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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate
FROM Catherine Dauvergne, Vice-President,
Academic and Provost and Chair, SCUP
RE: Dissolution of the Centre for Policy Research on Science and Technology (CPROST)
(SCUP 21-23)

DATE July 15, 2021
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At its July 14th, 2021 meeting, SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal to dissolve the Centre for Policy Research on Science and Technology (CPROST).

Motion:

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Centre for Policy Research on Science and Technology within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Summer 2022.

C: D. Jin

MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION:	Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)
FROM:	Carman Neustaedter, Dean, Faculty of Communication, Art & Technology
RE:	Recommendation for the Dissolution/Termination of CPROST Research Centre
DATE:	June 3, 2021

Dear SCUP Members:

I would like to recommend the dissolution/termination of the Centre for Policy Research on Science and Technology (CPROST).

A one-year extension was granted by SCUP on November 18, 2020 by the previous Acting Dean of FCAT to allow time for myself, as the incoming Dean (starting December 1, 2020), to review the CPROST and to determine whether it aligned with our faculty's strategic priorities. The one-year extension also allowed for Professor Jin to host a major international conference in April 2021 to ensure that there were no disruptions to current CPROST-related activities.

I have since had discussions within FCAT with Claudette Lauzon (Associate Dean Research, FCAT), Zoë Druick (Director, CMNS), and Professor Dal Yong Jin (current Director of the CPROST and Professor in CMNS). We have come to a joint determination that the CPROST should be discontinued as CPROST's research activities more appropriately match that of a research lab when compared to the mandate and expectations of a research centre.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you would like to discuss it further.

Yours sincerely,



Carman Neustaedter
Dean
Faculty of Communication, Art & Technology

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cc: Zoë Druick, Director, School of Communication
Dal Yong Jin, Director of the CPROST and Professor, School of Communication
Claudette Lauzon, Associate Dean Research, FCAT
Audrey Hamade, Director, Administration & Strategic Planning, FCAT

Report Type: Annual Report

Reporting Year: 2021

General Information

Name of the Centre or Institute: Centre for Policy Research on Science and Technology (CPROST)

Website:

<http://www.sfu.ca/communication/research/centres/cprost.html>

Faculty: Communication, Art and Technology

Director: Jin, Dal Yong

Director's Term End: 6/30/2023

Original Renewal date: 4/1/2020

Details

Description of the Centre/Institute:

CPROST was established in 1988. Its primary research is the relationship between public policy and social impact of technology. The centre brings together practitioners and scholars to study the interaction of advances in science and technology, its implementation in the marketplace, and the impact on community and individual interests.

The Centre/Institute's membership and organization structure:

SFU members:

Dal Yong Jin (CMNS), Adam Holbrook (CMNS), Richard Smith (CMNS), Peter Chow-White (CMNS), Peter Anderson (CMNS), Wendy Chun (CMNS), Ron Wakkaary (SIAT)

Other Members;

Brian Wixted (PhD., University of Saskatchewan); Hyejin Jo, Ph.D. student, School of Communication. Webmaster

Most significant accomplishments:

- Hosting Conference on Theorizing the Korean Wave in Vancouver. April 9-10, 2021.

-Co-application of SSHRC Partnership Grant titled Global Media and Internet Concentration Project. Co-applicant (PI Dwayne Winseck, Carleton University; \$2.3 million dollars, grant proposal has been accepted in May 2021)

Notable media successes:

None

Events, workshops, public outreach events:

Media Democracy Day (contributor)

Additional documents:

No

Financial Summary

Does your institute receive direct financial support from the University?

not in 2020-2021

SFU Account Number

Account 13-N876118 (\$4,917.78 as of May 24, 2021)

Account 21-S210054 (\$11,852.41 as of May 24, 2021)

Financial Report:

n/a

Financial Contributions from the university:

None

List of major equipment provided by the university:

none

University Personnel:

part-time administrative assistance from CMNS administrative staff

Space provided by the university:

Office space at Harbour Centre, over and above that provided to full-time faculty.

Was the Centre/Institute leveraged to attract external funding (donations, grants, contracts) which were only made possible by its existence:

Yes

External funding details:

Funding comes through awards to individuals by SSHRC. We do not have a complete list, but we know that SSHRC has given grants to Dal Yong Jin, Peter Chow-White and Adam Holbrook. In 2019/2020 many other CPROST members had research grants (from SSHRC, NSERC, and CIHR, for example). CPROST does not have access to the number or amounts of these grants and/or contracts.

Dr. Jin has established a conference and study program funded from Korean sources. This program paid in \$25,000 to the 21-fund account. It has been put into a separate account in FY 20/21. After the conference, it has been accordingly used (managed by Lucie Menkveld).

Members of CPROST make small contributions to CPROST to cover annual operating expenses (the CPROST 13 fund)

Confirm policy review

True

Submitted by:

Dal Yong Jin, Director

Director's Comments:

This is the final annual report, as Dean of FCAT, Director of the School of Communication, and Director of CPROST have agreed to terminate CPROST, while developing a new research lab in the School of Communication. CPROST has contributed to the growth of research profiles over the past several decades. I really appreciate supports from SFU, FCAT, and the School of Communication. As discussed, I will develop a research lab based on two major SSHRC grants that I received in May 2021.

Meanwhile, I plan to transfer remaining funds to a newly established research lab in the School of Communication in 2021. Director of the School of Communication (Dr. Druick) has promised to support the establishment of the new research lab directed by me (Dal Yong Jin). Along with SSHRC grants, the money transferred from CPROST will be used to hire additional research assistants for the two major projects.

There are no physical assets with assessed financial value remaining within CPROST. The only additional asset would be use of space at Harbour Centre, which was used by a researcher and visiting scholars. The space will be used by my coming research lab. The lab will be funded through two SSHRC-funded research projects (one SSHRC Insight Grant and one SSHRC Partnership Grant).