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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	November 15, 2012
FROM	Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP	PAGES	1/1
RE:	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Renaming and Reclassification of the "Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth" (SCUP 12-37)		

At its October 24, 2012 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal for the request of name change from Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth to the Institute for the Reduction of Youth Violence and that it become an institute.

Motion:

That Senate approve the name of the Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth be changed to the Institute for the Reduction of Youth Violence and that it become an institute.

encl.

c: R. McMahon



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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Sarah Dench, Secretary
Senate Committee on University Planning
(SCUP)

DATE September 24, 2012

FROM Norbert H. Haunerland

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RE: Renaming and Reclassification of the "Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth"

Attached is a letter from Dr. Robert McMahon, requesting that the "Centre" become an "Institute" due to its changing focus and activities to be multi-university and multi-disciplinary. Dr. McMahon has also requested a name change for the Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth be changed to the **Institute for the Reduction of Youth Violence**.

I recommend approval. Once approved by SCUP the request should be sent to Senate and the Board of Governors for information.

Motion:

That SCUP approve the name of the Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth be changed to the **Institute for the Reduction of Youth Violence** and that it become an Institute.

Dr. Norbert Haunerland
Associate Vice-President, Research

Attachment

C: Dr. Robert McMahon, Department of Psychology

September 17, 2012

To: Senate Committee on University Priorities

From: Robert J. McMahon, Ph.D.
Professor and LEEF BC Leadership Chair
Department of Psychology

RE: Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth

I am writing to formally request a change in the function and name of the “Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth” to the “Institute for the Reduction of Youth Violence.” (This request was approved by the Steering Committee of the Centre and by Neil Watson, Chair of the Department of Psychology on September 10, 2012; and by Paul McFetridge, Associate Dean, FASS, on September 17, 2012.)

The rationale for this request is that the stated goals, purpose, and function of the “Centre” are those of an Institute rather than a Centre as defined by SFU Policy R40.01: **“Research Centres** are non-departmental academic or administrative units established for the purposes of facilitating collaborative research mainly within a Faculty. **Research Institutes** are created to facilitate collaborative multi-disciplinary research between different Faculties and/or multi-university initiatives and to provide research-related services to the community.”

As noted in my application for the BC Leadership Chair and in my Annual Report to LEEF, the immediate and longer-term objectives of the Chair and the “Centre” are to establish, maintain, and support interdisciplinary research that is focused on (a) elucidating the origins, developmental pathways, and outcomes of children and youth with violence and other conduct problems; and (b) the development, evaluation, and dissemination of state-of-the-art preventive and treatment interventions for alleviating youth violence and other conduct problems throughout childhood and adolescence. My goal is for the “Centre” to become the intellectual home for interdisciplinary research and knowledge exchange/transfer concerning youth violence and other conduct problems by taking a leadership role in forging research collaborations with other research centres and networks in Canada, the U.S., and abroad.

The focus and activities of the “Centre” have been clearly multi-university and multidisciplinary (as opposed to within Faculty). As noted in my Annual Reports (June 2011, 2012), in the past two years I have established new research collaborations with SFU colleagues in multiple Departments/Faculties at SFU (e.g., Psychology, Criminology, Health Sciences) and at other universities (e.g., UBC, Harvard, University of California-Irvine; University of South Carolina) and agencies (e.g., Ministry of Children and Family Development, RTI International). These complement ongoing research collaborations with researchers at the University of Washington, University of New Mexico, Duke University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Alabama,

and Tufts University. Disciplines represented in these collaborations include clinical, forensic, and developmental psychology; neuroscience; genetics; environmental toxicology; law; criminology; psychiatry; and pediatric medicine.

Another primary objective of the “Centre” noted in my application for the LEEF Chair is the dissemination of knowledge about youth violence to multiple stakeholders, including researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and the community at large. To that end, I have been active in making connections in the community. For example, meetings have been held with individuals from the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Police Department, the Dalai Lama Center, HELP (Human Early Learning Partnership), and the RSVP Program of Family Services of Greater Vancouver. I have also met with individuals from the Canadian Red Cross to discuss potential collaborative research activities. In addition, I have made presentations concerning the “Centre” and my research to the UBC Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the Department of Psychology at SFU, various groups at the Child & Family Research Institute (CFRI) at BC Children’s Hospital, the Tri-Cities Joint Family Court and Youth Justice Committee, local and national representatives of the National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC), HumanKind (sponsored by the Art of Living Institute), and the UpStart Council of Champions of the United Way of Calgary. I have given invited keynote/plenary addresses concerning youth violence to forensic conferences in Vancouver, Toronto, and Rotterdam in the past year.

I believe that it is clear that the “Centre” is intended to function, and is functioning, as an Institute, and respectfully request approval to change the function and name to the “Institute for the Reduction of Youth Violence.”

Thank you.