

**Senate Committee on University Priorities
(SCUP)**

ANNUAL REPORT
For the period of January, 2001 – March, 2002

Principal Responsibilities

The principal responsibilities of SCUP include:

- The operation of the system of academic planning;
- To recommend the priorities that should be attached to the central allocation of resources required to implement approved new programs and strengthen existing programs;
- To review and approve letters of intent for submission to the provincial program review process;
- To consider and make recommendations to Senate on proposals for new undergraduate and graduate programs and the discontinuance of programs;
- To be responsible for the operation of the system of external review of academic units;
- To receive and review recommendations for the establishment and disestablishment of academic departments, research units, centers and institutes;
- To provide advice to the President on the annual operating budget, annual capital budget, and Five Year Capital Plan.

Meetings Held

2001

- January 10, 2001
- February 7, 2001
- March 7, 2001
- April 4, 2001
- April 11, 2001
- May 16, 2001
- No meeting held in June, 2001
- July 11, 2001
- No meeting held in August, 2001
- September 19, 2001
- October 3, 2001
- November 7, 2001
- December 5, 2001

2002

- January 9, 2002
- January 23, 2002
- February 6, 2002

- February 22, 2002
- March 13, 2002

Academic Planning

In relation to its academic planning responsibilities, SCUP approved the following:

- Three Year Plan of the VP Academic
- TechBC Enabling Motions (3 separate motions)

Programs Approved for Further Planning

SCUP considered and approved the following programs for further planning:

- Letter of Intent, PhD Program, Department of Women's Studies
- Letter of Intent, Master of Public Policy and Management Program, Department of Political Science
- Letter of Intent, Minor Program in Gender Studies, Department of Women's Studies
- Letter of Intent, PhD Program in Earth Sciences, Department of Earth Sciences

New Programs Approved

SCUP considered and approved the following programs:

- MBA in Management of Technology
- Graduate Diploma in Urban Studies
- MBA in Global Asset and Wealth Management, special arrangements
- Certificate in Forestry Geoscience

External and Internal Reviews

SCUP received the review report and developed recommendations for priority action items in relation to the Department of Chemistry External Review. A letter, outlining priority actions arising from the Department of Political Science External Review, was sent to Senate. SCUP also reviewed, for information, the Student Services Internal Administrative Review Report.

Centres and Institutes

SCUP made specific recommendations in relation to the following centres:

To establish:

- Centre for Scientific Computing
- Centre for Restorative Justice
- Centre d'Études Francophones Québec-Pacifique
- Centre for Coastal Studies

To reclassify:

- Centre for Labour Studies, reclassification to a Schedule A Centre

SCUP made specific recommendations in relation to the following institutes:

To dissolve:

Institute for Quarternary Research

To establish:

Dialogue Institute

Budget Issues

For the 2001/2002 and 2002/2003 fiscal years, SCUP received regular updates and budget documents in order to gain a familiarity with the operating and capital budget issues at the University. For the 2001/2002 fiscal year, SCUP approved the Budget Considerations document. For the 2002/2003 fiscal year, SCUP reviewed the Budget Principles and Process document.

Related budget and fiscal materials presented to SCUP for information included:

- 2001 TUPC Budget Submission
- SFU Five Year Capital Plan 2001/02 – 2005/06
- SFU Five Year Capital Plan 2002/03 – 2006/07
- Strategic Initiatives Fund Allocation
- Financial Statements for Year Ended March 31, 2001

After a review of the available information in relation to the 2002/2003 University Budget proposal, SCUP provided budgetary advice to the President. In view of the projected deficit for 2002/2003, SCUP advised the University Administration to examine all options to address the budget deficit including increasing tuition fees and if tuition fees were to be raised, to consider increasing scholarship and bursary funding.

Establishment of Committees

SCUP reviewed and approved the terms of reference for the following committees:

- Committee to Review and Develop Lifelong Learning Opportunities
- Finning Academic Planning Committee
- SCUP Short-Term Planning Committee (for SFU at Surrey)
- SCUP Long-Term Planning Committee (for SFU at Surrey)

Establishment of Chairs and Professorships

SCUP approved the establishment of a number of chairs and professorships including:

- Sierra Wireless Chair in Communication
- PMC-Sierra Senior Chair in Wireless Communication
- Nortel Networks NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Semiconductor Devices
- Executive MBA Alumni Professorship
- Weyerhaeuser Professorship in Change Management

Other Matters Considered by SCUP

SCUP also included consideration of the following issues during its meetings:

- Gender Hiring Statistics
- Department of French Enrolment Strategy
- Research Infrastructure Allocation
- Faculty of Business Administration Research Productivity Plan
- Classification of Administrative Stipends
- Childcare Clients Statistics
- Student Information Management System project
- Proposal for New Tech Building
- Classification of the Administrative Stipend for Chemistry
- SFU at Surrey Appointments Committee, terms of reference and membership
- New Graduate Programs approval process

Committee Membership in 2001

J. Waterhouse, B. Krane (as of September 01), B. Clayman, R. Barrow, W. Davidson, R. Heath, C. Gerson, P. Grimmett, J. Zaichowsky, C. Collins-Dodd (replacement for J. Zaichowsky July – December 01), J. Peters, L. Weldon, V. Dunsterville, B. Jensen, J. Chang, W. Wattamaniuk.

Committee Membership in 2002

J. Waterhouse, B. Krane, B. Clayman, R. Barrow, W. Davidson, R. Heath, C. Gerson, P. Grimmett, J. Peters, L. Weldon, V. Dunsterville, B. Jensen, J. Chang, W. Wattamaniuk, J. Zaichowsky.



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