

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Senate Committee on University Priorities
Memorandum

S.07-104

*As amended by
Senate 17 Sep 07*

TO: Senate

FROM: John Waterhouse
Chair, SCUP
Vice President, Academic

RE: Centre for the Reduction of Violence
Among Children and Youth (SCUP 07-31)

DATE: July 18, 2007

At its July 11, 2007 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal for the creation of the Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth. This Centre will be a Schedule A Centre within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Motion

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the creation of the Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth as a Schedule A Centre within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

encl.

c: J. Pierce

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH

TO: Sarah Dench, Secretary
Senate Committee on University
Planning (SCUP)

FROM: B. Mario Pinto
Vice-President, Research

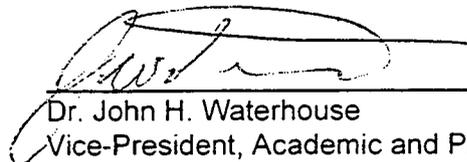
RE: Center for the Reduction of Violence
Among Children and Youth

DATE: June 19, 2007

Attached is a proposal from Dr. John T. Pierce, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for the establishment of the Center for the Reduction of Violence among Children and Youth (CRVACY) as a Schedule A Centre.

The Governing Committee for Centres and Institutes recommends that the Centre be granted approval by SCUP. Once approved by SCUP, the proposal is to be forwarded to Senate, followed by submission to the Board of Governors.

Governing Committee:



Dr. John H. Waterhouse
Vice-President, Academic and Provost

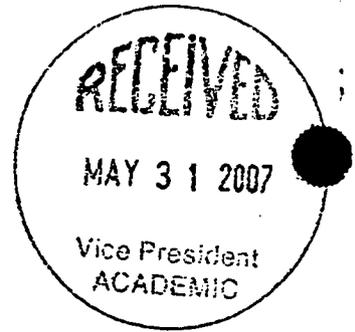


Dr. B. Mario Pinto
Vice-President, Research

Attachment

C: J. T. Pierce, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
MEMORANDUM



To: John Waterhouse
VP Academic

From: John T. Pierce
Dean, FASS

Subject: Schedule A Centre Proposal

Date: May 23, 2007

John, please find attached a proposal for the creation of a Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth. This Centre will serve the research interests of the LEEF Chair in the same area. The Ministry of Children and Family Development has committed \$500,000 towards the creation and maintenance of the Centre. This is a vitally important initiative, which will have the active participation of numerous experts within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and at University of British Columbia, University of Victoria, University of Virginia, Naples Adolescent and BC Youth Forensic Services.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John T. Pierce".

JTP/as

Attachments (4)

Center for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth (CRVACY)

“It is equally important that we prevent criminal behavior before it has a chance to take root. To this end, the Government will work with the provinces and territories to help communities provide hope and opportunity for our youth, and end the cycle of violence that can lead to broken communities and broken lives.”

Government of Canada Throne Speech
May 2, 2006

Statement of Purpose

Across Canada, in communities large and small, crime is a growing concern. In 2003, crime in Canada cost an estimated \$70 billion. A majority of this (\$47 billion) was borne by victims. These victim costs include the value of damaged or stolen property, pain and suffering, loss of income and productivity, and health services. Expenditures on the criminal justice system, such as police, courts and correctional services were \$13 billion. The remaining \$10 billion was spent on defensive measures such as security devices and protective services.

A New Approach

How will practical, real-life programs be developed to address the root causes of violence among youth? How will the impact of these initiatives be measured so that Canadians know they are successful? The approach taken by Simon Fraser University is to develop a center of research excellence in which a group of social, biological, and mental health scientists will collectively strive to answer these questions.

Assistance to the federal and provincial governments in the implementation of real-world policies and strategies can only be effective if we first understand the roots of aggressive behaviour among children and youth. To this end SFU will create the Center for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth (CRVACY). The Center will be established in concert with the awarding of a Leading Edge Foundation Leadership chair, funded by the provincial government, university, and private sources, known as the Leadership Chair in the Reduction of Risk for Violence Among Children and Youth. The Leadership Chair will be at the heart of a Center for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth (CRVACY).

The approach to the reduction of risk through CRVACY and the Leadership Chair is unique and particularly appropriate to Canada's multicultural society because it recognizes the complex factors that contribute to early childhood aggressive behavior, adolescent conduct disorder and delinquency and adult criminality. Significantly, the

unique focus of the Chair is the development of intervention strategies that simultaneously reduce risk and increase protective factors for violence among children and youth.

Conduct disorder and associated delinquency and criminality are among the most common and most persistent of all childhood and youth disorders and have been highly resistant to intervention strategies. This Leadership Chair offers a *new* approach to finding ways to understand and treat the roots of adjustment and mental disorders that lead to violence. Building on SFU's strength in collaborative research, this Chair will bring an interdisciplinary team together in the Center to develop strategies and programs that will reduce violent behavior.

The goals of the Center for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth.

Building on the strengths of world-renowned researchers who are currently investigating a variety of approaches to the understanding of violence among children and youth the CRVACY will focus on a broad range of topics. Its major emphases will be research on the pathways that lead to violence among children and youth and the parental, community and policy interventions that serve to divert children and youth away from violence. We will approach these issues from the perspectives of the social sciences (psychology, philosophy, education, sociology), the biological sciences (behavioural and cognitive neuroscience, physiology), and the medical sciences (population health, clinical psychology, neuropsychology, and psychiatry).

Some of the Center's main objectives are to:

- Inform public policy regarding pathways to violent behavior and provide public policy recommendations for the effective allocation of limited resources;
- Establish training of professionals in effective and evidence-based interventions for youth and families in collaboration with key stakeholders including schools, law enforcement, community groups, provincial and federal government ministries and other organizations;
- Integrate basic scientific research on risk and protective factors for violence from across Canada and abroad;
- Attract other researchers and funding to this important issue;
- Develop greater research capacity at SFU and increase its dissemination through publications of scientific research papers and monographs.
- Demonstrate the social and economic benefits of these strategies.
- Strengthen the knowledge economy by hosting international conferences on youth violence.
- The proposed center Center for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth will provide a matrix within which our scientists will work synergistically toward these and related goals. SFU is one of Canada's premier universities, with campuses in BC's three largest cities – Vancouver, Surrey and Burnaby. It has a track record of success in taking an interdisciplinary approach in research in the social sciences. SFU is the only university in BC with a Criminology Department and that department recently embarked on a joint \$4 million initiative with the

RCMP to create two chairs at SFU – a chair in computational criminology and a chair in crime analysis.

The academic home of the Leadership Chair will be SFU's Psychology Department. The Chair and the CRVACY will be able to draw on the strengths of SFU researchers in psychology, criminology, law, education, sociology, epidemiology, health and human genetics, and public policy.

Funding

The purpose of forming the CRVACY is to facilitate expansion of research capacity at SFU. As such, we expect individual members of the CRVACY to continue to seek support for their independent research programs. At the outset we anticipate no significant budget implications for SFU as a result of creation of the CRVACY. Indeed, the proposed CRVACY has already garnered a substantial funds from external sources.

Governance

1. The Institute shall be governed in accordance with University policies including R40.01, CENTRES AND INSTITUTES. If this document and University policy differ on any issue, University policy shall prevail.
2. The Institute will be a Schedule A institute within the administrative purview of the Dean of Arts and Social Sciences.
- * 3. The Governance of the Institute will be in the purview of the Institute's Steering Committee (5 elected faculty members).
4. The policies guiding the affairs of the Institute will be made by simple majority vote of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will have power to include other faculty as members of the Steering Committee by a majority vote.
5. The Steering Committee shall select, by a majority vote, a Director who will be appointed for a 2 year term.

Other Matters

1. The use of the name of the Institute, the administration of the Institute's funds, and the employment of staff shall be the responsibility of the Director and the Steering Committee in keeping with relevant University policies.
2. Contract and grants will be administered in keeping with applicable University policies and procedures. An annual report shall be prepared by the Director and approved by the Steering Committee.
3. The University will be recognized in all publications emanating from the Institute.

* Initial membership as noted in Appendix A & once set, the faculty from that group will elect the Steering Ctee.

Reference: S.M. 17 Sept 2007, pg 4.

Appendix A

CRVACY Preliminary Researcher List ¹

Friedrich Loesel (Cambridge University)	Arlene Young (SFU)
Doris Bender (SFU)	Jodi Viljoen (SFU)
Ron Roesch (SFU)	Stephen Hart (SFU)
Marlene Moretti (SFU)	Kevin Douglas (SFU)
Margaret Jackson (SFU)	Deborah Connolly (SFU)
Ray Corrado (SFU)	J. Don Read (SFU)
Charlotte Waddell (SFU)	C. Hertzman (UBC)
N. D. Reppucci (U. Virginia)	D. Pepler (York U.)
C. Odgers (UC-Irvine)	B. Leadbeater (U Victoria)
H. Gretton (BC Youth Forensic Services)	K. Moore (Maples Adolescent)
S. Hymel (UBC)	W. Cassidy (SFU)

1. Individuals who have expressed an interest in being affiliated with the Center. We expect this list will grow substantially as SFU researchers become more aware of the research infrastructure will be available to CRVACY members.

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LIBRARY

Library Course Assessments

The Library participates in the course approval process for new courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. By Senate motion (S.93-11) "no new course should be approved by Senate until funding has been committed for necessary library materials." A Library review should be conducted after new course proposals have been approved by the department or school curriculum committee, before being considered by the Faculty curriculum committee. New courses will not be approved at the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) or Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) until a Library review has been completed. Even if the department states that no new library resources are required, a report from the Library is required to confirm this view.

To submit course proposals for review by the Library, forward the following materials to Gwen Bird, Associate University Librarian, Collections Services:

- course proposal forms
- complete course outline
- reading list created for the course, if any
- date of Faculty curriculum committee meeting (or other deadline for library report)

An assessment will be done to evaluate whether the Library's holdings and present collection development activities are adequate to support the new course. If no new library resources are required, the course will be added to the appropriate list below indicating the library is adequately resourced to support the course.

If additional library resources are required, a full report will be created and linked below, and the associated costs will be identified. The costs may be one-time, to fill gaps in holdings, or ongoing, for example, to start new journal subscriptions, or sustain book collecting in areas not now included in the Library's collection scope. If costs are attached, the department or school is asked to transfer the required funds to the Library's materials budget. Questions about the process can be directed to [Gwen Bird](#).

No Additional Library Resources Required

Unless otherwise indicated, these courses require no additional library resources based on a course location of SFU Burnaby. In many cases, if the courses were to be offered at SFU Surrey or Vancouver or as off-campus courses, additional Library costs might be involved. Please contact Gwen Bird for details.

International Centre for Art and Social Change (ICASC)

Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth

Centre for Policy Studies on Culture and Communities

BISC 357, 418, 497

BUS 434

CMPT 464, 467

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