

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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Senate Committee on University Priorities Memorandum

TO: Senate

FROM: John Waterhouse
Chair, SCUP
Vice President, Academic

RE: Merck Frosst Chair in Statistics and
Information Sciences for Arthritis and
Musculoskeletal Diseases – Draft Terms
Of Reference (SCUP 05-066)

DATE: December 15, 2005

At its November 23, 2005 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the draft terms of reference for the Merck Frosst Chair in Statistics and Information Sciences of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases. This Chair will be in the Faculty of Health Sciences, and will be a partnership between the Arthritis Research Centre of Canada and the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Motion

That Senate approve the draft terms of reference for the Merck Frosst Chair in Statistics and Information Sciences of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

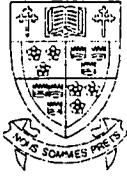
Rationale

The proposed chair will lead research activities in arthritis and musculoskeletal diseases at SFU and the Arthritis Research Centre of Canada. The chair is funded by a gift of funds from Merck Frosst Canada Inc. to the Arthritis Research Centre and a matching grant from SFU. Further details about the objectives of the Chairs are provided in the attached documentation.

The terms of reference have been reviewed for consistency with applicable university policies.

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c: D. MacLean



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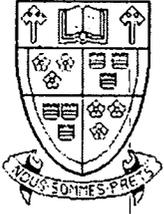
MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 14, 2005
TO: Sarah Dench, Director, University Curriculum
FROM: David R MacLean, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences

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RE: Merck Frost Chair in Statistics & Information Sciences for Arthritis and
Musculoskeletal Diseases – Faculty of Health Sciences

Please find attached the terms of reference for the above endowed chair which represents a new partnership between the Arthritis Research Centre of Canada and the Faculty of Health Sciences. I would like to take this chair through the University's processes to achieve Board of Governors approval. It would be greatly appreciated if this item could be placed on the agenda of SCUP.



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Merck Frosst Chair in Statistics & Information Sciences for Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases

Terms of Reference

The Merck Frosst Chair in Statistics and Information Sciences for Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases (the Chair) was established in 2004 by three founding partners: the Arthritis Research Centre of Canada (ARC), Merck Frosst Canada Ltd., and the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University (SFU). The Chair-holder will hold a tenure or tenure-track appointment in the Faculty of Health Sciences of SFU situated at ARC.

The Chair is funded by an Endowment (the Fund) comprised of a \$1,000,000 gift to the Arthritis Research Centre from Merck Frosst Canada Ltd. and a matching grant from SFU of \$1,500,000 in capital or its operating equivalent. A further \$1,500,000 will be raised jointly by ARC and SFU, providing a total endowment of \$4,000,000. The income from the endowment will be used to pay the salary and benefits of the Chair-holder and his/her research program.

The Chair will enhance the quality and quantity of research conducted in arthritis and musculoskeletal diseases at SFU and ARC and will establish SFU as a leader in new statistical and information technology research in these diseases.

Purpose of the Endowment:

The Chair in Statistics and Information Sciences for Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases will build upon BC's unique health research and training resources to create one of the world's renowned centres in the prevention and treatment of arthritis and musculoskeletal diseases. As a world leading Biostatistician, the Chair-holder will be committed to advancing biostatistical science across the BC research community and will spawn an innovative interdisciplinary research program involving methodological and clinical scientists.

Specific objectives of the endowment include:

- To recruit a world-class Biostatistician committed to advancing biostatistical science across the BC research community.
- To enhance the existing resources and research programs at SFU and ARC
- To promote leadership and expertise in the management and analysis of complex and innovative information systems in the area of arthritis and musculoskeletal diseases.

Fund Administration:

The endowment will be held by SFU. The administrator of the Fund will be the Vice-President Academic or his/her designate.

The capital of the Fund will be held in perpetuity with a portion of annual earned income reinvested in the Endowment to protect its value over time. A portion of annual earned income (see Endowment Management Policy GP 20) will be used each year to support the Chair-holder's salary and benefits. Any unused portion of the earned income of the Endowment will be made available to support the research program of the Chair.

In the event that circumstances make the specified use of the Fund no longer practicable or desirable, the Board of Governors of SFU is hereby authorized to make any changes it may deem necessary in the terms of use of the Fund, or the Chair, such changes, however, to be in keeping as far as possible with the original spirit and general intent of the Fund; in such an event, SFU hereby agrees to so advise Merck Frosst in writing.

The Chair in Statistics and Information Sciences for Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Research:

SFU will appoint the Chair-holder in accordance with university policy A10.06: Appointment of Specially Funded University Chairs, University Professors and Research Fellows and in consultation with the Advisory Committee for the Chair. The Chair-holder will hold a tenure track academic appointment at the senior rank of Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at SFU. The Chair-holder will be an established scholar with a record of achievement consistent with appointment to a Tier I Canada Research Chair.

The term of appointment for the Chair-holder will be a 5 year renewable term. Renewal of the appointment will be concluded in accordance with university policy A10.06 and in consultation with the Advisory Committee for the Chair.

The workload of the Chair will be modified such that up to 70% of the Chair-holder's time will be spent on research. All other terms and conditions of employment will be consistent with University policy as established or amended from time to time.

Advisory Committee for the Chair:

The Advisory Committee for the Chair will consist of seven members representing SFU, ARC, and other external bodies. The members will be appointed for a five year renewable term by the Vice-President, Academic on the advice of the Dean of Health Sciences at SFU and the Scientific Director of the Arthritis Research Centre of Canada. At least four members of the Committee shall be external to the University. The Committee shall meet at least once a year to review progress of the Chair and to advise the Chair-holder on future research directions. The Committee shall also be consulted at the time of appointment or renewal of the Chair-holder.

Accepted by:

John Esdaile
Scientific Director
Arthritis Research Centre
of Canada

Ronald Donais
Site Sourcing Representative
Merck Frosst Canada Inc.

Date

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