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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	May 8, 2024	
FROM	Dilson Rassier, Provost and Vice-President Academic, and Chair, SCUP	PAGES	1/4	
RE:	Terms of Reference for the Aquatic Research Cooperative Institute Endowment (SCUP 24-28)			

At its meeting on May 8, 2024, SCUP reviewed and approved the Terms of Reference for the Aquatic Research Cooperative Institute Endowment.

Motion: That Senate approve the Terms of Reference for Aquatic Research Cooperative Institute Endowment.

C: Valorie Crooks, Associate Vice-President, Research



MEMO

TO: Dilson Rassier, Provost & Vice-President, Academic

FROM: Erin Morantz, VP, Advancement & Alumni Engagement

RE: Terms of Reference for the Aquatic Research Cooperative Institute

CC: Dugan O’Neil, VP, Research & Innovation
 Valorie Crooks, AVP, Research *pro tem*
 Angela Brooks-Wilson, Dean, Faculty of Science
 Naomi Krogman, Dean, Faculty of Environment

DATE: April 29, 2024

Simon Fraser University has received a generous commitment of \$4 million dollars from Valerie and Richard Bradshaw to establish an endowment to support the Aquatic Research Cooperative (ARC) Institute, which will be a cross-faculty collaboration led by the faculties of Science and Environment.

The establishment of the ARC Institute was previously considered by SCUP and approved during their meeting on March 20, 2024.

Per the attached Terms of Reference, the purpose of the ARC Institute is the delivery of impact science and to train future leaders:

- Impact Science will be delivered through development, application, and uptake of science to improve the health of Canada’s aquatic ecosystems for people and nature.
- Train Future Leaders by providing a hub where graduate students emerge as the next generation of scientists, managers, and leaders.

Income from the endowment will cover the cost of the following:

- Recruitment and compensation for a Program Lead;
- Administrative support;
- Hosting events;
- Fellowships for graduate students and postdoctoral researchers;
- Production of science publications;
- And supporting strategic travel opportunities for students and ARC members.

The endowment fund will be administered by the Vice-President, Research and International or their designate at the recommendation of the Director, ARC Institute.

Motion(s):

That SCUP approve the Terms of Reference for the Aquatic Research Cooperative (ARC) Institute as written.

Attachment(s):

1. Terms of Reference – Aquatic Research Cooperative (ARC) Institute

TERMS OF REFERENCE

In these terms of reference, capitalized terms reflect the definitions set out in the deed of gift entered into between the Donors and the University dated _____, 2024 (the “Deed”).

SUMMARY

The Fund supporting the ARC Institute was established at the University in 2024 with a generous gift from the Donors. The Fund will be used for the creation and operation of the ARC Institute, a research institute based at the University that will serve as a hub for engaged and applied research on aquatic ecosystems, linking academic science to its application, while training graduate students to be the next generation of scientists, managers and leaders.

The Fund will be administered by the Vice-President, Research and International or their designate, at the recommendation of the Director, ARC Institute, in accordance with the Deed and these terms of reference.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ARC INSTITUTE

The ARC Institute will be a cross-faculty collaboration led by the faculties of Science and Environment. The University will contribute use of their facilities and provide administrative support to the ARC Institute.

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- Train Future Leaders by providing a hub where graduate students emerge as the next generation of scientists, managers, and leaders.

The Income from the Fund will be used to cover the cost of: recruitment and compensation for a Program Lead, administrative support, hosting events, offering fellowships to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers, producing science publications, and supporting strategic travel opportunities for students and ARC Institute collaborators.

At least one major event will be hosted each year by the ARC Institute where research findings will be shared, facilitating the advancement of dialogue.

FUND ADMINISTRATION

The Fund will be administered by the Vice-President, Research and International or their designate, at the recommendation of the Director, ARC Institute, in accordance with the Deed and these terms of reference.

The University will, in a manner not inconsistent with generally accepted accounting principles, acknowledge and identify the Fund as a separate asset of the University.

APPROVED BY:

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