2023/24 Budget Consultation (closed sessions, November 16, 2022 and March 22, 2023)

After a review of the available information in relation to the proposed 2022/23 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:

- Terms of Reference and Naming of a Chair (closed session, May 12, 2022)
- Terms of Reference for a Chair (closed session, December 7, 2022)
- Terms of Reference and Naming of a Professorship (closed session, March 22, 2023)

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

No consultations on the naming of or revisions to the name of a building, academic endowment and/or academic unit were submitted in this reporting year.

SCUP considered, approved, and recommended to Senate the terms of reference for the following buildings, academic endowments and academic units:

- Terms of Reference for an Endowment (December 7, 2022)
- Terms of Reference for an Endowment (closed session, February 8, 2023)

XIII. Other Matters Considered by SCUP

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

- University Undergraduate Curriculum Development and Process (June 15, 2022)
- Name Change for the Master of Arts in Humanities (June 15, 2022)
- Micro-Credentials Discussion (February 8, 2023)
- Name Change for the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre (Performance Stream) (March 8, 2023)
- Name Change for the Certificate in Creative Technologies in Digital Journalism (March 8, 2023)
- General Education Curriculum Committee Recommendations (March 8, 2023)
- Name Change for the Master of Science in Professional Computer Science (March 22, 2023)

XIV. Committee Memberships

April 2022 – May 2022

C. Dauvergne (Chair)
W. Parkhouse
G. Bird
T. Brennan
G. Chapman
J. Derksen
E. Fiume
K. Fong (*acting CIO*)
D. Laitsch
C. Liu
B. Malott
D. Murphy

G. Myers
Z. Naqvi
T. Nault
D. O'Neil
H. Pahou
A. Parmar
P. Hall
S. Spector
C. Walsby
J. Sutherland (Secretary)
M. Grahame (Recording Secretary)

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June 2022 – March 2023

C. Dauvergne/W. Parkhouse (Chair,
changed in July 2022)
K. Oldknow (began in November 2022)
D. Arseneault
G. Bird
T. Brennand
G. Chapman
J. Derksen
N. Krogman
D. Laitsch
C. Liu
L. Masri
D. Murphy
G. Myers

Z. Naqvi
T. Nault
C. Neustaedter
D. O'Neil
R. Pantophlet
A. Parmar
S. Rashmi
S. Spector
B. Stewart
V. Williams
J. Sutherland (Secretary)
M. Graham/J. Chapman (Recording
Secretary, *changed in June 2022*)

Submitted to Senate by:

Wade Parkhouse
Chair, Senate Committee on University Priorities