

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Office of the Vice-President, Academic

Memorandum

To: Senate

From: John M. Munro
Chair, SCIA

Re: Senate Committee on International
Activities Annual Report

Date: February 15, 2000

For information I attach the Annual Report for the Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) for January to December 1999.



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For Information

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL REPORT TO SENATE January ~ December 1999

Introduction

The Senate Committee on International Activities is a Standing Committee (Reporting Category "B") established under terms of the University Policy on International Activities. The terms of reference and composition of the committee are attached as Annex A.

SCIA met six times in 1999. This report summarizes the issues dealt with by the Committee during the course of the year. For those wanting more detailed information concerning SCIA's meetings, the approved minutes of the meetings are found on the Vice-President, Academic's web site, at:

www.sfu.ca/vpacademic/scia

Senators wishing to receive additional information concerning SFU's international activities are encouraged to contact the Committee's Secretary, Mr. Joe Knockaert at 291-5459 (or by email at: joe_knockaert@sfu.ca).

Members

Committee membership changed significantly during the course of 1999. From January through May 1999, committee members included:

David Gagan	Vice-President, Academic (Chair)
Len Berggren	Faculty Senator
Kevin Hewitt	Graduate Student Senator
John Jones	Faculty Senator
Brian Lewis	Faculty Senator
Joe Peters	Senator (at-large)
Shek Yan To	Undergraduate Student Senator
Joe Knockaert	Secretary (Non-voting), Director, International Cooperation

Upon completion of the terms of a number of committee members, in May 1999, several new members were elected or appointed. SCIA membership from June 1999 to the end of the year comprised:

John M. Munro	Vice-President, Academic (Chair)
Sameh Al-Natour	Undergraduate Student Senator
James Delgrande	Faculty Senator
Jonathan Driver	Faculty Senator
Kevin Hewitt	Graduate Student Senator
Paul McFetridge	Faculty Senator
Joe Peters	Senator (at-large)
Colin Jones	Executive Director, International Relations (non-voting)
Joe Knockaert	Secretary (non-voting), Director, International Cooperation

1999 Meeting Dates for SCIA

February 1, 1999
 April 12, 1999
 May 17, 1999
 September 7, 1999
 October 26, 1999
 November 30, 1999

Activity Report

1. The International Student Exchange Committee (ISEC)

In 1999, ISEC selected 108 SFU students (111 full-time semesters in total) to participate in the University's international bilateral and multilateral undergraduate exchanges.

A detailed list of SFU's current student exchange partner institutions is provided at Annex B.

Committee membership from January 1999 to May 1999 included:

Len Berggren	Faculty Senator and Chair
Rosena Davison	Faculty Member
Andrew Heard	Faculty Member
Rina Zazkis	Faculty Member
C. Ferronato	Undergraduate Student
Stephen Hart	Associate Dean, Graduate Studies (Ex Officio, voting member)

Ron Heath	Registrar and Dean of Student Services (Ex Officio, voting member)
Randall Martin	Director, International & Exchange Student Services (Ex Officio, voting member)
Daria Hucal	Secretary (Student Exchange Coordinator, non-voting member)

ISEC members from June to December 1999, included:

Paul McFetridge	Faculty Senator and Chair
Sameh Al-Natour*	Undergraduate Student
Barbara Frisken	Faculty Member
Andrew Heard	Faculty Member
Rina Zazkis	Faculty Member
Stephen Hart	Associate Dean, Graduate Studies (Ex Officio, voting member)
Ron Heath	Registrar and Dean of Student Services (Ex Officio, voting member)
Randall Martin	Director, International & Exchange Student Services (Ex Officio, voting member)
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* Replaced C. Ferronato effective October 4, 1999

2. **Discussion on Political Change and Education in Indonesia**

In February, 1999, SCIA met with two Indonesian educators who were visiting SFU with the support of the Eastern Indonesia Universities Development Project. The guests were Dr. M.T. Zen (Professor of Applied Geophysics, Bandung Institute of Technology) and Dr. Muchtor Buchori (Professor of Education, Muhammadiyah-Hamka University and Co-chair of the Indonesian Democratic Party). The purpose of the meeting was to provide SCIA members an opportunity to learn more about the rapidly evolving situation in Indonesia.

Dr. Zen noted the importance of liberal education, and exposure of Indonesian faculty and students to North American and European values and ideas. He sees this as an important means of introducing new influences that contribute to bringing about change in his country, particularly since universities have provided the impetus for much of the change that has occurred in Indonesia. SCIA's Indonesian guests also see contact between Indonesian and foreign academics as very important in promoting economic and social development.

At its November 30, 1999, meeting SCIA agreed to have a general discussion of Indonesia early in the new year. This decision was taken because of the rapidly evolving situation in that country, the opportunities that SFU will have to engage in new project activities in that county, and because of the concerns within the SFU community about our involvement there. The objective is to identify concerns and/or conditions that will have to be considered before SFU becomes involved in any new project activities in Indonesia. It was also agreed that several guests, representing various perspectives, be invited to participate in the discussion.

3. **Proposal to Establish a Centre for Policy Research at the International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology – IUBAT (Dhaka, Bangladesh)**

The Faculty of Business Administration sought SCIA approval for them to support IUBAT in its effort to establish a centre for policy research in Bangladesh. While SCIA supported the proposal, its support was made conditional on securing the agreement of SFU's Vice-President, Finance and Administration that SFU can accept donations in Canada, on behalf of IUBAT, to support of the Centre and its work. The acceptability of this arrangement was subsequently confirmed, and a Memorandum of Understanding between SFU and IUBAT was signed during the course of the year.

4. **Technical Writing Program in India**

The Writing and Publishing Program (Ann Cowan and Bob Allin) briefed SCIA on a workshop that they delivered in India in April 1999, and the interest of prospective partners in India (Anna University and a firm known as SAI) in working with SFU to deliver SFU's Certificate program in India. SCIA members indicated that an arrangement for delivering SFU's Certificate program in India had significant implications regarding internal approval processes, quality control requirements and budgeting. SCIA concluded that if SFU's Certificate program is to be offered in India, Continuing Studies will need to return to SCIA (and other relevant University committees) with a detailed business plan that deals with these various issues.

5. **Proposed Project with the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara**

SCIA was informed of an invitation extended to SFU and BCIT to submit a proposal to the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara (UAG) to support them in developing an adult education program to upgrade the skills of employees and potential employees for various industries in the Guadalajara area. With interest in the project expressed by Applied Sciences, the Centre for Distance Education,

Continuing Studies, Education, and the Telelearning Research NCE, SCIA endorsed SFU's pursuit of this project opportunity.

A proposal was submitted in March, 1999. By year-end, a decision had not yet been taken by UAG on our proposal.

6. **Signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) vs. Letters of Intent (LOI)**

Two proposed MOUs were presented for SCIA's consideration: one with the Colombo Plan Staff College in Manila; and the other with the Regional Language Centre in Singapore. At issue was whether SFU should sign MOUs when specific activities or areas of cooperation have not yet been identified – as was the case with each of these organizations. SCIA decided that SFU's normal practice should prevail, i.e. MOUs should be signed only after specific activities have been identified and agreed to in principle. SCIA indicated that LOIs or other appropriate documents should be signed when SFU and prospective partner institutions are simply agreeing to "explore" possible areas of cooperation.

7. **Strategy for Internationalization at SFU**

At its May, 1999 meeting, SCIA considered for the first time a working document titled "Internationalization for the New Millennium". The paper was introduced as the University's effort to develop an explicit strategy to guide the planning and pursuit of internationalization activities at SFU. SCIA discussed various aspects of the paper and encouraged broader consultation with the university community in shaping this document. It was also suggested that the paper ultimately be taken to Senate for information. The paper was considered at three subsequent SCIA meetings, changes were recommended the Committee and made. At its meeting of November 30, 1999, SCIA endorsed the draft document, and recommended that it be presented to Senate for information and discussion.

SCIA also recommended that in order to promote the concept of internationalization at SFU, this paper be sent to the President and VP, Academic search committees for use in the selection process of candidates for these positions.

8. **Faculty of Education's Planned International Activities**

The Faculty of Education made an omnibus presentation to SCIA outlining a wide range of international activities that it is investigating. It was emphasized that many of these planned activities would not come to fruition while new opportunities would present themselves, sometimes unexpectedly.

Specific issues raised with SCIA included:

- the possibility that a long-term program of cooperation between the Faculty and educators from Greenland would be identified and that SCIA approval of a formal MOU would be sought.
- the Faculty's recent work with the University of the West Indies (Trinidad & Tobago campus) and their request for SCIA to support the signature of an MOU between SFU and UWI to cover future collaboration
- the Faculty's desire to sign an MOU with the Institut Aminuddin Baki (IAB) in Malaysia to govern teacher/educator training programs for which SFU expects to be contracted by Malaysia.

SCIA recommended that MOUs be signed with both UWI and the IAB.

9. **Selection of a Chair for the International Student Exchange Committee (ISEC)**

SCIA discussed the selection of a new Chair for the ISEC, a sub-committee of SCIA. The main issue revolved around the merit or need to select the Chair of this Committee from within SCIA. This issue arose because of the demands on the time of SCIA members and the initial reluctance of members to take on additional committee responsibilities. SCIA reviewed the history of why and how ISEC was established, and the relationship between the work of the two committees. SCIA agreed that the ISEC chair should continue to be a member of SCIA. Paul McFetridge agreed to let his name stand for nomination, and was unanimously endorsed by SCIA as the new Chair of ISEC.

10. **SFU Proposals for the 1999 University Partnerships in Cooperation and Development Competition (Tier 2)**

SCIA considered three concept papers related to possible proposals to this year's competition for project funding provided by the Canadian International Development Agency. Since only two proposals can be submitted by each Canadian university that will be the lead Canadian partner, SCIA recommended that the two proposals to go forward be one to develop a professional community development program in Mexico, and one to provide training to community development workers (women) in Mexico. The third concept paper related to distance education in Botswana was not selected since it was less well developed and the deadline for submissions was near.

SCIA noted for future reference that ideally two projects going forward in the same competition should more differentiated in terms of geographic location and discipline than was the case this year.

11. Secondary School Teacher Education Project (Malawi)

SCIA recommended support for SFU's participation in this competitive proposal for a CIDA-funded project. SFU will be associated with Brandon University and Hickling Corporation in this bid. SFU's main contribution will be through the Centre for Distance Education and directed toward building Malawi's capacity to deliver teacher-upgrading programs using distance education techniques.

12. Written Communications Skill Services: Proposal to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees

Continuing Studies proposed bidding on a contract to create a distance education program to improve the writing skills for senior staff of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. SFU would draw on its existing program content. SCIA members raised questions and concerns including:

- whether course content would have to be tailored by culture, language and region of delivery
- the need to have differential pricing for courses, by language, to reflect the different cost for course development of the French, English and Spanish programs.

SCIA recommended that the proposal be approved, subject to a more transparent presentation of the budget, and careful review by the Vice-President, Academic.

13. Approval of a Career Counseling Course in Shanghai and Vancouver

SCIA reviewed for information documentation related to this project, which was approved in August 1999, by the VP Academic. The Chair noted that he approved this project without first consulting SCIA because a commitment by SFU was required quickly, at a time when a number of SCIA members were not available, and before SCIA was scheduled to meet. The Chair offered in future to circulate such material to SCIA electronically (or in hard copy) where a decision is required very quickly.

14. Proposal for a Field School in Hellenic Studies

SCIA identified several concerns with the proposed field school including the selection criteria for students, the possible reliance on the Antipas Foundation for

financial support, the lack of an express minimum GPA requirement, and the absence of an identified faculty member to lead the school.

SCIA deferred its decision until the Faculty of Arts was able to clarify and confirm that:

- SFU students will be given priority
- academic criteria will prevail in selecting participants
- the field school will not be financially dependent on the Antipas Foundation
- if external funding is forthcoming, it will result in lowering the cost to participating students.

Subsequent clarifications from the Associate Dean of Arts satisfied SCIA's concerns, and the Committee recommended that the field school proceed.

15. Proposal to Participate in a North American Student Mobility Initiative "Globalization and Governance in North America: Developing an Integrated Curriculum"

The Chair of ISEC spoke to this item noting that his committee had been concerned with: the late submission of the proposal (very close to the final submission date, to Human Resources Development Canada, for funding); the lack of information on which to base an informed decision; and the financial contribution that would be required of SFU. For these reasons, the proposal was withdrawn from consideration, but may be resubmitted in next year's competition.

The Chair of ISEC thought that this type of proposal goes beyond student mobility, and as such, should come to SCIA for consideration. SCIA agreed.

16. Update on Faculty of Education Initiatives

In November 1999, SCIA considered an update presented by the Faculty of Education. SCIA asked its Secretary to follow up with the Faculty on two issues of concern. One, to request clarification on the reference to a "field school" in Mexico which had not been approved by SCIA; and two, to make the Faculty aware of concerns regarding academic freedom in China, and that any MOU with Harbin University should come to SCIA for review.

17. Leadership for the Americas Program

SCIA was briefed on a proposed relationship with Texas Christian University and seven universities in Latin America that would link four students from each university in an ongoing, electronic exchange of views and in an annual conference featuring speakers of international stature. The program is funded by

American Airlines. SFU's obligation is to host one of the annual conferences. The Faculty of Arts has confirmed its commitment to manage SFU's participation.

SCIA discussed the process and criteria for selecting the students who will participate. The Chair of ISEC agreed to discuss the selection criteria with the Faculty of Arts and to have ISEC oversee the selection of SFU students.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.M. Munro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John M. Munro
Chair, Senate Committee on International
Activities



Simon Fraser University

Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA)

Standing Committee (Reporting Category "B")

Members	Conditions	Term	Expiry Date	Name
Vice-President, Academic (or designate)	Chair			Jock Munro
Senator-Faculty Mbr	Elected by and from Senate	2 years	May 31, 2000	Jon Driver
Senator-Faculty Mbr			May 31, 2000	James Delgrande
Senator-Faculty Mbr			May 31, 2001	Paul McFetridge
Senator (At-large)	Elected by and from Senate	2 years	May 31, 2000	Joseph Peters
Student Senator (Undergraduate)	Elected by and from Senate	2 years	May 31, 2000	Sameh Al-Natour *
Graduate Student (At-large)	Elected by Senate	2 years	May 31, 2000	Kevin Hewitt
Director, International Cooperation	Secretary (non-voting)			Joe Knockaert
Executive Director, International Relations	Ex-officio (non-voting)			Colin Jones

* Elected by Senate October 4, 1999 to replace S.Y. To for balance term of office

The Committee shall meet at least once each semester and at the call of the Chair.

Note: Providing there are items of business, SCIA currently meets once a month.

Quorum shall be a simple majority of the voting members.

The Committee may strike sub-committees as required, such as the International Student Exchange Committee.

Terms of Reference

1. To ensure that proposals for international activities meet the conditions and criteria established by the University Policy on International Activities, and by the University Policy on Service Contracts.
2. To ensure broad consultation prior to the final approval of any proposal covered by this policy for which human rights considerations are likely to be a concern.
3. To advise the Vice-President, Academic with respect to the desirability of entering into international activities that are proposed to be undertaken by the University on the basis of a contract, contribution agreement, letter of understanding, or similar document.
4. To maintain an overview and familiarity with international agreements that are entered into by academic or administrative units.
5. To report annually to Senate.

Procedures

1. The Committee shall be provided with copies of international activity proposals and whatever other information is needed to administer this Policy, based on procedures to be determined by the Committee.
2. Every proposal shall indicate that it has the approval of the appropriate Chair or Director and Faculty Dean and shall contain a statement of goals and objectives, a clear disclosure of the proposed activities and a budget.
3. Proposals shall be accompanied by verification that the prospective parties to the activity have been given a copy of the University Policy on International Activities.
4. Proposals shall be submitted to the Secretary of SCIA for distribution to the Committee.
5. The Committee shall review each proposal to ensure compliance with the University Policy on International Activities and shall recommend acceptance, modification or rejection to the Vice-President, Academic. Where approval of the Senate or the Board of Governors is required, the

Vice-President, Academic shall inform the appropriate body(ies) of the Committee's recommendation.

6. Where there is concern on the part of SCIA that any international activity which uses the University's name or resources may be in non-compliance with this Policy, the Committee shall be entitled to receive further information and shall report to the Vice-President, Academic regarding any violations that may be discovered.

7. Copies of international activity contracts or other agreements shall be provided to the Office of International Cooperation where they shall be kept on file and be open for inspection by members of the University community.

Return to Senate Committees.

SFU Exchange Opportunities - International and Exchange Student Services

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	COUNTRY	CITY	UNIVERSITY	FIELDS OF STUDY	
Europe	Czech Republic	Prague	Charles University	Arts (limited disciplines)	
	Denmark	AarhÅs	AarhÅs University	English, limited disciplines	
	England	Bath Brighton† Leeds Norwich†	University of Bath University of Sussex University of Leeds The University of East Anglia	Sciences Arts, Sciences Various disciplines Arts, Biology	
	France	Grenoble* Paris*	Universit� Stendhal Foundation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (ScPo)	French, Literature French, Political Science, & History	
	Germany	Ki In* SaarbrÅchen*	Universit� zu Ki In Universit� des Saarlandes	Arts, Social Sciences Arts, Social Sciences	
	Netherlands	Groningen Utrecht	Hanzehogeschool Groningen Universiteit Utrecht	Business Arts, Psychology	
	Norway	Oslo Oslo	Norwegian School of Management University of Oslo	Business Majority of disciplines	
	Scotland	Dundee† Edinburgh Strathclyde	The University of Dundee Heriot-Watt University University of Strathclyde	Arts Economics, Business Majority of disciplines	
	Sweden	Lund	Lund University	Majority of disciplines	
	Switzerland	Basel	Universit�t Basel	English, Linguistics, Languages	
	Turkey	Istanbul	Koç University	Limited disciplines	
	Asia & Australia	Australia	Adelaide Melbourne Perth Melbourne	Flinders University Monash University Murdoch University Swinburne University of Technology	Majority of disciplines Majority of disciplines Majority of disciplines Various disciplines
China		Shanghai	East China Normal University	Chinese Language & Chinese Culture	
Fiji		Suva	University of the South Pacific	Majority of disciplines	
Hong Kong			Chinese University of Hong Kong† Hong Kong Baptist University	Various disciplines Majority of disciplines	
Japan		Osaka* Yokohama*	Kansai Gaidai Meiji Gakuin Daigaku	Asian/Japanese Studies Asian/Japanese Studies	
Korea		Seoul Seoul* Taejon*	Yonsei University Seoul National University Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology (KAIST)	Asian Studies, Business Various disciplines Engineering Science	
Philippines		Manila	De La Salle University	Asian Studies, various disciplines	
Singapore			National University of Singapore	Arts, Asian Studies, Engineering	
Taiwan		Taipei*	National Taiwan Normal University	Chinese Language, various disciplines*	
Thailand		Bangkok	Thammasat University	Asian Studies, Economics	
North America, & Latin America		Canada	Montreal* Ottawa Quebec*	Universit� de Quebec † Montr�al Universit� de Montreal University of Ottawa Universit� Laval	Majority of disciplines Mathematics Majority of disciplines Various disciplines, Business
		USA	Albuquerque Bellingham Boston† Orono San Diego Various	University of New Mexico Western Washington University Northeastern University University of Maine San Diego State University National Student Exchange (NSE) <i>87 public American universities</i>	Majority of disciplines Majority of disciplines Arts, Sciences Majority of disciplines Business All disciplines
	Argentina	Buenos Aires*	Universidad de Belgrano	Spanish, majority of disciplines	
	Chile	Santiago*	Pontifica Universidad Catolica	Various disciplines	
	Cuba	Havana*	Universidad de la Habana	Various disciplines	
	Ecuador	Quito*	Universidad San Francisco de Quito	Spanish, majority of disciplines	
	Mexico	Guadalajara Mexico City* Monterrey Puebla	Universidad de Guadalajara Instituto Tecnol�gico Aut�noma (ITAM) ITESM (six campuses in Mexico) Universidad de las Americas (UDLA)	Business Business, Social Sciences Spanish, various disciplines Business, Spanish	

* denotes the exchange may require proficiency or some previous training in a foreign language

† denotes students must participate in the exchange for one academic year beginning in the Fall semester

* check with IESS for availability; currently not available until possibly Spring 2001

NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE (NSE)

Canadian Partners - Participating Campuses

<i>U.S. Member Campuses</i>	<i>Exchange Plan with Canada</i>	<i>U.S. Member Campuses</i>	<i>Exchange Plan with Canada</i>
Alabama State University	A/B	Towson University	B
Binghamton State University	B	Universidad del Sagrado Corazon	A/B
Boise State University	A	University of Alabama	A/B
Bridgewater State College	A/B	University of Alaska - Anchorage	A/B
California State University - Bakersfield	B	University of Alaska - Fairbanks	A
Dominguez Hills	B	University of Central Florida	B
Fresno	A/B	University of Guam	A/B
Hayward	A	University of Hawaii at: Hilo	A/B
Northridge	A/B	Manoa	A/B
Cal State Univ. of Pennsylvania	A/B	University of Idaho	A/B
Central Washington University	A	University of Maine Fort Kent	A/B
Cleveland State University	B	University of Maryland, College Park	B
College of Charleston	B	University of Memphis	B
East Carolina University	B	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	B
East Central University	A/B	University of Montana	A/B
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	A/B	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	A/B
East Tennessee State University	A/B	University of New Orleans	A
Eastern Connecticut State Univ.	B	University of North Texas	A
Eastern Oregon University	A/B	University of Northern Colorado	A/B
Fort Hayes State University	B	University of Puerto Rico, Cayey	A/B
Hunter College, City University of New York	A/B	Mayaguez	B
Idaho State University	A	Rio Piedras	A/B
Illinois State University	B	University of Rhode Island	A/B
Indiana Univ. of Pennsylvania	A	University of South Carolina	B
Iowa State University	A/B	University of Southern Maine	A/B
Johnson State College	A/B	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	A/B
Keene State College	B	University of Texas at El Paso	A/B
Louisiana State University	A/B	Univ. of the Virgin Islands at St. Thomas	B
Marshall University	B	University of Utah	A/B
Michigan Technological University	B	University of West Florida	B
Minnesota State University, Mankato	B	University of Wisconsin - Green Bay	B
Mississippi State University	B	Platteville	B
Moorhead State University	A	River Falls	B
Morehead State University	B	University of Wyoming	B
North Carolina Central University	A	Utah State University	B
Northern Arizona University	B	Virginia Commonwealth University	B
Northern State University	A/B	Virginia Tech	B
Oklahoma State University	B	Wesleyan College (all female)	B
Oregon State University	A/B	West Chester University of Pennsylvania	A/B
Sonoma State University	A/B	Western State College of Colorado	A
South Carolina State University	B	Western Washington University	A/B
Southwest Missouri State University	A/B	Wichita State University	B
SUNY College at Buffalo	A/B		
SUNY College at Plattsburgh	B		
SUNY College at Potsdam	A/B		
The College of New Jersey	A		

A = tuition paid to the host university (in-State, domestic US\$ tuition fees)

B = tuition paid to SFU