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ATTENTION: Members of Senate

FROM: Rummana Khan Hemani, SCIA Chair, Vice-Provost, Students

RE: SCIA Annual Report 2023

DATE: November 8, 2024

Please find attached the annual report for the Senate Committee on International Activities.

Yours truly,

Rummana Khan Hemani
Chair, Senate Committee on International Activities
Vice-Provost, Students

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES (SCIA)
ANNUAL REPORT TO SENATE
 January – December 2023

1. Introduction

The Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) is a Standing Committee (Reporting Category "B") established under the terms of the University Policy on International Activities (GP 23). The terms of reference and Committee composition can be found at: <http://www.sfu.ca/senate/senate-committees/scia.html>. The University Policy on International Activities can be found at <http://www.sfu.ca/policies/gazette/general/gp23.html>

In 2023, SCIA met three times in total; twice in a hybrid format and once online. This Annual Report highlights the matters dealt with by the Committee over the course of the year. Senators wishing for more detailed information concerning SCIA's deliberations and/or the approved minutes of the meetings may find them at: <http://www.sfu.ca/senate/senate-committees/scia.html>

Senators are welcome to contact the Committee's secretary by email: scia@sfu.ca for further information.

1.1 SCIA Members

| | |
|--|---|
| Vice-President, Research and International | Dugan O'Neil |
| Vice-President, Academic (or designate) | Rummana Khan Hemani |
| Associate Vice-President, Students (or designate) | Carolyn Hanna |
| Executive Director, SFU International | Shaheen Nanji |
| Faculty Member, Applied Sciences | Bonnie Gray |
| Faculty Member, Arts/Social Sciences | Sarah Henzi (Feb); Vacant (Jun, Nov) |
| Faculty Member, Business Administration | Michael Favere-Marchesi |
| Faculty Member, Communication, Art/Technology | Elspeth Pratt |
| Faculty Member, Education | Nathalie Sinclair |
| Faculty Member, Environment | Dongya Yang (Feb); Vacant (Jun, Nov) |
| Faculty Member, Health Sciences | Vacant |
| Faculty Member, Science | Arne Mooers |
| Faculty Member, Lifelong Learning | Wendy Steinberg |
| Dean or Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (non-voting) | Jeff Derksen (Feb, Jun); Mary O'Brien (Nov) |
| Undergraduate Student (at-large) | Helen Pahou (Feb); Vacant (Jun); Moksha Dilip (Nov) |
| Graduate Student (at-large) | Vacant |
| Recording Secretary (non-voting) | Paula Barker |

1.2 2023 SCIA Meeting Dates

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|-------------------|
| February 9, 2023 |
| June 29, 2023 |
| November 30, 2023 |

Current SCIA membership and meeting dates are available at:
<http://www.sfu.ca/senate/senate-committees/scia.html>

2. Received for Approval

- 2.01 Tanzania Field School with Aga Khan University [February]
- 2.02 Memorandum of Understanding – The Science Foundation Ireland Research Centre in Applied Geosciences [June]
- 2.03 Study Abroad Program Agreement – ICN Business School [June]
- 2.04 Study Abroad Program Agreement – Zhaw School of Management and Law [June]
- 2.05 Letter of Intent – Aberystwyth University [June]
- 2.06 Approval by delegated authority: Letter of Intent – Wageningen University and Research [June]
- 2.07 Admissions and Articulation Pathway - S.P Jain Institute Of Management & Research Global Management Program and SFU Beedie EC MBA [November]
- 2.08 Memorandum of Understanding between Faculty of Environment, SFU and Faculty of Economics and Management, IPB University [November]
- 2.09 Approval by Delegated Authority – Collaboration Agreement between SFU and Aga Khan University – Arusha Climate and Environmental Research [November]

3. 2022/2023 Study Abroad Program Statistics – Overall Summary (Appendix A)

Enclosed are the 2022/23 Study Abroad Programs report for programs administered by International Services for Students (ISS).

Due to the Global Affairs Canada global travel advisory to avoid non-essential travel (Level 3), exchanges were cancelled between March 2020 and Spring 2022. However, the advisory was lifted on February 28, 2022, resulting in in-person study abroad activities resuming shortly thereafter. In-person outbound exchange activity resumed in Summer 2022. In-person inbound exchange activity had resumed in Spring 2022. No outbound or inbound exchanges were cancelled in the 2022/23 year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SFU continued to offer virtual exchange in the 2022-23 year for SFU students. Two students participated in a virtual exchange in Summer 2022.

Ten Field Schools were offered in-person in Summer 2022. Of which, 6 ran. The programs that did not proceed were cancelled due to an insufficient number of participants.

Student interest in study abroad programs has remained strong and demand for in-person programs for 2022/23 has returned to the pre-pandemic levels.

Report A provides an overview of activity through the Formal Exchange Program and other study abroad programs. This report includes in-person mobility only.

Report B outlines virtual mobility.

Report C outlines in-person International Field School activity.

Please contact ISS International Mobility at international_exchange@sfu.ca if there are any questions pertaining to the enclosed.

4. International Co-op Program (information from co-op) (Appendix B)

5. SFU International Awards

Chris Dagg Award

3 individuals were nominated and 2 were awarded.

6. Signature



Rummana Khan Hemani
Senate Committee on International Activities

Date: Nov. 08, 2024

Senate Committee on International Activities 2023 Annual Report

SCIA Report A: SFU Formal Exchange Program and Study Abroad Activity by Year 2022/23: Data View

| Year* | Formal Exchange | | | | Study Abroad (Fee-Paying to host institution) | | | | Inbound Special Programs | | |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| | Outbound (from SFU) | | Inbound (to SFU) | | Outbound (from SFU) | | Inbound (to SFU)** | | Historical Beedie Programs*** | Zhejiang Inbound Students (Offset for CMPT DDP) | |
| | Term Count | Unique Student Count | Term Count | Unique Student Count | Term Count | Unique Student Count | Term Count | Unique Student Count | Term Count and Unique Student Count | Term Count | Unique Student Count |
| 2022/23 | 274 | 256 | 326 | 282 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 2 | | 0 | 0 |
| 2021/22 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| 2020/21 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| 2019/20 | 261 | 243 | 328 | 281 | 16 | 16 | 4 | 4 | | 0 | 0 |
| 2018/19 | 306 | 284 | 265 | 226 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 27 | 2 | 1 |
| 2017/18 | 270 | 243 | 270 | 222 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 2017 | 277 | 275 | 268 | 266 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 30 | 3 | 3 |
| 2016 | 252 | 252 | 256 | 251 | | | 13 | 13 | 34 | 6 | 6 |
| 2015 | 290 | 289 | 269 | 266 | | | 5 | 5 | 28 | 8 | 8 |
| 2014 | 252 | | 260 | | | | 6 | | 29 | | |
| 2013 | 253 | | 319 | | | | 6 | | | | |
| 2012 | 243 | | 332 | | | | 5 | | | | |
| 2011 | 234 | | 320 | | | | 20 | | 2 | | |
| Fall 2010 | 110 | | 188 | | | | 15 | | 2 | | |
| 2009/10 | 245 | | 312 | | | | 17 | | 46 | | |
| 2008/09 | 243 | | 280 | | | | 20 | | 66 | | |
| 2007/08 | 244 | | 280 | | | | 36 | | 39 | | |
| 2006/07 | 198 | | 190 | | | | 18 | | 44 | | |
| 2005/06 | 150 | | 252 | | | | | | 42 | | |
| 2004/05 | | 146 | | 183 | | | | | | | |
| 2003/04 | | 141 | | 163 | | | | | | | |
| 2002/03 | | 120 | | 122 | | | | | | | |
| 2001/02 | | 97 | | 118 | | | | | | | |
| 2000/01 | | 78 | | 132 | | | | | | | |
| 1999/00 | | 88 | | 125 | | | | | | | |
| 1998/99 | | 65 | | 47 | | | | | | | |
| 1997/98 | | 69 | | 24 | | | | | | | |
| 1996/97 | | 70 | | 26 | | | | | | | |
| 1995/96 | | 34 | | 12 | | | | | | | |
| 1994/95 | | 24 | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| 1993/94 | | 18 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 1992/93 | | 1 | | 0 | | | | | | | |

Notes:

* Years 1992/93 - 2009/10 were reported by Academic Year (Fall, Spring, Summer). The Fall 2010 term was reported separately. Years 2011 to 2017 were reported by Calendar Year (Spring, Summer, Fall). Years 2017/18 to present were reported by Fiscal Year (Summer, Fall, Spring) which coincides with the Exchange Program Year. As a result, the Summer 2017 and Fall 2017 terms are reported in both the 2017 Calendar Year stats and the 2017/18 Fiscal Year stats. Beginning in the 2015 calendar year, numbers are reported in terms of both unique student counts or term counts. Prior to 2015, annual numbers were reported only in one of these ways.

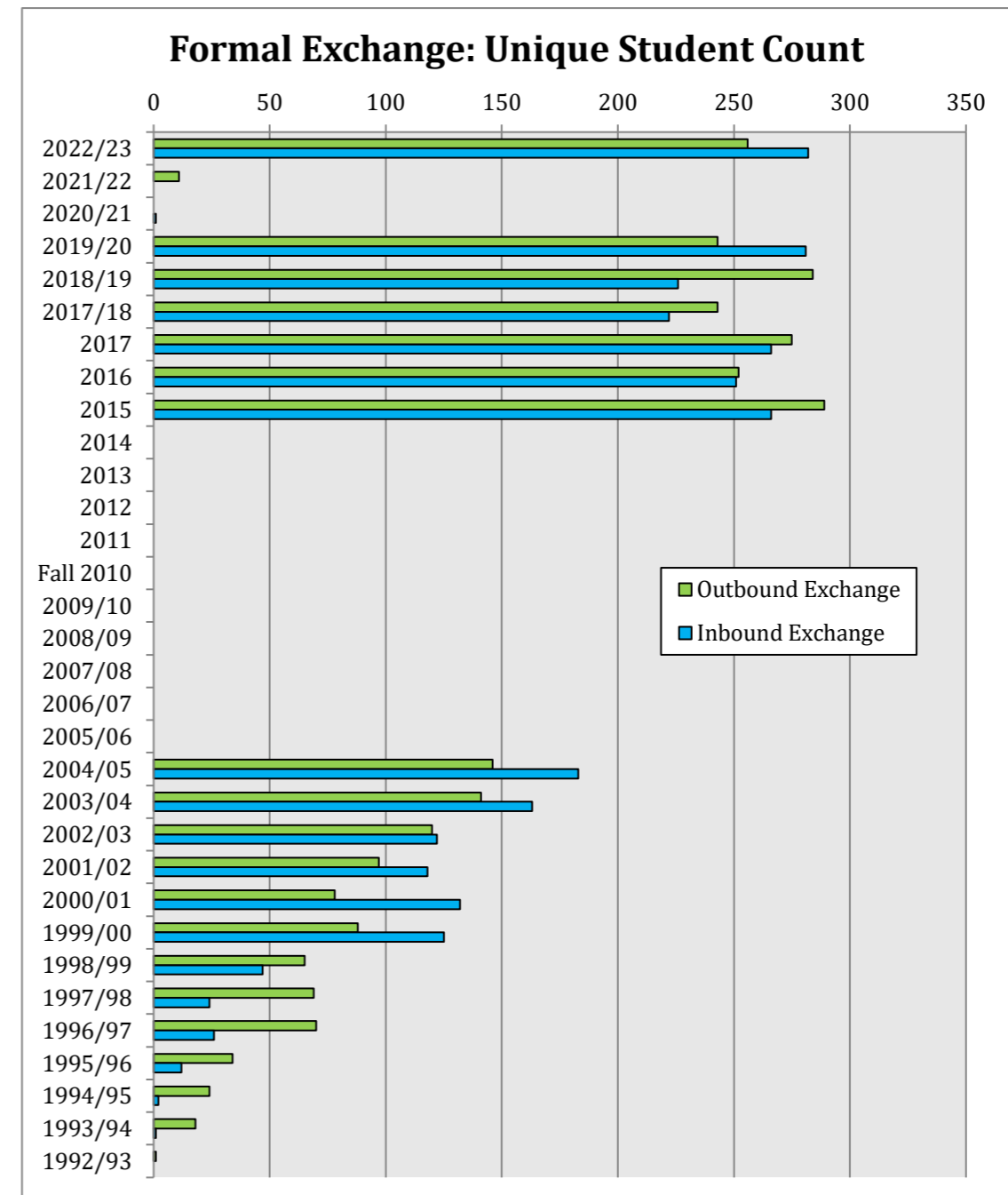
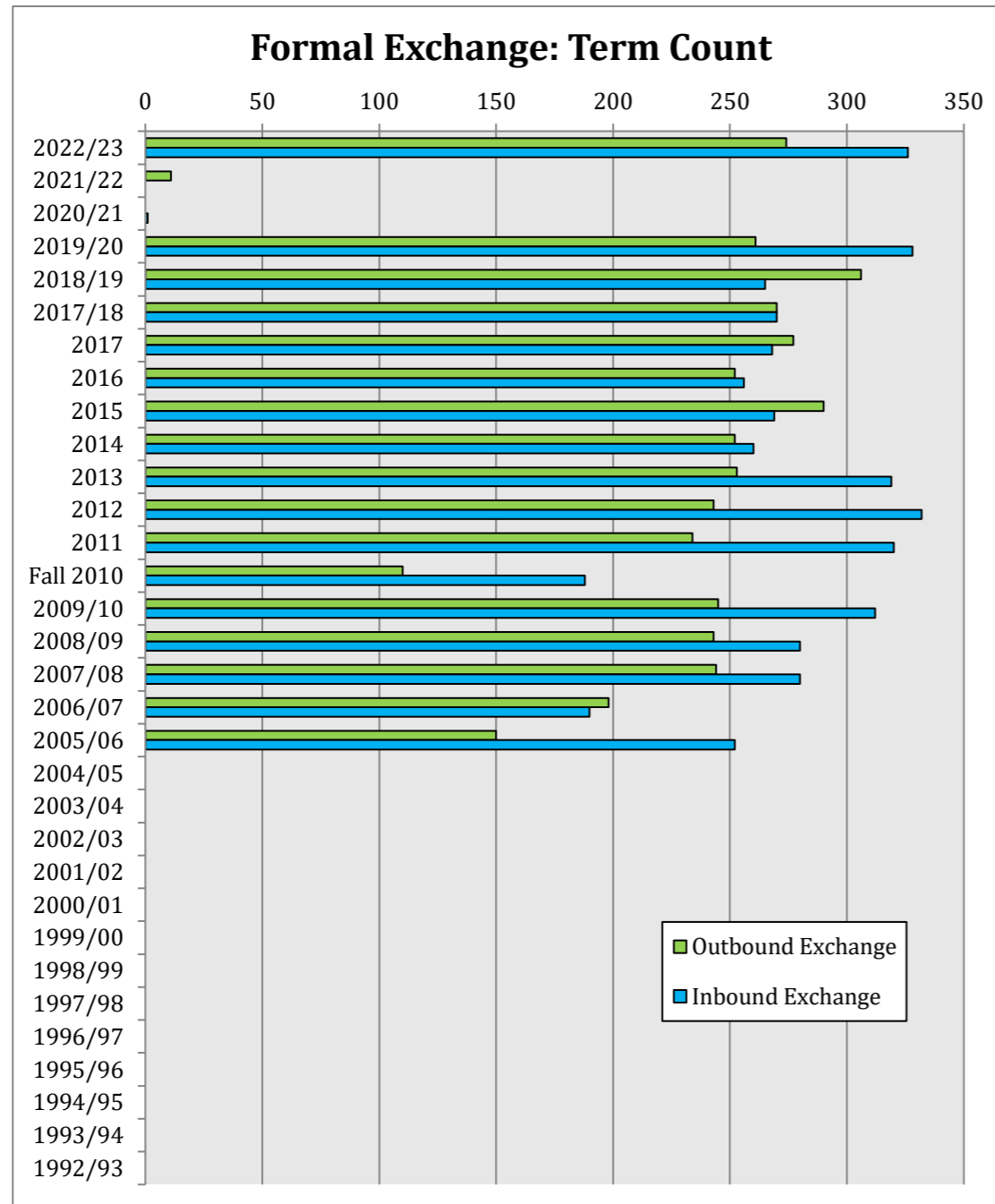
*Years 2020/21 and 2021/22 were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which limited physical mobility due to the Global Affairs Canada Level 3 advisory and border and travel restrictions. Outbound activity was limited to students who met exemption criteria. Inbound activity resumed in Spring 2022.

**Between 2006/07 - 2011, study abroad students were in some cases admitted at the domestic tuition rate instead of international. This practice was discontinued after 2011.

*****Historical Beedie Programs:**

- Bocconi, Italy: 2005/06 - 2009/10
- BI Norway: 2005/06 - 2011
- Grenoble Transcontinental Business: 2014 - 2018/19

SCIA Report A: SFU Formal Exchange Program and Study Abroad Activity by Year 2022/23: Chart View



SCIA Report B: Virtual Mobility 2022/23

Virtual exchanges use existing mechanisms and partnerships for reciprocal exchanges which enable students to attend online courses at a partner university, full-time or part-time. ISS developed a regularized outbound [Virtual Exchange Program](#) which was launched for 2021/22. As in-person activities resumed in 2022, the regularized Virtual Exchange Program was the only means for students to participate in a virtual exchange in the 2022/23 year.

Virtual Exchange – Outbound

Outbound Virtual Exchange activity continued in 2022/23, with 2 students participating in the Summer 2022.

| Country | Institution | Number of Students | Subject Faculty |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Australia | Deakin University | 1 | BUS (1) |
| Finland | Aalto University | 1 | URB (1) |
| TOTAL | | 2 | BUS (1), URB (1) |

Virtual Exchange – Inbound

ISS ended virtual exchange programming as SFU shifted from primarily remote to primarily in-person course delivery.

Virtual Field Schools

Field Schools shifted back to in-person international programming as of Summer 2022. Thus, no Field Schools took place virtually.

SCIA Report C: SFU Field Schools Statistics 2022/23

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Total Programs: | 6 |
| Total Participants: | 93 |

| Program | SFU Department or Faculty | Field School Director | Term | Country | Number of times program has run (including 2022) | Number of participants | Participants: Level of Study | SFU Participants: Faculty(ies) |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|--|------------------------|---|--|
| Berlin Contemporary Arts Field School | Contemporary Arts | Sabine Bitter | Summer 2022 | Germany | 5 | 12 | Undergraduate: 10 Visiting Ugrad: 1 Visiting Grad: 1 | CAT: 11 |
| Curacao Archaeology Field School | Archaeology | Christina Giovas | Summer 2022 | Curacao | 1 | 7 | Undergraduate: 5 Visiting Ugrad: 2 | ARTS: 1 EVN: 5 |
| Finland Urban Sustainability Field School | Urban Studies | Annika Airas, Meg Holden | Summer 2022 | Finland | 1* | 9 | Undergraduate: 4 Graduate: 5 | ARTS: 5 BUS: 1 CAT: 1 ENV: 2 |
| italiaDesign Field School | Interactive Arts and Technology | Russell Taylor | Summer 2022 | Italy | 13 | 12 | Undergraduate: 12 | CAT: 12 |
| NATO Field School and Simulation Program | Political Science | Alex Moens | Summer 2022 | Belgium, Italy, Latvia | 4 | 41** | Undergraduate: 12 Graduate: 0 Visiting Ugrad: 22 Visiting Grad: 7*** | ARTS: 12 |
| Portugal Archaeology Field School | Archaeology | Hugo Cardoso | Summer 2022 | Portugal | 2 | 12 | Undergraduate: 12 | APSC: 1 ARTS: 2 ENV: 1 SCI: 1 |

*This was the first international in-person iteration. URB ran this program virtually in 2020 and 2021.

**Originally 42 participants, but 1 withdrew after departure.

*** Originally 8 visiting graduate participants, but one withdrew after departure.

The following Field Schools were planned but did not run:

- Prague: Humanities
- Scotland: International Perspectives on Cybercrime
- Indonesia: Environmental Education
- South Korea: Beedie Finance Field School

Appendix B
International Co-op Program

| Spring 2023 | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| | |
| Belgium | 1 |
| China | 7 |
| Hong Kong | 1 |
| India | 2 |
| Italy | 2 |
| Japan | 1 |
| United States | 5 |
| Vietnam | 1 |
| | |
| Total | 20 |

| Summer 2023 | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| | |
| China | 15 |
| France | 2 |
| Germany | 1 |
| Hong Kong | 3 |
| India | 1 |
| Indonesia | 2 |
| Japan | 1 |
| Jordan | 1 |
| Nepal | 2 |
| Tanzania | 3 |
| United States | 6 |
| Vietnam | 2 |
| | |
| Total | 39 |

| Fall 2023 | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| | |
| Bangladesh | 1 |
| Bulgaria | 1 |
| China | 8 |
| France | 1 |
| Germany | 1 |
| Indonesia | 1 |
| Netherlands | 1 |
| Philippines | 1 |
| United Arab Emirates | 1 |
| United States | 5 |
| | |
| Total | 21 |