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**MEMORANDUM**

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**ATTENTION** Senate  
**FROM** Gordon Myers, Acting, Vice-President,  
Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP  
**RE:** SCUP Annual Report 2012 – 2013 (SCUP 13-27)

**DATE** April 29, 2013  
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At its April 17, 2013 meeting, SCUP reviewed for information the SCUP Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013. It is attached for the information of Senate.

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

*For the period of April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013*

**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**

2012

- April 11, 2012
- May 16, 2012
- June 6, 2012
- July 11, 2012
- September 5, 2012
- September 19, 2012
- October 24, 2012
- November 7, 2012
- November 21, 2012
- December 5, 2012

2013

- January 9, 2013
- March 13, 2013

### **III. Academic Planning**

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

- SFU Academic Plan 2013-2018 (December 5, 2012)

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

SCUP considered and approved the following programs for further planning:

- Joint Major in World Literature and History (April 11, 2012)
- Joint Major in Philosophy and Health Sciences (April 11, 2012)
- Joint Major in World Literature and International Studies (September 19, 2012)
- Minor in French Language (November 7, 2012)
- PBD in Contemporary Arts (December 5, 2012)
- Certificate of Occupational Ergonomics (December 5, 2012)
- Joint Major and Joint Honours in Chemistry, and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (January 9, 2013)
- Bachelor of Environment (March 13, 2013)
- Global Environmental Systems (March 13, 2013)
- Environmental Resource Management (March 13, 2013)

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

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

- Graduate Certificate in Visual Analytics (April 11, 2012)
- Master of Arts Double Degree in Global Communications, with Communication University of China (April 11, 2012)
- Graduate Certificate in Business in the Americas (September 5, 2012)
- Joint Major in Philosophy and Health Sciences (September 5, 2012)
- Certificate in Business Analytics and Decision Making (January 9, 2013)
- Joint Major in World Literature and History (January 9, 2013)
- Joint Major in World Literature and International Studies (January 9, 2013)
- Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership (January 9, 2013)
- Master of Arts in Comparative Media Arts (January 9, 2013)
- Graduate Certificate in Curriculum and Instruction (March 13, 2013)
- Concurrent Bachelor's-Master's Program in International Studies (March 13, 2013)

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate revisions to the following program:

- Master of Business Administration (May 16, 2012)

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the following change to the name of a program:

- Major in Art and Culture (November 7, 2012)

## **VI. Program Suspensions and Deletions**

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

- Joint Major, Geography and Economics Environmental Specialty (suspension, April 11, 2012)
- Joint Major, Geography and Economics Environmental Specialty (deletion, April 11, 2012)
- Advanced Certificate in Criminology (suspension, May 16, 2012)
- Advanced Certificate in Criminology (deletion, May 16, 2012)
- Certificate in Family Studies (suspension, May 16, 2012)
- Certificate in Family Studies (deletion, July 11, 2012)
- Joint Major in Sociology and Art and Culture Studies (suspension, December 5, 2012)
- Joint Major in Anthropology and Art and Culture Studies (suspension, December 5, 2012)
- Joint Major in Anthropology and Art and Culture Studies (deletion, December 5, 2012)
- Master of Arts in Latin American Studies Program (suspension, December 5, 2012)
- Explorations Certificate (suspension, January 9, 2013)
- Joint Major in Sociology and Art and Culture Studies (deletion, January 9, 2013)
- Joint Major and Joint Honours in Computing Science and Philosophy (suspension, March 13, 2013)
- Joint Major and Joint Honours in Computing Science and Philosophy (deletion, March 13, 2013)

## **VII. External Reviews**

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

- School for the Contemporary Arts (June 6, 2012)
- School of Communication (September 5, 2012)
- Department of English (September 5, 2012)
- Department of Archaeology (September 19, 2012)
- Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (November 7, 2012)

External review updates were received from the following academic units:

- Department of Chemistry (June 6, 2012)
- Department of Psychology (July 11, 2012)

- Faculty of Education (July 11, 2012)
- Cognitive Science Program (September 19, 2012)

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

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

- Interaction Design Research Centre (May 16, 2012)
- Institute for Diaspora Research and Engagement (December 5, 2012)

SCUP did not receive proposals for the dissolution of any Centres or Institutes.

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the following change to the name and/or status of a Centre or Institute:

- CMA Centre for Strategic Change and Performance Measurement (to “CMA Innovation Centre, May 16, 2012)
- Institute for Research on Early Education and Child Health (to “Centre for Research on Early Child Health and Education, September 5, 2012)
- Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth (to “Institute for the Reduction of Youth Violence”, October 24, 2012)

SCUP approved the renewal of the following Centres or Institutes for a five-year term (October 24, 2012):

- 4D Labs
- Behavioural and Cognitive Neuroscience Institute
- Centre d'études francophones Quebec-Pacifique
- Centre for Coastal Science and Management
- Centre for Global Political Economy
- Centre for Natural Hazards Research
- Centre for Operations Research and Decision Sciences
- Centre for Policy Studies on Culture and Communities
- Centre for Research on Early Child Health and Education
- Centre for Studies in Print and Media Cultures
- Centre for Wildlife Ecology
- CIBC Centre for Corporate Governance and Risk Management
- CMA Innovation Centre
- Criminology Research Centre
- David Lam Centre
- Interdisciplinary Research in the Mathematical and Computational Sciences

- International Cybercrime Research Centre
- Institute for Intersectionality Research and Policy

SCUP considered the following document for information:

- Centres and Institutes Report 2011/12 (October 24, 2012)

## **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:

- 2012/13 Budget Consultation (November 7, 2012 and March 13, 2013)

After a review of the available information in relation to the proposed 2013/14 University Budget, SCUP provided its advice to the President (March 22, 2013).

## **X. Establishment of Committees**

No committees were established in this reporting year.

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

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate proposals for the establishment of the following Chairs and/or Professorships:

- Chair in HIV/AIDS (June 6, 2012)
- Keith Beedie Chair in Innovation and Entrepreneurship (July 11, 2012)
- Ryan Beedie Chair in Finance (July 11, 2012)
- Beedie Professorship Endowment Fund (September 5, 2012)

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

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

SCUP was consulted on, and/or considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following:

- Learning Outcomes and Assessment Principles (May 16, 2012)
- Revisions to the Academic Planning Process (May 16, 2012)
- Report and Recommendations of the Learning Outcomes and Assessment Working Group (November 7, and November 21, 2012)

- Revised Policy R20.01-Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Subjects (December 5, 2012)
- Revisions to Research Ethics Policy R20.01 (March 13, 2013)
- NWCCU Accreditation 2012 Progress Report (March 13, 2013)

### **XIII. Committee Memberships**

#### April 2012 – May 2012

J. Driver (Chair)	B. Krane	M. Pinto	K. Ross
J. Lee	D. Cyr	G. Chapman	T. Brennand
S. Kong	M. Nilson Levisohn	B. Brandhorst	W. Parkhouse
C. Geisler	D. Shapiro	H. Wussow	J. McRae
C. Shaw	G. Dow	S. Robinsmith	A. Pilarinos
A. Armstrong	D. Reyerros		
S. Dench			

#### June 2012 – March 2013

J. Driver (Chair)	B. Krane/G. Myers	M. Pinto	K. Ross
J. Lee/L. Chan	D. Cyr	G. Chapman	T. Brennand
C. Shaw	D. Laitsch	B. Brandhorst	W. Parkhouse
B. Schellenberg	K. Corbett	C. Eckman	C. Geisler
J. Pierce	P. Tingling	T. Leacock	H. Palis
S. Flodr	A. Hall	M. Wilson	
S. Dench/S. Rhodes			

Submitted to Senate by:

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