

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Senate Committee on University Priorities
Memorandum

TO: Senate

FROM: John Waterhouse
Chair, SCUP
Vice President, Academic



RE: Faculty of Health Sciences:
Pfizer/Heart and Stroke Foundation BC & Yukon
Chair in Cardiovascular Prevention Research – Terms of Reference
(SCUP 08-11)

DATE: March 17, 2008

At its March 12, 2008 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the terms of reference for the Pfizer/Heart and Stroke Foundation BC & Yukon Chair in Cardiovascular Prevention Research in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Motion

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the terms of reference for the Pfizer/Heart and Stroke Foundation BC & Yukon Chair in Cardiovascular Prevention Research in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

encl.

c: J. O'Neil

Pfizer/Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon Chair in Cardiovascular Prevention Research at St. Paul's Hospital

Terms of Reference

March 3, 2008

Overview

The Pfizer/Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon Chair in Cardiovascular Prevention Research at St. Paul's Hospital (the Chair) was established in 2007 by four founding partners: St. Paul's Hospital Foundation (SPHF) on behalf of Providence Health Care, the Providence Heart + Lung Institute at St. Paul's, and the Providence Health Care Research Institute, Pfizer Canada Inc., the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon, and the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University (SFU) (the "Parties").

The Chair will enhance the quality and quantity of research conducted in cardiovascular disease prevention and health policy in BC and beyond, and will establish SFU and St. Paul's Hospital as leaders in research and knowledge transfer in relation to heart and blood vessel diseases.

The Chair is funded by a \$4,628,000 SFU Endowment (the "Fund") comprised of: (1) a \$1,128,000 gift from SPHF (the "Initial Contribution"); (2) a \$1,250,000 gift to SPHF from Pfizer Canada Inc.; a \$750,000 gift to SPHF from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon; and (4) a \$1,500,000 match from SFU.

This is set out in the Research and Donor Agreement signed by the parties and effective as of November 9th 2007.

Purpose of the Endowment

The Chair will build upon BC's unique health research and training resources to support the development of one of the world's leading centres in the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular diseases.

Specific objectives of the Endowment include:

- To recruit a world-class researcher committed to advancing cardiovascular prevention science across the BC research

community.

- To enhance the existing resources and research programs at SFU and St. Paul's Hospital.
- Research will be focused on the breadth of cardiovascular disease prevention and include such activity areas as:
- Research into critical health policy and interventions related to cardiovascular disease prevention and control particularly at the population level
- Cardiovascular disease epidemiology and database development particularly as it pertains to increasing research infrastructure and capacity in BC and beyond
- Health system outcomes with respect to cardiovascular disease and translational research for best practices, risk factor control, and economic and social analysis.
- Research on the global aspects of cardiovascular diseases particularly targeting low and middle income countries e.g., low cost technologies for low income settings

Fund Administration

The Fund will be held by SFU and the administrator of the Fund will be the Vice-President Academic or his/her designate. Donations to the Fund may be made through Simon Fraser University; provided the terms and conditions of any donation are in keeping with the original spirit and general intent of the Fund

The capital of the Fund will be held in perpetuity with a portion of annual earned income to be reinvested in the Fund to protect its value over time. A portion of annual expendable earned income will be used each year to support the Chair holder's salary, benefits and other activities. Any unused portion of the expendable earned income of the Fund will be made available to support the research program of the Chair, or may be added to the Fund.

In the event that circumstances make the specified use of the Fund no longer practicable or desirable, the Board of Governors of SFU is hereby authorized to make any changes it may deem necessary in the terms of use of the Fund, or the Chair. Such changes, however, are to be in keeping as far as possible with the original spirit and general intent of the Fund; in such an event, SFU hereby agrees to so advise and consult with SPHF, Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon, and Pfizer Canada Inc. in writing prior to any

changes being made.

Advisory Committee for the Chair

The Advisory Committee for the Chair will consist of seven members; the Dean (or designate) of the Faculty of Health Sciences and at least two other representatives from SFU, the Head of the Division of Cardiology at St. Paul's Hospital, the Vice President of Research and Academic Affairs at Providence Health Care, Pfizer Canada's medical division, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon, and other external bodies, as mutually agreed to by SFU and St. Paul's Hospital. In case the Chair holder is an MD, a UBC designate from the Faculty of Medicine will be included in the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee shall be chaired by the Dean (or designate) of the Faculty of Health Sciences at SFU. The members will be appointed for a five-year renewable term by the Vice-President, Academic at SFU on the advice of the Dean of Health Sciences at SFU and the Head of the Division of Cardiology at St. Paul's Hospital. The Committee shall meet at least once a year to review progress of the Chair and be advised by the Chair holder on future research directions. The Committee shall also be consulted at the time of appointment or renewal of the Chair holder. None of the members of the Advisory Committee shall be paid any amount of money from the Fund for their functions on the Committee.

Appointment of the Chair in Cardiovascular Prevention Research

SFU will appoint the Chair holder in accordance with university policy A 10.01 and A10.06: Appointment of Specially Funded University Chairs, University Professors and Research Fellows. The Chair holder will hold a tenure track academic appointment at the senior rank of Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at SFU. The Chair holder will be primarily based at St Paul's Hospital.

The term of appointment for the Chair holder will be a 5 year renewable term. Renewal of the appointment will be concluded in accordance with University policy A10.06. The research focus of any replacement Chair holder must be consistent with the original proposal.

The workload of the Chair will be modified so that 75% of the Chair

holder's time will be spent on research. All other terms and conditions of the Chair holder's employment will be consistent with University policy as established or amended from time to time.

The Chair holder will provide the following reports to SFU with respect to the Chair and SFU will then forward these written reports to SPHF, Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon, and Pfizer Canada Inc.:

- a) A brief annual report of research activities, achievements, and general research plans. This annual report will also include financial reporting on the endowment in reasonable detail.
- b) During every 5th year, a detailed report on activities and achievements over the preceding five years. This report will also include the impact of the research program and benefits derived, research plans for the next five years and financial reporting on the Fund in reasonable detail.
- c) The Advisory Committee will review all annual reports at the five-year review and will provide recommendations to the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences regarding whether or not the performance of the Chair holder is satisfactory.

Amendments

This agreement may be amended by the mutual agreement in writing of all of the parties.

Applicable Laws

This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of the province of British Columbia.