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MEMORANDUM

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)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Catherine Dauvergne', written over the 'PAGES' field of the memorandum.

At its April 21st, 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:

Catherine Dauvergne
Chair, Senate Committee on University Priorities