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**MEMORANDUM**

<b>ATTENTION</b>	Senate	<b>DATE</b>	February 21, 2024
<b>FROM</b>	Dilson Rassier, Provost and Vice-President Academic and Chair, SCUP	<b>PAGES</b>	1/4
<b>RE:</b>	Establishment of the Research Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on the French-Speaking World (SCUP 24-08)		

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At its meeting on February 21, 2024, SCUP reviewed and approved the establishment of the Research Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on the French-Speaking World for a five-year term.

**Motion:** That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of the Research Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on the French-Speaking World for a five-year term.

C: Valorie Crooks



MEMO

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**ATTENTION** Dr. Gaëlle Planchenault, Chair of the Steering committee,  
Research Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on the French-Speaking World

**FROM** Steeve Mongrain, Associate Dean, Research & International

**RE** Approval of the RCMSFSW's Constitution

**DATE** November 1, 2023

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Dear Dr. Planchenault,

The Dean's office is pleased to support the proposal for the constitution of the Research Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on the French-Speaking World (RCMSFSW). The proposal presented by the RCMSFSW's Steering Committee is well-crafted and proposes a clear governance. The Dean's office appreciates the effort made by the Steering Committee of the Centre for Research Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on the French-Speaking World.

The FASS Dean's Office supports the creation of the Research Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on the French-Speaking World. To help start the Research Center, The Dean's office will provide \$5,000 in Cash Support. In addition, the FASS communication team can help set up the website and prepare initial promotional material.

Steeve Mongrain  
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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
CENTRE FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES ON THE  
FRENCH-SPEAKING WORLD

**CONSTITUTION**  
**October, 2023**

## 1 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The objectives of the Research Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on the French-Speaking World include the following:

- To provide a place for collaborative and/or multidisciplinary research on issues related to French societies in Canada and in the world;
- To provide a special focus for collaborative research on: Social justice and Decolonial approaches to the study of French (first axis); Media and Digital Humanities in French (second axis). Other collaborative projects and axes for research will be developed once the centre has been created;
- To provide a place for collaborative and alternative practices – such as artistic and creative collaborations in French or in translation.
- To host research fellows, post-doctoral fellows and graduate students specializing in one of the diverse areas of research on the French-speaking world;
- To organize events and facilitate dissemination of research and ideas on the French-speaking world in the university as well as outside the university, in collaboration with local French-speaking communities and institutions;
- To ensure that, in keeping with SFU strategic research plans, the research in French studies and on the French-speaking world which is led in SFU informs community discourse on education in French.

## 2 ALIGNMENTS OF THE PROPOSED RESEARCH CENTRE WITH FACULTY PRIORITIES

The work of the proposed Research Centre aligns with Faculty priorities; especially with regards to its focus on interdisciplinarity and cross-department collaborations (in FASS as well as with other faculties such as the Faculty of Education) and to its engagement toward the community and knowledge dissemination.

### 3 AN INNOVATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE IN THE INSTITUTION

According to the list provided on SFU's website [Centres and Institutes | SFU Research](#) and following the termination of the Centre Québec-Pacifique, there is no research institute that currently upholds a similar function. The objectives of the proposed Research Centre do not significantly overlap with other SFU Research Centres or Research Institutes.

### 4 FACULTY RESOURCES TO SUPPORT PROPOSED RESEARCH CENTRE

Leftover funds will be transferred from the Centre Québec-Pacifique's financial account.

Any additional funds provided by the Faculty would allow the centre to hold special events during the first year of the centre's creation and to host a research fellow or a (post)graduate student for a limited period of time.

### 5 PROVISION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR

It is proposed by the steering committee that the centre's director during its first year of creation is Dr Gaëlle Planchenault.

### 6 CONDUCT

The Steering committee recognizes the obligation to conduct its activities in accordance with the University's policies, more precisely in:

- 6.1. ensuring that all agreements involving a Research Centre have secured the necessary approvals in accordance with SFU Policy B10.11 *Signing Authorizations*;
- 6.2. ensuring that governance documents and constitutions exist, are adhered to, and are amended as necessary;
- 6.3. maintaining a record of Research Centre meetings and relevant decisions; and
- 6.4. ensuring the timely and accurate submission of annual reports and, when applicable, renewal requests.

### 7 GOVERNANCE

7.1. The steering committee will be composed of at least three members: a director, a treasurer and a secretary, who are also regular Faculty, Term Faculty and Other Faculty members.

7.2. The committee is the primary decision-making body for the Research Centre;

7.3. The committee will hold at least one meeting every semester during which minutes will be taken;

7.4. The committee will maintain an up-to-date web/social media presence that includes a list of members and research activities;

7.5. The steering committee will inform the French Department of its activities.