Senate Committee on Academic Planning

ANNUAL REPORT - 1995

The Senate Committee on Academic Planning held 14 meetings in 1995. 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. This initial approval process is entitled "approval for further planning and development". The following programs received approval to proceed with further planning and development:

M.A. Program in Urban Planning and Urban Studies Industrial Mathematics Honors Program in Physics and Physiology Master of Environmental Toxicology

Information about these programs is also provided to the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training as part of the Degree Program Review process.

NEW PROGRAMS APPROVED

Graduate Program in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry
M.A. in Gerontology (awaiting approval from DPRC and Minister)
M.Ed. in Counselling Psychology (new stream)
Faculty of Arts proposal for Environmental Studies Program
Asia Canada Program (awaiting approval from DPRC and Minister)
M.A. in English and French Literatures
Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Communication
Post Baccalaureate Diploma in French and Education
Joint Major Sociology/Anthropology and Women's Studies
Joint Major Anthropology and Linguistics

New degree initiatives are also considered by the Ministry's Internal Degree Program Review Committee and the Degree Program Review Committee, before being forwarded to the Minister for approval.

Under the partnership agreement with the University College of the Fraser Valley, the following initiatives were approved:

Course additions to existing programs
Major programs in History, English, Geography and Psychology
Extended Minor in Mathematics or Mathematics with Statistics Option
Minor programs in those programs with approved Extended Minors

PROGRAM TERMINATED

Master of Aquaculture

CURRICULUM REVISIONS

SCAP received and forwarded material on a variety of curriculum revisions which had been reviewed and approved by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and the Senate Graduate Studies Committee. The following curriculum revisions were considered:

Faculty of Applied Sciences:

Faculty of Arts:

3 submissions from SCUS and 3 from SGSC
1 submission from SCUS and 4 from SGSC
1 submission from SCUS and 1 from SGSC
1 submissions from SCUS and 1 from SGSC
2 submissions from SCUS and 3 from SGSC
2 submissions from SCUS and 3 from SGSC

At the undergraduate level, 23 courses were deleted and 91 courses were added. At the graduate level 19 courses were deleted and 45 courses were added. A further 14 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. In February 1995, SCEMP recommended and SCAP supported annual targets for limited enrolment programs for 1995/96. These were referred back by Senate and were discussed by SCEMP in March and again in September 1995. In April 1995 and October 1995, under delegated authority, SCEMP recommended and SCAP approved revisions to the enrollment targets for 95-3 and 96-1. SCAP also recommended to Senate in October 1995 the new student intake targets for 1996/97.

MATTERS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

Ministry of Skills, Training and Labour - Degree Program Review process Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Course Scheduling

OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED BY SCAP

Applied Health Programs

Shrum International Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship

Proposed B.Sc. Degree in Environmental Planning and Management

Academic Enhancement Fund

Committee reorganization (dissolution of SUAB, establishment of CRUA and additional terms of reference for SCUS)

Annual Report on Low Enrolment Courses

Library costs for new courses

Revisions to the membership of SCAP

EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reports were received on the following external reviews.

Department of Chemistry (March 1995)
Department of Philosophy (July 1995)
Department of Women's Studies (November 1995)

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:

Department of Geography (November 1995) Department of Political Science (November 1995)

CENTRES AND INSTITUTES

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

Institute of Governance Studies

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP IN 1995

J. Munro, Chair (until September 1995), D. Gagan (from September 1995); J. Osborne, Vice-Chair, R. Ward B. Clayman, J.P. Blaney, R. Marteniuk, E. Alderson, S. Shapiro, R. Barrow, C. Jones, L. Boland, P. Percival, J. Driver, K. Heinrich, P. Winne, M. Warsh, I. McAskill, J. Bacani, K. Chan, S. Wu, M. Selman, C. Eaton, O. Underhill, B. Naef, V. Dunsterville, R. Jahn, E. Scharfe, K. Arnason, R. Dhir, F. Karabotsos T. Dobb, W.R. Heath, W. Wattamaniuk, A.J. Watt; F. MacCallum (recording secretary).