



OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC AND PROVOST

MEMO

ATTENTION: Senate

FROM: Jonathan Driver, Vice-President, Academic & Provost, and Chair, SCUP

RE: Name of the new Environment Faculty [SCUP 09-12]

DATE: March 17, 2009

At its February 25, 2009 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the name of the new Environment Faculty as the "Faculty of Environment".

Motion

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the name of the new Environment Faculty as the "Faculty of Environment".

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c: J. Pierce

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**Faculty of Environment
Memorandum****TO:** Jon Driver, VPA
and Chair of SCUP**FROM:** John Pierce
Special Advisor**RE:** Name of the new Faculty**DATE:** February 12, 2009

The name selected by faculty members who will be in the new Faculty and is being submitted for Senate approval is:

Faculty of Environment.

This was selected by a majority vote from a several proposed names. The process for the vote was managed by the acting Dean's Advisory Committee and followed the general procedure that has been used for other naming processes in the University (detailed below). To ensure impartiality and correct processing the online vote was managed by the University Electoral Officer. There were considerable opportunities for discussion and consultation on various names in electronic, online and face-to-face forums.

The temporary website for the new Faculty included a Faculty Naming webpage with:

- A welcome to the Faculty of Environment name information and discussion site.
- Points that merit consideration in naming the Faculty.
- Proposed names for the Faculty.
- A discussion page for the SFU Community (through Sakai).
- Description of the timing of this naming process in order to have the name approved through Senate committees for the startup date of the new Faculty and to meet deadlines for inclusion in upcoming University calendar.
- Background on the visioning that has already been done for the new Faculty.

The process consisted of:

- Naming committee and process were established.
- Committee established list of possible names.
- Name Exploration Website and Face-to-Face Forum were setup.
- Voters list was established.
- Committee advised their units of the vote process and information/discussion website.
- Online vote.
- Vote results was compiled and forwarded to Special Advisor.
- All faculty members and staff were notified of results.
- On receipt of vote results, the Special Advisor wrote memo to SCUP via the VPA.
- SCUP receives, discusses, votes to approve and recommend to Senate.

- Senate receives, discusses, votes to approve and recommend to BoG.

The names that were included on the ballot were:

- Faculty of Environment
- Faculty of Environment and Sustainability
- Faculty of Environment and Society
- Faculty of Environment and Development

Of 45 persons on the voter's list, 37 votes were cast. The breakdown of the results of the vote is:

• Faculty of Environment	22
• Faculty of Environment and Sustainability	1
• Faculty of Environment and Society	14
• Faculty of Environment and Development	0
Total	37

