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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate
DATE April 28, 2020
FROM Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and
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Provost *pro tem*, and Chair, SCUP
RE: Annual SCUP Report for April 2019 – March 2020 (SCUP 20-23)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon C. Driver', written over the 'RE:' line of the memorandum.

At its April 22, 2020 meeting, SCUP reviewed the Annual SCUP Report for April 2019 to March 2020. The document is attached for the information of Senate.

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

ANNUAL REPORT

For the period of April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020

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 17, 2019
- June 5, 2019
- September 4, 2019
- October 9, 2019
- October 23, 2019
- November 6, 2019
- December 4, 2019
- January 8, 2020
- February 5, 2020
- March 11, 2020

III. Academic Planning

In relation to academic planning responsibilities, SCUP did not receive any reports this year.

IV. Proposed Programs Approved for Further Planning

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

- Minor in Social Data Analytics (June 5, 2019)
- Masters in Management (September 4, 2019)
- Minor in Creative Writing (September 4, 2019)
- Joint Major in First Nations Studies and History (December 4, 2019)
- Minor in First Nations Languages (December 4, 2019)
- PhD in Contemporary Arts (December 4, 2019)
- Indigenous Business Leadership Executive Master in Business Administration (January 8, 2020)
- Geographic Information Science Minor (January 8, 2020)

V. New and Revised Programs

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

- Certificate in International Studies (April 17, 2019)
- Graduate Certificate in History (April 17, 2019)
- Certificate in Creative Technologies in Digital Journalism (April 17, 2019)
- Master of Arts in Terrorism, Risk, and Security Studies (November 6, 2019)
- Minor in Creative Writing (December 4, 2019)
- Minor in Social Analytics (December 4, 2019)
- Professional Kinesiology Certificate (February 5, 2020)

VI. Program Suspensions and Dissolutions

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

- Development and Sustainability Graduate Certificate (suspension December 4, 2019)
- Sustainable Development Post Baccalaureate Diploma (suspension December 4, 2019)
- Latin American Studies Minor Program (suspension December 4, 2019)

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 English (October 23, 2019)
- Department of Sociology and Anthropology (October 23, 2019)
- School for the Contemporary Arts (October 23, 2019)
- School of Communication (October 23, 2019)
- Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (November 6, 2019)
- Department of Archaeology (January 8, 2020)

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

- Faculty of Education (June 5, 2019)
- Department of Chemistry (January 8, 2020)
- School for International Studies (February 5, 2020)
- Department of Linguistics (February 5, 2020)

VIII. Centres and Institutes

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

- SFU Africa Research Centre (March 11, 2020)

SCUP approved the renewal of the following Centres or Institutes for a five-year term (October 9, 2019):

- Jack Austin Centre for Asia Pacific Studies
- Centre for Global Workforce Strategy
- Chronic Pain Research Institute
- Institute for Performance Studies
- Institute for the Reduction of Youth Violence

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

- Centre for Research on International Education
- Centre for Restorative Justice

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the following:

- Revised Policy R40.01 – Research Centres and Institutes (June 5, 2019)

SCUP considered the following document for information:

- Centres and Institutes Report 2018/19 (October 9, 2019)

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 (October 9, 2019 and March 11, 2020)

After a review of the available information in relation to the proposed 2020/19 University Budget, SCUP provided its comments to the President (October 23, 2019)

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 December 4, 2019)
- Terms of Reference and Naming of a Chair (closed session January 8, 2020)
- Naming of a Professorship (closed session March 11, 2020)

XII. Other Matters Considered by SCUP

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

- Establishment of the Department of World Languages and Literatures (September 4, 2019)
- Name Change of the Department of First Nation Studies (December 4, 2019)

XIII. Committee Memberships

April 2019 – May 2019

P. Keller (Chair)	W. Parkhouse	T. Brennand	T. Bubela
G. Chapman	A. Dastmalchian	J. Derksen	P. Elmi
J. Freedman	R. Khan Hemani	S. Ho	J. Johnson
D. Laitsch	T. Leacock	K. Magnusson	A. Mohar
Z. Naqvi	M. Roman	J. Scott	C. Shaw
P. Tingling	C. Walsby	S. Rhodes	B. Basi

June 2019 – March 2020

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

Senate Committee on University Priorities
Annual Report 2019/2020

Submitted to Senate by:

Jonathon Driver
Chair, Senate Committee on University Priorities