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ATTENTION	Senate	**DATE**	April 30, 2014
FROM	Gord Myers, Acting Vice-President, Academic	**PAGES**	1/1
RE:	SCUP Annual Report 2013 – 2014 (SCUP 14-15)		

At its April 16, 2014 meeting, SCUP reviewed for information the SCUP Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014. It is attached for the information of Senate.

Senate Committee on University Priorities
(SCUP)
ANNUAL REPORT
For the period of April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014

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 notices 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

2013
- April 17, 2013
- June 19, 2013
- July 17, 2013
- September 25, 2013
- October 9, 2013
- November 6, 2013
- November 20, 2013
- December 4, 2013

2014
- February 5, 2014
- March 12, 2014

III. Academic Planning

In relation to academic planning responsibilities, SCUP received for information the following:
- Consolidated 2010 – 2013 Academic Plan Progress Report (April 17, 2013)

IV. Programs Approved for Further Planning
SCUP considered and approved the following programs for further planning:
- Certificate in Technology Entrepreneurship in the Beedie School of Business and the School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering (April 17, 2013)
- Master of Science in Ecological Restoration in the Faculty of Environment (June 19, 2013)
- Certificate in Genomics in the Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (June 19, 2013)
- Minor in Italian Studies in the Department of French (July 17, 2013)
- Joint Major in Sustainable Business in the Beedie School of Business and the Faculty of Environment (July 17, 2013)
- Joint Major in the Department of English and the Department of History (November 20, 2013)
- Certificate in Performance Studies in the Department of English (November 20, 2013)

V. New and Revised Programs
SCUP considered, approved, and recommended to Senate the following new programs:
- Minor in French Language in the Department of French (April 17, 2013)
- Post Baccalaureate Diploma in the School for the Contemporary Arts (April 17, 2013)
- Occupational Ergonomics Certificate in the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology (June 19, 2013)
- Joint Major in Chemistry and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (June 19, 2013)
- Joint Honours in Chemistry and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (June 19, 2013)
- Certificate in Genomics in the Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (September 25, 2013)
- Bachelor of Environment in the Faculty of Environment (November 20, 2013)
- Environmental Resource Management Major in the Faculty of Environment (November 20, 2013)
- Global Environmental Systems Major in the Faculty of Environment (November 20, 2013)
- Joint Major in Sustainable Business in the Beedie School of Business and the Faculty of Environment (November 20, 2013)
- Graduate Diploma in Financial Engineering in the Beedie School of Business and the Faculty of Science (December 4, 2013)
- Professional Master's Program in Big Data in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (February 5, 2014)
- Concurrent Bachelor's-Master's Program in Computing Science (March 12, 2014)

VI. Program Suspensions and Deletions

SCUP considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following suspensions of admission, and program deletions/terminations:
- Multimedia Computing Specialist major, School of Computing Science (suspension April 17, and June 19, 2013)

- Explorations Certificate Program, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (deletion, July 17, 2013)
- Ergonomics and Human Factors Concentration, Kinesiology Major and Honours, Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology (suspension, September 25, 2013)
- Ergonomics and Human Factors Concentration, Kinesiology Major and Honours, Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology (deletion, September 25, 2013)
- Software Engineering Specialist program, School for Computing Science (suspension, November 20, 2013)
- Multimedia Computing Specialist program, School for Computing Science (deletion, November 20, 2013)
- Forestry Geoscience Certificate, Department of Earth Sciences (suspension, November 20, 2013)
- Forestry Geoscience Certificate, Department of Earth Sciences (delete, November 20, 2013)

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 Geography (September 25, 2013)
- Department of Biological Sciences (November 6, 2013)
- Faculty of Health Sciences (November 6, 2013)
- School of Computing Science (December 4, 2013)
- Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science (December 4, 2013)
- Department of Physics (February 5, 2014)

External review updates were received from the following academic units:
- Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies (September 25, 2013)
- Department of Linguistics (September 25, 2013)
- Department of Philosophy (September 25, 2013)
- School of Criminology (February 5, 2014)
- School of Engineering Science (February 5, 2014)
- Department of History (February 5, 2014)
- School of Resource and Environmental Management (February 5, 2014)
- Department of Sociology and Anthropology (February 5, 2014)

VIII. Centres and Institutes

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the establishment of the following Centres or Institutes:
- Chronic Pain Research Institute (April 17, 2013)
- SFU-JLU Joint Centre for Bioarchaeological Research (July 17, 2013)

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the dissolution of the following Centres or Institutes:
- Nanomed Canada Research Network (April 17, 2013)

SCUP approved the renewal of the following Centres or Institutes for a five-year term (November 6, 2013):
- Bill Reid Centre for Northwest Coast Art Studies
- Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health and Addiction
- Centre for Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures
- Centre for Education Research and Policy
- Centre for Forensic Research
- Centre for Imaginative Education
- Centre for Research on Adaptive Behaviour in Economics
- Centre for Studies in Global Asset and Wealth Management
- Centre for the Study of Educational Leadership and Policy
- Children's Health Policy Centre
- David Wheeler Institute for Research in Mathematics Education
- International Centre of Art for Social Change

SCUP considered the following document for information:
- Centres and Institutes Report 2012/13 (November 6, 2013)

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:
- University Priority Fund (July 17, 2013)
- Annual Financial Report for 2012 – 2013 (July 17, 2013)
- 2013/14 Budget Consultation (October 9, 2013 and March 12, 2014)

After a review of the available information in relation to the proposed 2013/14 University Budget, SCUP provided its advice to the President (December 4, 2013 and March 20, 2014).

X. Establishment of Committees

No committees were established in this reporting year.

XI. Establishment of Chairs and Professorships

No chairs or professorships were established in this reporting year.

SCUP was consulted on and/or considered the revisions to the name of Chair and/or Professorship:

- Chair in HIV/AIDS Research at St. Paul's Hospital to St. Paul's Hospital CANFAR Chair in HIV/AIDS Research (November 20, 2013)

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:
- Naming of Observatory and Science Courtyard & Studio for Innovative Science Education (June 19, 2013)
- Senate Guidelines for External Reviews of Academic Units (June 19, 2013)
- Report of Online Education Working Group (June 19, 2013)
- Individuals with Medical and/or Law Degrees for Research Ethics Board (July 17, 2013)
- Minor Revisions to Research Ethics Policy – R20.01 (November 6, 2013)

XIII. Committee Memberships

April 2013 – May 2013

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

June 2013 – March 2014

J. Driver (Chair)	G. Myers	M. Pinto	K. Ross/J. Hinchliffe
L. Chan/Z. Naqvi	T. Leacock	G. Chapman	T. Brennand
C. Shaw	D. Laitsch	M. Eikerling	W. Parkhouse
B. Schellenberg/J. Smith	K. Corbett	C. Eckman/B. Owen	K. Magnusson
J. Pierce	P. Tingling	S. Flodr	T. Truong
M. Kopahi	S. Rhodes	B. Basi	

Submitted to Senate by:

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