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OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC AND PROVOST

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ATTENTION: Senate	
FROM:	Bill Krane, Acting Vice-President, Academic & Provost, and Chair, SCUP
RE:	SCUP Annual Report 2008-09 (SCUP 09-21)
DATE:	April 21, 2009

Bill Krane

At its April 8, 2009 meeting SCUP received for information the SCUP Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009. It is attached for the information of Senate.

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Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)

ANNUAL REPORT

For the period of April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009

I. Principal Responsibilities

The principal responsibilities of SCUP include:

- The operation of the system of academic planning;
- To recommend the priorities that should be attached to the central allocation of resources required to implement approved new programs and strengthen existing programs;
- To review and approve letters of intent and full program proposals for submission to the provincial degree program approval process;
- To consider and make recommendations to Senate on proposals for new undergraduate and graduate programs and the discontinuance of programs;
- To be responsible for the operation of the system of external review of academic units;
- To receive and review recommendations for the establishment and disestablishment of academic departments, research units, centres and institutes;
- To provide advice to the President on the annual operating budget, annual capital budget and Five Year Capital Plan.

II. Meetings Held

2008

- April 9, 2008
- May 14, 2008
- June 11, 2008
- September 10, 2008
- October 8, 2008
- October 22, 2008
- November 19, 2008
- December 17, 2008

2009

- January 28, 2009
- February 11, 2009
- February 25, 2009
- March 11, 2009

III. Academic Planning

In relation to its academic planning responsibilities, SCUP approved the following:

- Faculty Renewal Plan 2009/2010 (February 25, 2009)

IV. Programs Approved for Further Planning

SCUP considered and approved the following programs for further planning:

- PhD in Health Sciences (April 9, 2008)
- Joint Honors program in Geography and Business Administration (September 10, 2008)
- Certificate of Cultural Resource Management (September 10, 2008)
- Certificate in Social Justice (September 10, 2008)
- Joint Major in Latin American Studies and International Studies (September 10, 2008)
- Certificate in African Studies (October 22, 2008)
- Major program in Biomedical Physiology (January 28, 2009)
- Major and Honors program in Genomics (January 28, 2009)
- Certificate program in Police Studies (February 11, 2009)

V. New and Revised Programs

SCUP considered, approved, and recommended to Senate the following new programs:

- Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Counselling and Human Development, Faculty of Education (June 11, 2008)
- Master of Arts in International Studies (September 10, 2008)
- Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies (February 25, 2009)
- Certificate in African Studies (February 25, 2009)

VI. External Reviews

SCUP received external review reports and related comments, and developed recommendations for priority action items in relation to the following:

- Faculty of Education (October 8, 2008)
- Department of Chemistry (October 22, 2008)
- Cognitive Science program (December 17, 2008)

External review updates were received from the following academic units:

- Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (October 22, 2008)
- Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science (December 17, 2008)

- Department of English (January 28, 2009)
- Department of Physics (January 28, 2009)

VII. Centres and Institutes

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the establishment of the following Centres or Institutes:

- Centre for Global Workforce Strategy (February 11, 2009)

SCUP considered the following documents for information only:

- Centres and Institutes Report 2007/08 (December 17, 2008)

VIII. Budget and Financial Issues

SCUP received regular updates and various documents in order to gain a familiarity with the operating and capital budget issues at the University, and to enable SCUP to discharge its advisory responsibilities.

Documents received for information:

- Final Report of the Financial Planning Task Force (October 22, 2008)
- Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2008 (September 10, 2008)
- 2008/09 Budget Consultation (February 25, 2009, and March 11, 2009)

After a review of the available information in relation to the proposed 2009/2010 University Budget, SCUP provided its advice to the President (March 18, 2009).

IX. Establishment of Committees

SCUP provided advice to the Vice President Academic on the establishment and membership of an Advisory Committee on Colleges.

X. Establishment of Chairs and Professorships

SCUP did not consider any terms of reference for Chairs or Professorships in the timeframe covered by this report.

XI. Other Matters Considered by SCUP

SCUP also considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following documents and reports:

- Revisions to the Course Scheduling Policy T30.01 (May 14, 2008)

- Remaining recommendations from the Report of the Phase 2 Faculty Structure Task Force (May 14, 2008)
- Name for the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (FCAT) (June 11, 2008)
- Name change for the School of Kinesiology to "Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology" (June 11, 2008)
- Faculty of Environment Interdisciplinary Programming Committee Report (October 8, 2008)
- Faculty of Environment – Blueprint and Development Timeline (November 19, 2008)
- Report on Operations at Fraser International College 2007/2008 (December 17, 2008)
- Annual Progress Report, Academic Plan 2007-2010 (February 11, 2009)
- Name for the Faculty of Environment (February 25, 2009)
- Notice to Students in Canadian Studies regarding admissions to the program (February 25, 2009)

XII. Committee Memberships


April 2008 – May 2008

J. Waterhouse (Chair)	B. Krane	M. Pinto	D. Weeks
D. Dagenais	J. Francis	J. Peters	K. Ross
A. Van Baarsen	J. Lee	J. LaBrie	T. Williams
D. Warner	LH. Malcoe	P. Shaker	M. Plischke
A. Lein	D. Harder	S. Dench	

June 2008 – March 2009

J. Driver (Chair, as of September 08)	B. Krane	M. Pinto	T. Brennan
D. Van der Wey	J. Francis	J. Peters	K. Ross
C. Janes	J. Lee	T. Williams	M. Letourneau
J. Paling	J. O'Neil	W. Parkhouse	L. Cormack
K. Harding	H. Arsenault-Antolick		S. Dench

Submitted to Senate by:



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