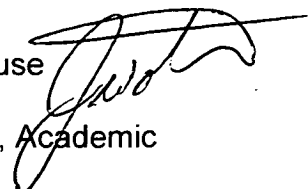


**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**  
**Senate Committee on University Priorities**  
**Memorandum**

S.08-47

**TO:** Senate

**FROM:** John Waterhouse  
Chair, SCUP  
Vice President, Academic



**RE:** Faculty of Health Sciences:  
Degree Name Change – Master's of Public Health  
(SCUP 08-05)

**DATE:** March 6, 2008

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At its February 27, 2008 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the request for a degree name change from Master's of Science in Population and Public Health to Master's of Public Health in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

**Motion**

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, the degree name change from Master's of Science in Population and Public Health to Master's of Public Health in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

encl.

c: C. Janes

MEMO

Dean of Graduate Studies

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TO Senate Committee on University Priorities

ATTENTION Sarah Dench

TEL

FROM Jonathan Driver, SGSC

RE Faculty of Health Sciences: Program name change

Master of Public Health (GS2007.38)

DATE February 8, 2008

TIME 4:32 PM

I am forwarding a request from the Faculty of Health Sciences for a change of degree name from Master of Science in Population and Public Health to Master of Public Health. This request was discussed at some length by Senate Graduate Studies Committee, who unanimously recommend that this be taken forward to the Degree Quality Assessment Board for approval. This is the first time that such a request has come to my attention, and it may be necessary for the University to check with the DQAB for the process to be followed.

SGSC supports this request for the following reasons:

- 1. When the MSc program was established, the Faculty of Health Sciences was being developed. The faculty has now recruited professors with experience in public health programs elsewhere, and they believe that an MPH degree is appropriate for their program.
- 2. The MPH is an accreditable degree, and the Faculty is currently in the process of seeking accreditation.
- 3. We have had a significant level of interest in the master's program from international students, and we anticipate that this level of interest will be maintained. The MPH is an internationally recognized degree, and a change of name will assist with international recruitment.

SGSC understands that the content and structure of the program will be unchanged.

c: John O'Neil, Dean, Health Sciences

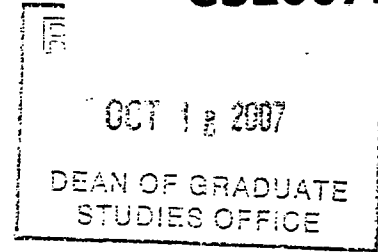
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Dear Dr. Driver:

On behalf of the Faculty of Health Sciences, I am writing to request that the degree name of our *Master of Science in Population and Public Health* (MScPPH) be changed to a *Master of Public Health* (MPH). The academic content of the degree remains the same.

Our rationale for requesting this change is as follows:

The MPH degree designation is that typically provided to accredited master's degree programs in population and public health. Our application for accreditation to the Council on Education for Public Health has been accepted, and our self-study will be submitted this coming spring. We are thus entitled to use the MPH designation.

As an accredited or creditable degree, the MPH degree is the internationally recognized credential for those entering the field of population and public health. Our experience to date suggests that, particularly outside of Canada, the designation of MSc-PPH is sometimes confusing to potential students, employers, and academics. For this reason, most public health programs in Canada are moving to the MPH designation. Changing the name of the degree will bring our program in alignment with institutions in Canada and abroad.

By moving to the MPH degree designation, Simon Fraser will be better positioned to recruit international students, for whom the degree name is especially important. We expect that all students will benefit in terms of post-graduate employment by being awarded a degree which has international stature.

Please let us know of any procedural steps we need to be aware of with regard to SFU and the Ministry of Advanced Education.

This name change was approved unanimously by the Graduate Studies Committee, and by the full Faculty Council, on October 9, 2007.

Sincerely yours,

Craig R. Janes, PhD  
Associate Dean, Academic

cc: Michel Joffres

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