## **SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

# Senate Committee on University Priorities Memorandum

TO: Senate

FROM:

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RE:

Community Trust Endowment

DATE:

November (0, 2006)

Fund Chair – Terms of Reference (SCUP 06-56)

At its November 8, 2006 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the terms of reference for the Community Trust Endowment Fund Chair.

#### Motion

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the terms of reference for the Community Trust Endowment Fund Chair.

#### Rationale

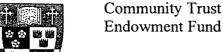
The Community Trust Endowment Fund has been established in perpetuity with income generated by the UniverCity development on campus. Earned income on the Endowment will be used each year to support the endeavours of the Endowment, and, in the first instance, to fund major interdisciplinary research programs at SFU.

The CTEF Chair holders will be individuals who have distinguished themselves at a high level in their fields of research. Their research must complement and support the interdisciplinary research plan of the CTEF-funded program.

The attached terms of reference have been reviewed for consistency with applicable university policies.

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c: M. Pinto





#### TERMS OF REFERENCE COMMUNITY TRUST ENDOWMENT FUND CHAIR

#### Overview

The Community Trust Endowment Fund has been established in perpetuity with income generated by the UniverCity development on campus. Earned income on the Endowment will be used each year to support the endeavours of the Endowment. The first \$3.5 million earned income will be used to fund major interdisciplinary research programs at SFU at the level of up to \$500,000 per annum for a maximum of five years, renewable.

#### **Purpose and Objectives**

These interdisciplinary research programs will have the following goals:

- To enhance SFU's research intensity and distinctiveness.
- To support the implementation of the University's Strategic Research Plan, particularly with regard to promoting interdisciplinary research.
- To attract and support outstanding students through the provision of graduate fellowships, particularly students who will enhance the University's research capacity and whose education will be enhanced by a research-intensive experience.

The hiring of new, continuing faculty with outstanding records in research and graduate teaching would be wholly consistent with the goals and aims of the CTEF. It is proposed that faculty appointments supported by the CTEF should carry the title of Community Trust Endowment Fund Chair (CTEF Chair).

#### Terms of Reference of the CTEF Chairs

CTEF Chairs will be appointed through searches external to the University.

The Chair holders will be individuals who have distinguished themselves at a high level in their fields of research. Their research must complement and support the interdisciplinary research plan of the CTEF-funded program.

The CTEF Chairs will be actively engaged in graduate student supervision and in graduate and undergraduate teaching. The CTEF Chairs will mount a forefront research program that attracts major research funding from the national granting councils and other appropriate sources.

The CTEF Chairs will provide academic leadership in their fields, not only within SFU but also regionally, nationally, and internationally.

The term of the Chair is for the duration of the funding of the CTEF research program.



#### Community Trust Endowment Fund

### TERMS OF REFERENCE COMMUNITY TRUST ENDOWMENT FUND CHAIR

The CTEF Chair could be a visiting faculty member.

Start-up funding for CTEF Chairs will come from the CTEF.

The CTEF Chairs will be funded through an approved CTEF research program. The salary of a CTEF Chair will normally be competitive with that of a CRC Tier 1 or Tier 2 Chair, as appropriate.

Upon expiration of the CTEF funding for the research program, the VP Academic will provide the academic salary plus benefits for the former Chair.

#### **Search Process**

The search will be conducted in accordance with policies A10.01 and A10.06.

The Search Committee will recommend an appointment to the Faculty Dean, who will then make a recommendation for appointment as a CTEF Chair to the VP Academic under SFU Policy A10.06. CTEF Chairs will normally hold a tenured or tenure-track faculty position.

The costs of a CTEF Chair search will be borne by the CTEF.

#### **Fund Administration**

The Community Trust Endowment Fund will be held by Simon Fraser University. The administrator of the Fund will be the President or his/her designate.