SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

For Information

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES (SCIA)

ANNUAL REPORT TO SENATE

January – December 2005 DRAFT

1. Introduction

The Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) is a Standing Committee (Reporting Category "B") established under the terms of the University Policy on International Activities (GP 23). The terms of reference and composition of the Committee are attached as *Annex A*, and can be found on the following web page: http://www.reg.sfu.ca/Senate/SenateComms/SCIA.html

In 2005, SCIA met ten times. This Annual Report highlights the issues dealt with by the Committee over the course of the year. For Senators wishing more detailed information concerning SCIA's deliberations, the approved minutes of the meetings can be found on the following web page: http://www.reg.sfu.ca/Senate/SenateComms/SCIA/index.html

Senators may also wish to contact the Committee's Secretary, by email: <u>Marian MacNeil</u> or <u>Cindy Olsen</u>, or by telephone: 604 291 5460 for further information.

1.1 SCIA Members

SCIA Members January 2005 – May 2005		
Members	Conditions	Name
President (or designate)	Chair, Ex-officio	Jon Driver
Vice-President, Academic (or designate) Chair, International Student Exchange Committee (ISEC)	Ex-officio	Paul McFetridge
Senator-Faculty Mbr		Dan Weeks
Senator-Faculty Mbr	Elected by and from Senate	David Zandvliet
Senator-Faculty Mbr		Jim Budd
Senator (At-large)	Elected by and from Senate	Valerie Dunsterville
Student Senator (Undergraduate)	Elected by and from Senate	Shawn Hunsdale
Graduate Student (At-large)	Elected by Senate	Clement Apaak
Executive Director, SFU International (or designate)	Ex-officio	Nello Angerilli
Staff Member, SFU International	Secretary, Ex-officio (non-voting)	Stephanie Sauvé

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Vice-President, Academic (or designate) Chair, International Student Exchange Committee (ISEC)	Ex-officio	Paul McFetridge
Senator-Faculty Mbr		Dan Weeks
Senator-Faculty Mbr	Elected by and from Senate	David Zandvliet
Senator-Faculty Mbr		Martin Ester
Senator (At-large)	Elected by and from Senate	June Francis
Student Senator (Undergraduate)	Elected by and from Senate	Waseem Javed
Graduate Student (At-large)	Elected by Senate	Clement Apaak
Executive Director, SFU International (or designate)	Ex-officio	lan Andrew
Staff Member, SFU International	Secretary, Ex-officio (non- voting)	Cindy Olsen/ Marian MacNeil

1.2 Dates of SCIA Meetings in 2005

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November 8, 2005	
December 13, 2005	

Current SCIA membership and dates of meetings can be found on the following web page: http://www.reg.sfu.ca/Senate/SenateComms/SCIA.html

2. Approvals

- 2.1 Recommend the President's approval of the Dual Degree Program in China.
- 2.2 Approval of the Italy Field School for fall 2006 sponsored by the Department of English.
- 2.3 Recommend the President's approval of the Tier 2 Letter of Intent for the Centre for Sustainable Community Development Specialization Program in Bolivia.
- Approval, in principle, of the Proposed Leadership Development Program in Riyadh. Approved on the basis that the program meets the requirements of University Policy GP23.
- 2.5 Approval of the Proposed Program for Managers at Alcan's Ningxia Smelter, China.
- Approval, provisional, of the Nine-day Executive Education Program for executives from Saudi Arabia, requiring information on how the program meets the requirements of University Policy GP23. Recommendations for revisions will be forwarded in writing to Learning Strategies and kept on file by SCIA.
- 2.7 Approval, of the Letter of Intent, for the Tier Two "Women in Africa: Education and Community Development Program.
- 2.8 Approval, in principle, of the Latin American Studies Program Border Issues Seminar in Tijuana, Baja California. Approved on the basis that Monica Escudero is involved.
- 2.9 Approval of the Team Canada Corps Project Proposal.
- **2.10** Approval of the Brazil Field School for fall 2006 in Latin American Studies, with recommended amendments.
- 2.11 Approval of the Appointment of June Francis as ISEC Chair.
- 2.12 Approval of the Student Services Cohort Training Program in Media and Communication for Communication University of China.

3. Received for Information

- 3.1 Update from SFU International and collaborators about the ongoing development of the dual-degree program in China.
- 3.2 Information on the Master in International Leadership Program (MIL), from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. SCIA determined that it did not need to approve the MIL program but did make recommendations for improvement.
- Presentation from Dr. David Kaufman, Education, on Economic Development of Brazil's Disadvantaged Social Sectors for Full citizenship through Educational and Digital Inclusion Project proposal. SCIA decided that a memo should be submitted to the SCIA chair addressing questions that were raised. Dr. Kaufman decided to withdraw the proposal.
- 3.3 Presentation from SFU International about the Tuition Reimbursement Paper for Field School Students. SCIA recommends that students should pay standard SFU tuition rates for field school courses and that extra fees should not be charged to cover instructional costs. In future, SCIA will examine field school budgets from this perspective and will not approve field schools that charge extra for tuition.
- 3.5 Presentation from Dr. Bill Cleveland, History, The Muslim Students' Association and the Jewish Students' Association regarding SFU's involvement in the Middle East. SCIA invited representations from specific groups engaged in issues in the Middle East to express their views and concerns regarding SFU's activities in that region.
- 3.6 Presentation from Dr. Nello Angerilli, Acting Associate VP Student Services and International, regarding International Student Recruitment. SFU has been asked to consider entering into an affiliation agreement with IBT Education, Ltd., a publicly-listed Australian company. In conjunction with associated universities, IBT will recruit students using its network of international recruiters.

4. Field Schools

SFU International reported that the following field schools were completed during May - July, 2005:

- Czech Republic (Charles University, Prague): 13 participants, led by Dr. Samir Gandesha, Humanities
- France (University Francois Rabelais, Tours): 13 participants, led by Dr. Jacqueline Viswanathan, French
- Ghana (University of Ghana): 10 participants, led by Mr. Albert Smith
- Greece (The island of Kephalonia): 11 participants, led by Dr. Panayiotis Pappas
- Italy (Rome, Florence, Milan): 12 participants, led by Russell Taylor, SIAT

5. Report from the International Student Exchange Committee (ISEC)

The International Student Exchange Committee (ISEC), a sub-committee of SCIA, is responsible for making recommendations on the establishment of any new student exchange agreements and selecting candidates for exchange programs. Information on ISEC can be found on the following web page: http://www.reg.sfu.ca/Senate/SenateComms/ISEC.html

In 2004/05, 234 students applied to participate in the University's international bilateral and multilateral student exchange programs. ISEC selected 173 students out of the 234 students to participate and 146 students went on an exchange. This number is an increase from 2003/2004 where 157 students applied for an exchange, 149 students were selected and 109 students went. A detailed report is included in Annex B.

A total number of 139 SFU students participated in the International Co-op Program.

6. Signature

Jopathan Driver, Chair

Senate Committee on International Activities

Date: 17 Marc 2006

Annex A

Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) Standing Committee (Reporting Category "B")

Membership

Membership		
Members	Conditions	Term
President (or designate)	Chair, Ex-officio	
Vice President, Academic (or designate)	Ex-officio	
Senator (Faculty Member)	Elected by and from Senate	2 years
Senator (Faculty Member)	Elected by and from Senate	2 years
Senator (Faculty Member)	Elected by and from Senate	2 years
Senator (At-large)	Elected by and from Senate	2 years
Senator (Undergraduate Student)	Elected by and from Senate	2 years
Graduate student (At-large)	Elected by Senate	2 years
Executive Director, SFU International	Ex-officio	
Secretary (Non-voting)	Staff Member, SFU International	

The Committee shall meet at least once each semester and at the call of the Chair. Quorum shall be a simple majority of the voting members.

The Committee may strike sub-committees as required, such as the International Student Exchange Committee.

6.3 Terms of Reference

- **6.3.1** To ensure that proposals for international activities meet the conditions and criteria established by the University Policy on International Activities, and the University Policy on Service Contracts.
- **6.3.2** To ensure broad consultation prior to the final approval of any proposal covered by this policy for which human rights considerations are likely to be a concern.
- **6.3.3** To advise the President with respect to the desirability of entering into international activities that are proposed to be undertaken by the University on the basis of a contract, contribution agreement, letter of understanding, or similar document.
- **6.3.4** To maintain an overview and familiarity with international agreements that are entered into by academic or administrative units.
- **6.3.5** To report annually to Senate.

6.4 Procedures

- **6.4.1** The Committee shall be provided with copies of international activity proposals and whatever other information is needed to administer this Policy, based on procedures to be determined by the Committee.
- **6.4.2** Every proposal shall indicate that it has the approval of the appropriate Chair or Director, and Faculty Dean and shall contain a statement of goals and objectives, a clear disclosure of the proposed activities and a budget.
- **6.4.3** Proposals shall be accompanied by verification that the prospective parties to the activity have been given a copy of the University Policy on International Activities.
- **6.4.4** Proposals shall be submitted to the Secretary of SCIA for distribution to the Committee.
- **6.4.5** The Committee shall review each proposal to ensure compliance with the University Policy on International Activities and shall recommend acceptance, modification or rejection to the President. Where approval of the Senate or the Board of Governors is required, the President shall inform the appropriate body(ies) of the Committee's recommendation.
- **6.4.6** Where there is concern on the part of SCIA that any international activity which uses the University's name or resources may be in non-compliance with this Policy, the Committee shall be entitled to receive further information and shall report to the President regarding any violations that may be discovered.
- **6.4.7** Copies of international activity contracts or other agreements shall be provided to the Office of International Cooperation where they shall be kept on file and be open for inspection by members of the University community.

Interpretation

Questions of Policy interpretation or application shall be referred to the President whose decision shall be final.

Annex B

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