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**MEMORANDUM**

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**ATTENTION** Senate **DATE** May 6, 2010  
**FROM** Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and **PAGES** 1/1  
Provost, and Chair, SCUP  
**RE:** SCUP Annual Report 2009 - 2010

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At its May 5, 2010 meeting SCUP received for information the SCUP Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010. It is attached for the information of Senate.

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

**ANNUAL REPORT**

*For the period of April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010*

**I. 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 and full program proposals for submission to the provincial degree program approval 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, centres and institutes;
- To provide advice to the President on the annual operating budget, annual capital budget and Five Year Capital Plan.

**II. Meetings Held**

2009

- April 8, 2009
- May 20, 2009
- July 8, 2009
- September 9, 2009
- October 7, 2009
- October 21, 2009
- November 4, 2009
- December 2, 2009
- December 16, 2009

2010

- January 13, 2010
- February 10, 2010
- March 10, 2010
- March 24, 2010

### **III. Academic Planning**

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

- SFU Academic Vision, Outcomes and VPA Goals for 2013 (July 8, 2009)
- SFU Academic Plan 2010 - 2013 (February 10, 2010)

### **IV. Programs Approved for Further Planning**

SCUP considered and approved the following programs for further planning:

- Concentration in Applied Behaviour Analysis, in Psychology Major (July 8, 2009)
- BA Honors Program in Art and Culture Studies (July 8, 2009)
- BFA Honors Program in Dance (July 8, 2009)
- BFA Honors Program in Film (July 8, 2009)
- BFA Honors Program in Music (July 8, 2009)
- BFA Honors Program in Theatre Performance (July 8, 2009)
- BFA Honors Program in Visual Art (July 8, 2009)
- BA Major Program in Cinema Studies (July 8, 2009)
- Certificate in French Education (September 9, 2009)
- Certificate in Writing and Rhetoric (September 9, 2009)
- Certificate in Creative Writing (September 9, 2009)
- Certificate in Medieval and Renaissance Studies (September 9, 2009)
- BA Joint Major Program in Latin American Studies and Health Sciences (October 7, 2009)
- Asia-Canada Minor Program (November 4, 2009)
- Major in First Nations Studies (November 4, 2009)
- Systems One Program (December 2, 2009)
- Concentration in Early Modern World History (December 2, 2009)
- Business One Program (January 13, 2010)
- Certificate in Responsible Management (January 13, 2010)
- Certificate in Correctional Studies (February 10, 2010)
- Certificate in Forensic Studies (February 10, 2010)
- Certificate in Legal Studies (February 10, 2010)
- Minor and Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Police Studies (February 10, 2010)

### **V. New and Revised Programs**

SCUP considered, approved, and recommended to Senate the following new programs:

- Major, Honors, and Minor in Biomedical Physiology (April 8, 2009)
- Certificate in Cultural Resource Management (April 8, 2009)

- Certificate in Police Studies (July 8, 2009)
- Master of Arts in Humanities (July 8, 2009)
- Graduate Certificate in Modeling of Complex Social Systems (October 7, 2009)
- Certificate in Social Justice (October 21, 2009)
- Joint Major in Latin American Studies and International Studies (October 21, 2009)
- Asia-Canada Minor Program (January 27, 2010)
- Certificate in Medieval and Renaissance Studies (January 27, 2010)
- Concentration in Applied Behaviour Analysis in Psychology Major (January 27, 2010)
- Certificate in Creative Writing (January 27, 2010)
- Certificate in Writing and Rhetoric (January 27, 2010)
- Graduate Certificate in Neuroscience (February 10, 2010)
- Business One Program (March 10, 2010)
- Major in First Nations Studies (March 24, 2010)
- Systems One Program (March 24, 2010)
- BA Honors Program in Art and Culture Studies (March 24, 2010)
- BFA Honors Program in Dance (March 24, 2010)
- BFA Honors Program in Film (March 24, 2010)
- BFA Honors Program in Music (March 24, 2010)
- BFA Honors Program in Theatre Performance (March 24, 2010)
- BFA Honors Program in Visual Art (March 24, 2010)

## VI. Program Deletions

SCUP considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following program deletions/terminations:

- Minor in Education and Technology (April 8, 2009)
- Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Teaching English as a Second Language (December 16, 2009)
- Canadian Studies Program (January 13, 2010)

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate a process for the Suspension of Admissions and Program Termination (October 7, 2009)

## VII. External Reviews

SCUP received external review reports and related comments, and developed recommendations for priority action items in relation to the following:

- Department of Psychology (April 8, 2009)
- Graduate Studies (April 8, 2009) (for information only)
- Department of Women's Studies (November 4, 2009)
- School of Criminology (January 13, 2010)

- Department of Philosophy (January 13, 2010)
- Department of Linguistics (January 27, 2010)

External review updates were received from the following academic units:

- School of Communication (May 20, 2009)
- Department of Archaeology (September 9, 2009)
- Department of French (December 13, 2009)

### **VIII. Centres and Institutes**

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the establishment of the following Centres or Institutes:

- Centre for Research on Sexual Violence (May 20, 2009)
- Jack Austin Centre for Asia-Pacific Business Studies (December 2, 2009)
- Centre for Research on International Education (January 27, 2010)
- Centre for the Study of Public Opinion and Political Representation (March 24, 2010)

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the dissolution of the following Centres or Institutes:

- B.C. Synchrotron Institute (July 8, 2009)
- Centre for International Studies (October 7, 2009)

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate revisions to Policy R 40.01, Research Centres and Institutes (October 21, 2009)

SCUP considered the following documents for information only:

- Centres and Institutes Report 2008/09 (October 21, 2009)

### **IX. Budget and Financial Issues**

SCUP received regular updates and various documents in order to gain a familiarity with the operating and capital budget issues at the University, and to enable SCUP to discharge its advisory responsibilities.

Documents received for information:

- Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2009 (July 8, 2009)
- 2010/11 Budget Consultation (October 21, 2009, and March 10, 2010)

After a review of the available information in relation to the proposed 2010/11 University Budget, SCUP provided its advice to the President (March 17, 2010).

## **X. Establishment of Committees**

No committees were established in this reporting year.

## **XI. Establishment of Chairs and Professorships**

SCUP did not consider any terms of reference for Chairs or Professorships in this reporting year.

## **XII. Other Matters Considered by SCUP**

SCUP also considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following documents and reports:

- Revisions to SCUP Membership (April 8, 2009)
- Program Suspension and Termination process (September 9, October 7, 2009)
- Process to Review Agreement with Fraser International College (September 9, 2009)
- SFU Accreditation with Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (October 7 and December 2, 2009)
- Name Change for the department of Women's Studies to "Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies" (November 4, 2009)
- Annual Report on Operations at Fraser International College 2008/09 (December 13, 2009)
- Change of Development Studies Program to "Development and Sustainability Program" (January 27, 2010)
- Response to Report of the Advisory Committee on Colleges (January 27, 2010)
- Change of Master of Public Policy Program to "School of Public Policy" (March 10, 2010)
- Strategic Research Plan (March 10, 2010)
- NWCCU Accreditation Draft Eligibility Requirements Request for Feedback (March 24, 2010)

## **XIII. Committee Memberships**

### April 2009 – May 2009

J. Driver (Chair)	B. Krane	M. Pinto	K. Ross
J. Lee	J. Francis	J. Peters	T. Brennand
C. Janes	D. Van der Wey	T. Williams	W. Parkhouse
L. Cormack	J. O'Neil	M. Letourneau	K. Harding
H. Arsenault-Antolick	J. Paling	S. Dench	

June 2009 – March 2010

J. Driver (Chair)	B. Krane	M. Pinto	K. Ross
J. Lee	J. Francis	J. Peters	T. Brennand
C. Janes	D. Van der Wey	T. Williams	W. Parkhouse
L. Cormack	N. Rajapakse	L. Copeland	M. Letourneau
A. Beale	G. Dow	C. Noble	K. Harding
A. MacGrotty	J. Zelezny	C. Percival (replaced M. Letourneau October 2009)	S. Dench

Submitted to Senate by:

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Chair, Senate Committee on University Priorities