

Senate Committee on Academic Planning

ANNUAL REPORT - 1996

The Senate Committee on Academic Planning held 12 meetings in 1996. Most recommendations of SCAP go forward to Senate for information or further action. Therefore this report presents, in summary form, the major actions of the Committee.

PROGRAMS APPROVED FOR FURTHER PLANNING

When a new program is being considered, it is expected to be forwarded to SCAP for review at an early stage so that information about the program can be factored in to planning initiatives. This can also prevent the development of program plans which are considered beyond the scope and mission of the University. One program was considered for further planning in 1996, a proposed Masters Degree in Public Policy and Management, but this was referred back to the proposers for further consideration.

NEW PROGRAMS APPROVED

BGS Integrated Studies
 Ph.D. Political Science
 Environmental Studies in the Faculty of Arts
 Co-op Option in MBA Program
 Non-thesis Course Option for M.Sc. Computing Science and Master
 of Liberal Studies
 Specialist Programs within the B.Sc. Computing Science:
 Multimedia Computing
 Software Engineering
 Joint Major in Art and Cultural Studies and Anthropology
 Joint Major in Art and Cultural Studies and Sociology
 Joint Major in Humanities and French
 Joint Major in Political Science and Economics
 Joint Major in Political Science and Women's Studies
 Joint Major in Anthropology and Archaeology
 B.Ed. Specialization in Mathematical Sciences
 M.Sc. in Earth Sciences
 Honors Program in Physics and Physiology
 Bachelor of Resource and Environmental Management (see below)

New degree initiatives are also considered by the Ministry's Internal Degree Program Review Committee and the Degree Program Review Committee (DPRC), before being forwarded to the Minister for approval. The Ph.D. program in Political Science received approval from the DPRC and the Minister, and the BGS Integrated Studies was received by the DPRC for information. The Bachelor of Resource and Environmental Management has not yet been approved by the Ministry.

The partnership agreement between the University College of the Fraser Valley and SFU regarding the Bachelor of Arts degree is being phased out. With regard to the Bachelor of Science program, the partnership agreement will be extended to September 1998 but beyond that UCFV will begin offering its own B.Sc. degree. There is a transition period for both degree programs.

CURRICULUM REVISIONS

This was the first year of a new curriculum revision process, with SCUS and SGSC being given responsibility by Senate to approve new courses and minor program revisions, subject to review by SCAP and Senate.

During the 1996/97 curriculum revision cycle, at the undergraduate level, 38 courses were added and 21 courses were deleted (compared with 91 courses added and 23 courses deleted in 1995/96). At the graduate level, 4 courses were added and 5 courses were deleted (compared with 45 courses added and 19 courses deleted in 1995/6). A further 15 undergraduate courses which had not been offered for six semesters were deleted.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT (SCEMP)

SCEMP recommended targets for undergraduate admissions for 1995/96 which were approved by SCAP and Senate based on the funded enrollment projections. SCEMP also forwarded a recommendation regarding the international student intake targets.

OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED BY SCAP

- External Review Guidelines
- Diverse Qualifications Admissions Policy
- Dissolution of the Spanish and Latin American Studies Department
- Remote Access (Modem) Policy
- Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Course Scheduling
- A Context for Academic Planning
- Ad Hoc Committee on Planning Priorities
- Academic Enhancement Fund
- Minimum admission averages
- Transfer credit for D grades
- Admission requirement changes - Faculty of Science

EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reports were received on the following external reviews.

Canadian Studies Program	(June 1996)
Department of Sociology/Anthropology initial consid.	(June 1996)
School for the Contemporary Arts initial consideration	(October 1996)
Co-operative Education	(October 1996)
School of Criminology	(November 1996)

In the previous year, SCAP initiated a process for following up on external reviews by asking departments to comment on various recommendations. In 1995, external review follow-ups took place in the following departments:

School of Computing Science

(May 1996)

CENTRES AND INSTITUTES

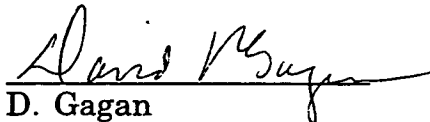
SCAP recommended to Senate and the Board of Governors the establishment of the following institute:

Centre for Labour Studies

Institute for Business and Innovation Studies

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP IN 1996

D. Gagan, Chair; J. Osborne, Vice-Chair, R. Ward, B. Clayman, R. Marteniuk, E. Alderson, S. Shapiro, R. Barrow, C. Jones, L. Boland, P. Percival, L. Peterson, C. Reed, P. Winne, M. Selman, C. Eaton, O. Underhill, B. Naef, V. Dunsterville, J. Hansen, K. Hewitt, R. Jahn, E. Scharfe, T. Dobb, R. Blackman, W.R. Heath, W. Wattamaniuk, A.J. Watt; F. MacCallum (recording secretary).


D. Gagan
Chair