

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES (SCIA)

ANNUAL REPORT TO SENATE

January – December 2007

1. Introduction

The Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) is a Standing Committee (Reporting Category “B”) established under the terms of the University Policy on International Activities (GP 23). The terms of reference and composition of the Committee are attached as *Annex A*, and can be found on the following web page: <http://www.sfu.ca/Senate/SenateComms/SCIA/index.html>

In 2007, SCIA met eight times. This Annual Report highlights the issues dealt with by the Committee over the course of the year. For Senators wishing more detailed information concerning SCIA’s deliberations, the approved minutes of the meetings can be found on the following web page: <http://www.sfu.ca/Senate/SenateComms/SCIA/index.html>

Senators may also wish to contact the Committee’s Secretary, by email: [Marian MacNeil](mailto:Marian.MacNeil@sfu.ca) or [Cindy Olsen](mailto:Cindy.Olsen@sfu.ca), or by telephone: 778 782 5460 for further information.

1.1 SCIA Members

SCIA Members January – June 2007		
Members	Conditions	Name
President (or designate)	Chair, Ex-officio	Jon Driver
Vice-President, Academic (or designate)	Ex-officio	James Busumtwi-Sam
Senator-Faculty Mbr	Elected by and from Senate	Dan Weeks
Senator-Faculty Mbr		David Zandvliet
Senator-Faculty Mbr		Martin Ester
Senator (At-large)	Elected by and from Senate	Ramos Gencay
Student Senator (Undergraduate)	Elected by and from Senate	Waseem Javed
Graduate Student (At-large)	Elected by Senate	Kumari Beck
Executive Director, SFU International (or designate)	Ex-officio	Judith Phillips
Staff Member, SFU International	Secretary, Ex-officio (non-voting)	Cindy Olsen/ Marian MacNeil

SCIA Members July - December 2007		
Members	Conditions	Name
President (or designate)	Chair, Ex-officio	Jon Driver
Vice-President, Academic (or designate)	Ex-officio	James Busumtwi-Sam
Senator-Faculty Mbr	Elected by and from Senate	Dan Weeks
Senator-Faculty Mbr		Natalee Popadiuk
Senator-Faculty Mbr		June Francis
Senator (At-large)	Elected by and from Senate	Ramo Gencay
Student Senator (Undergraduate)	Elected by and from Senate	Hamza Malik
Graduate Student (At-large)	Elected by Senate	David Newman
Executive Director, SFU International (or designate)	Ex-officio	Leanne Dalton
Staff Member, SFU International	Secretary, Ex-officio (non-voting)	CindyOlsen/ Marian MacNeil

1.2 Dates of SCIA Meetings in 2007

January 9, 2007
March 13, 2007
May 8, 2007
June 12, 2007
July 10, 2007
September 11, 2007
October 9, 2007
November 13, 2007
February - meeting cancelled
April - meeting cancelled
August - meeting cancelled
December - meeting cancelled

Current SCIA membership and dates of meetings can be found on the following web page:
<http://www.sfu.ca/Senate/SenateComms/SCIA/index.html>

2. Approvals

- 2.1 Approval of MOU with University of Habana, Cuba
- 2.2 Approval of Study Abroad Program with International School of Management (ISM), Dortmund, Germany and the Faculty of Business
- 2.3 Approval of MOU with Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration

- 2.4 Approval of SFU Business Field School in Vienna. Approval is conditional on University approval of the Field School budget.
- 2.5 Approval of MOUs with Uzhgorod National University, & Cherkasy State Technological, Ukraine
- 2.6 Approval of the Dual Diploma project in Education, French program, Université de Tours & Université du Maine. Academic components of the program will require approval by SCUS, SGSC, SCUP and Senate.
- 2.7 Approval (by email) of Inter-University Internship Agreement with Shizuoka University, Japan
- 2.8 Approval of Partnership Agreement with the Association internationale des études québécoises
- 2.9 Approval of Contract Training for Delegation from National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MOLSS), China
- 2.10 Approval of Collaboration with the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), and a draft MOU with LUMS
- 2.11 Approval of MOU with Al Yamamah College, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 2.12 Approval of MOU (by email) of Chiang Mai University, Thailand
- 2.13 Approval of MOU with Valparaiso University, Indiana, USA & University of Jos, Nigeria
- 2.14 Approval of Draft MOU with Municipality of Elios Pronni, Kefalonia, Greece
- 2.15 Approval of MOU with Tong Ji University, China
- 2.16 Approval of MOU with International Bridge Program, Renai College of Tianjin University, China
- 2.17 Approval of MOU CCICED; SFU-CIDA Contribution Agreement (2007-2012, CAD \$6.9M), pending consideration of the draft SFU-CIDA agreement
- 2.18 Approval of MOU with Centro Internacional de Formación e Investigación de Psicopatología Criminal y Forense (PCF Internacional), Madrid, Spain
- 2.19 Approval of the (revised) Dual Diploma project in Education, French Programs
- 2.20 Approval of Natalee Popadiuk, Faculty of Education, as the new Interim Chair of International Student Exchange Committee (ISEC), starting September 2007
- 2.21 Approval that ISEC has faculty representation from each faculty at SFU
- 2.22 Approval of the Contribution Agreement between CIDA and SFU
SCIA approved in principle the projects fourth phase renewal pending receipt of the detailed Contribution Agreement between CIDA and SFU. Approval will be confirmed at the Board of Governors July meeting.

- 2.23 Approval of two projects: *Building CED Capacity in Latin America* and *Education and Training for Community Promoters in Mexico and Guatemala*. Approval is conditional on finalization of the Project Proposals and approval of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
- 2.24 Approval to the International Student Exchange Committee (ISEC). SCIA approved changes to the terms of reference for ISEC and the deletion of an eligibility criterion from the SFU International website that gives domestic students, who meet the eligibility criteria for an exchange, priority over international students that apply.
- 2.25 Approval of the Field School Proposal for Environmental Education in Manado, Indonesia
- 2.26 Approval of MOU with the Public Health Foundation of India. Approval is conditional on some revisions to the MOU
- 2.27 Approval of MOU between SFU and the Village Life Improvement Foundation, India
- 2.28 Approval of MOU between SFU, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) ICGEB, New Delhi and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) under the Indian Ministry of Science and Technology.
- 2.29 Approval of MOU with the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)
- 2.30 Approval of SFU-AusAID Agreement: Australian Contribution to CCICED Under the Australian Aid Agency (AusAID) Agreement with SFU, SFU's CCICED (China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development) project office will administer an AusAID contribution of AUD\$1 million to CCICED's work.
- 2.31 Approval of Agreement with Michigan State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (MSU), Michigan, US

3. **Received for Information**

- 3.1 Two contracts from Ministry of Education, Trinidad and Tobago with the Faculty of Education:
 - ❖ Consulting Services for a Seamless Education System for Teacher Education;
 - ❖ Consulting services on Curriculum and Instruction, Testing & Assessment and Spanish as a First Language for a Seamless Education System
- 3.2 Changes to SCIA
 - ❖ SCAR approved a return to the original membership of SCIA
 - ❖ SCAR approved the removal of Procedures item 3 that accompanies proposals coming to SCIA for approval
- 3.3 Professional Programs, Education, wanted SCIA approval for the re-instatement of their site-placed module in Oaxaca, Mexico. SCIA approved.
- 3.4 CIDA/AUCC Tier 2 project proposal, *Bolivia Specialization in Community Economic Development*, was successful
- 3.5 Global COE (Center of Excellence) Program: SCIA approved the Statement of Agreement between the School of Engineering Science and the Tokyo Institute of Technology.

- 3.6 The Field School to Tours, France will continue to be offered by SFU International.
- 3.7 The Field School final budgets and reports were presented to SCIA. A review of the Field School process will take place in January 2008, and Jon Driver will be a member on the review committee. Documents and information will be submitted to SCIA members prior to the review process for their input and recommendations.
- 3.8 The Italian Ambassador visited SFU International for preliminary meetings regarding a possible Study Abroad program for Italian students.

4. Field Schools

SFU International reported that the following field schools were completed in 2007:

4.1 *Spring 2007 (January-April)*

- ❖ **India** - Contemporary Arts (Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi, Banares Hindu University (BHU) in Varanasi): 9 participants, led by Professor Patricia Gruben, School for the Contemporary Arts

4.2 *Summer 2007 (May-July)*

- ❖ **China** - Archaeology & Palaeoanthropology (Chinese National Institutes of Archaeology and Palaeoanthropology, Beijing) 11 participants, led by Dr. Dongya Yang, Dept. of Archaeology
- ❖ **Czech Republic** - Humanities (Charles University) 11 participants, led by Dr. Ian Angus
- ❖ **Ghana** - Contemporary Arts (University of Ghana): 14 participants, led by Albert Smith
- ❖ **France** - Literature & Civilization (Université de Tours), 10 participants, led by Dr. Louise Frappier
- ❖ **Greece** - Hellenic Studies (Island of Kephallonia) 30 participants, led by Dimitri Krallis
- ❖ **Italy - Italia Design** (Rome, Florence, Milan) 12 participants, led by Russell Taylor, SAIT

4.3 *Fall 2007 (September-December)*

- ❖ **India - Education** (Chandigarh City) 14 participants, led by Mati Bernabei

5. International Student Exchange Committee (ISEC)

The International Student Exchange Committee (ISEC), a sub-committee of SCIA, is responsible for making recommendations on the establishment of any new student exchange agreements and selecting candidates for exchange programs. Information on ISEC can be found on the following web page: <http://www.sfu.ca/Senate/SenateComms/ISEC/index.html>

- ISEC approved the amended FBA exchange agreement with Tsinghua University
- ISEC approved the amended institutional exchange agreement with Universiteit van Amsterdam
- ISEC approved the FBA exchange agreement with Warsaw School of Economics
- SFU has terminated its membership in the National Student Exchange (NSE)
- ISEC has terminated its exchange agreement with Fudan University, China

In 2006/07, 345 applied to participate in the University's international bilateral and multilateral student exchange programs. Of the 345 applicants, 105 were from incomplete applications, 17 were not approved, and 57 applications cancelled after the ISEC committee selection. ISEC selected 223 students out of the 345 students to participate and 157 went on exchanges. The number of applicants is an increase from 2005/06 where 244 students applied for exchanges and 125 went on exchange. A detailed report is included in Annex B.

6. International Co-op Program

SFU students completed 143 co-op work practicums in 20 countries through the Co-op Program.

7. Signature



Jonathan Driver, Chair
Senate Committee on International Activities

Date: 18 Mar '08

Annex A

**Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA)
Standing Committee (Reporting Category "B")**

Membership

Membership		
Members	Conditions	Term
President (or designate)	Chair, Ex-officio	
Vice President, Academic (or designate)	Ex-officio	
Senator (Faculty Member)	Elected by and from Senate	2 years
Senator (Faculty Member)	Elected by and from Senate	2 years
Senator (Faculty Member)	Elected by and from Senate	2 years
Senator (At-large)	Elected by and from Senate	2 years
Senator (Undergraduate Student)	Elected by and from Senate	2 years
Graduate student (At-large)	Elected by Senate	2 years
Executive Director, SFU International	Ex-officio	
Secretary (Non-voting)	Staff Member, SFU International	

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

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.

6.3 Terms of Reference

6.3.1 To ensure that proposals for international activities meet the conditions and criteria established by the University Policy on International Activities, and the University Policy on Service Contracts.

6.3.2 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.

6.3.3 To advise the President 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.

6.3.4 To maintain an overview and familiarity with international agreements that are entered into by academic or administrative units.

6.3.5 To report annually to Senate.

6.4 Procedures

6.4.1 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.

6.4.2 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.

6.4.3 Proposals shall be submitted to the Secretary of SCIA for distribution to the Committee.

6.4.4 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 President. Where approval of the Senate or the Board of Governors is required, the President shall inform the appropriate body(ies) of the Committee's recommendation.

6.4.5 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 President regarding any violations that may be discovered.

6.4.6 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.

Interpretation

Questions of Policy interpretation or application shall be referred to the President whose decision shall be final.

Annex B

SCIA Numbers 2006 2007

KEY	DESCRIPTION	APPLIED										APPROVED				NOT APPROVED		
		COUNTRY	UG/G	106	107	107	107	107	107	APP 106	APP 107	APP 107	APP 107	APP 107	APP 107	WENT	INC	N/A
1	Undergraduate or Graduate		UG	1	1													
2	Approved by ISEC, student cancel		UG	0	0													
3	Approved by ISEC	Australia	UG	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1		
4	Confirmed student participation	Australia	UG	0	1	1	3	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	4	3		
5	Incomplete application	Australia	UG	0	10	6	10	6	6	6	4	4	4	4	6	5	1	
6	Not approved by ISEC	Australia	UG	0	7	5	7	5	5	5	3	2	2	2	6	4		
1067	Fall 2006		UG	1	1													
1071	Spring 2007		UG	0	0													
1074	Summer 2007		UG	0	0													
Note: the numbers indicated are terms, not student bodies																		
#	PARTNER INSTITUTION	COUNTRY	UG/G	106	107	107	107	107	107	APP 106	APP 107	APP 107	APP 107	APP 107	WENT	INC	N/A	
1	Non-Partner/Other		UG	1	1					7	4							
2	University of Ghana	Africa	UG	0	0													
3	Universidad del Belgrano	Argentina	UG	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1		
4	Australian National University	Australia	UG	0	1	1	3	4	4	2	2	2	2	4	3			
5	Flinders University	Australia	UG	0	3	4	10	6	6	6	4	4	4	6	5	1		
6	Macquarie University	Australia	UG	0	10	6	10	6	6	6	4	4	4	6	5	1		
7	Monash University	Australia	UG	0	7	5	7	5	5	5	3	2	2	6	4			
8	Murdoch University	Australia	UG	1	3	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2			
9	University of Western Australia	Australia	UG	0	3	0	3	0	0	3	3	3	3	2	2			
10	Swinburne Univ. of Technology	Australia	UG	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1			
11	Vienna University of Econ. & Business Admin.	Austria	UG	0	3	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	3	2			
12	University Catholique de Louvain	Belgium	UG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
13	Federal University of Parana	Brazil	UG	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1			
14	Dalhousie University	Canada	UG	0	0	0	0	0	0					0				
15	Hautes Etudes Commerciales	Canada	UG	0	0	0	0	0	0					0				
16	Universite Laval	Canada	UG	3	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	2	2	4	1			
17	Universite Montreal	Canada	UG	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1				
18	University of Ottawa	Canada	UG	2	3	0	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	1			
19	Universite du Quebec a Montreal	Canada	UG	2	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	2			

