

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

**S.02-79**

**TO:** Senate

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

**RE:** Centre for Public Policy Research

**DATE:** October 10, 2002

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Attached is the proposal for the establishment of the Centre for Public Policy Research submitted for consideration by Dr. John Pierce, Dean of Arts. This will be a Schedule A Centre reporting to the Vice President, Research in accordance with Policy R 40.01.

The Senate Committee on University Priorities reviewed the proposal at its October 9, 2002 meeting. The proposal was unanimously approved. Once approved by Senate, the proposal will be submitted to the Board of Governors.

**Motion:**

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of the Centre for Public Policy Research as outlined in document S.02-79

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- c. R. Blackman, Acting Dean, Faculty of Arts
- B. Clayman, VP Research
- N. Olewiler, Acting Director, Masters in Public Policy

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**  
Office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts  
**MEMORANDUM**

To: John Waterhouse  
VP Academic

From: John T. Pierce  
Dean of Arts

Subject: Centre for Public Policy

Date: June 17, 2002

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John, please find attached a draft constitution for a proposed Centre for Public Policy Research (Schedule A Centre). This research and public outreach centre will operate in tandem with the proposed Masters in Public Policy program. From the very beginning of that program proposal it was envisioned that a parallel research centre would operate to co-ordinate and integrate the diverse expertise on campus interested in public policy questions.

It is my view that Western Canada has a real dearth of academic centres devoted to clarifying public policy issues – whether it be in the areas of health, economics, environment, education, law, First Nations or many other areas requiring informed and objective analysis. SFU has the potential to become a significant leader in this field. The proposal has my unqualified support.



John T. Pierce

JTP/rt

Cc: B. Clayman, Vice President, Research  
N. Olewiler, Acting Director, Masters in Public Policy

**Constitution for the Proposed  
Centre for Public Policy Research (CPPR)  
Schedule A Centre  
Faculty of Arts, Simon Fraser University**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the Centre for Public Policy Research is to promote interdisciplinary research, education, and dialogue on a broad range of public policy issues in Canada. The Centre supports and initiates research, publications, colloquia, conferences, visiting researchers and speakers, and international relationships. It is the research arm of the Public Policy Program at Simon Fraser University, complementing the proposed Master's in Public Policy graduate degree program.

**Governance**

The Centre will be housed in the Public Policy Program in the Faculty of Arts. The Director of the Public Policy Program will serve as the Director of the Centre for Public Policy Research and will report to the Dean of Arts as per the requirements of Simon Fraser University's Policies and Procedures for Schedule A Centres and Institutes. The Director will be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Dean of Arts and the Advisory Board of the Public Policy Program.

The Steering Committee of the Public Policy Program will govern the operations of the Centre for Public Policy Research. The Steering Committee is made up of the Director of the Public Policy Program who will serve as Chair of the Steering Committee plus six faculty members and a student that are appointed annually (and renewable) by the Dean of Arts. The Advisory Board of the Public Policy Program will oversee the general direction of the CPPR. The Advisory Board will consist of up to 20 members. These will be drawn from the Programs, Schools, Departments and Faculties participating in the Master's of Public Policy program, two students from the MPP program (one from each year of the program), one staff member, and at least three external members drawn from the public policy community. The Advisory Board will be appointed by the Dean of Arts and appointments will be for three years.

The Centre will have an annual general meeting.

The Centre is committed to comply with Simon Fraser University policies as specified in R40.01, Section 4.1.

**Funding**

Funding will come from the Faculty of Arts for administrative and financial support. Additional sources of funding will come from conference revenues, grants, and external fund raising.

**Associates of the Centre for Public Policy Research**

Upon recommendation by the Steering Committee of the Centre, the Dean may appoint individuals from the University and the community as Associates of the Centre for Public Policy Research. Associates will participate in the functions of the Centre and be invited to the annual general meeting. An initial list of potential members of the CPPR is attached.

### **Proposed Initial Associates of the Centre for Public Policy Research**

John Chant – Economics  
Marjorie Cohen – Political Science and Women's Studies  
Daniel Cohn – Political Science  
Don Devoretz - Economics  
Laurent Dobuzinskis – Political Science  
Steve Easton – Economics  
Jane Friesen – Economics  
Ellen Gee – Sociology  
Iris Geva-May – Education  
Curt Griffiths – Criminology  
Richard Harris – Economics  
Andrew Heard – Political Science  
Michael Howlett – Political Science  
Mark Jaccard – Resource and Environmental Management  
Jack Knetsch – Economics  
David Laycock – Political Science  
Steve McBride – Political Science  
Catherine Murray – Communications  
Nancy Olewiler - Economics  
Krishna Pendakur – Economics  
John Richards – Business  
Paddy Smith – Political Science  
Aidan Vining – Business

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### **Proposed Annual Budget for Centre for Public Policy Research**

Administration (including conference support) and office expenses:	\$ 5000
Seminars, workshops and visiting speakers:	8000
Working papers	2000
Total	\$15,000

W.A.C. Bennett Library  
Simon Fraser University  
**Memorandum**

Received by  
SEP 19 2002  
Vice President Research Office

**To:** Val Murdoch, Administrative Assistant  
Office of the Vice President, Research

**From:** Gwen Bird *GB*  
Head, Collections Management  
gbird@sfu.ca

**Subject:** Library Report for the Proposed Centre for  
Public Policy Research

**Date:** September 18, 2002

**Cc:** Lynn Copeland, University Librarian  
Jack Corse, Liaison Librarian for Political Science

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Here is the Library's Report regarding the proposed Centre for Public Policy Research.

I have reviewed the proposal for the above named Centre and am satisfied that the Library can support the Centre at this time. We have recently completed a Library assessment for the related Masters program in Public Policy, for which no additional Library resources were identified. As this Centre is the research arm of the Program, activity at the Centre will be in similar areas, already adequately supported by our library collections.

Although there are no outstanding Library issues at this time, there may be future hiring of faculty with interests outside the current scope of the Centre for Public Policy Research. When hiring such individuals it is important to note the compatibility of their research interests with existing library resources. If a mismatch is determined and new resources are required the Centre will have to provide funding to purchase such library resources. This is a general concern regarding new hires and not specific to the Centre for Public Policy Research.

**Costs:**

**THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL LIBRARY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CENTRE.**

If you have any questions regarding this assessment, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone (3263) or by email, [gbird@sfu.ca](mailto:gbird@sfu.ca)