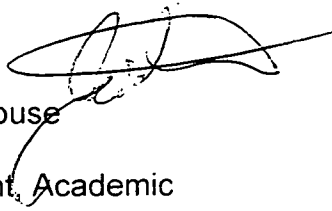# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Senate Committee on University Priorities
Memorandum

TO: Senate

FROM: John Waterhouse
Chair, SCUP
Vice President, Academic

RE: SCUP – Annual Report
(SCUP 08-16)

DATE: April 22, 2008

At its April 9, 2008 meeting SCUP received for information the SCUP Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008. 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, 2007 – March 31, 2008

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

2007
- May 30, 2007
- July 11, 2007
- September 12, 2007
- September 26, 2007
- October 24, 2007
- November 7, 2007
- November 21, 2007
- December 5, 2007
- December 19, 2007

2008
- January 16, 2008
- February 13, 2008
- February 27, 2008
- March 12, 2008

III. Academic Planning

In relation to its academic planning responsibilities, SCUP approved the following:
- Library Three Year Plan 2007-2010 (July 11, 2007)
- Faculty Renewal Plan 2008/2009 (March 12, 2008)

IV. Programs Approved for Further Planning

SCUP considered and approved the following programs for further planning:
- International Experiential Learning Certificate in the Faculty of Business Administration (July 11, 2007)
- Certificate in German Studies (September 12, 2007)
- Certificate in Religious Studies (September 12, 2007)
- Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Counselling and Human Development (February 27, 2008)
- Bachelor of Science in Behavioural Neuroscience (September 12, 2007)
- Major in Software Systems in the School of Computing Science (November 7, 2007)
- Joint Major in Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology in the Faculty of Applied Sciences (May 30, 2007)
- Joint Major in First Nations Studies and Linguistics (September 12, 2007)
- Joint Major in Interactive Arts & Technology and Business Administration (November 7, 2007)

V. New and Revised Programs

SCUP considered, approved, and recommended to Senate the following new programs:
- Certificate in Earth Sciences (July 11, 2007)
- Certificate in International Experiential Learning in the Faculty of Business Administration (September 26, 2007)
- Certificate in Religious Studies (December 5, 2007)
- Minor in Cognitive Science (September 26, 2007)
- Bachelor of Science in Behavioural Neuroscience (February 13, 2008)
- Bachelor of General Studies in Education (February 27, 2008)
- Major in Software Systems in the School of Computing Science (February 27, 2008)
- Joint Major in Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Administration (December 19, 2007)
- Master of Financial Risk Management (February 27, 2008)
- Master of Arts in Applied Legal Studies (March 12, 2008)
- PhD program in Gerontology (October 24, 2007)

SCUP reviewed, approved, and recommended to Senate the following program revisions:
- Master of Public Health-degree name change (February 27, 2008)

VI. External Reviews

SCUP received external review reports and comments and developed recommendations for priority action items in relation to the following external reviews:
- Department of Humanities (October 24, 2007)
- Department of Gerontology (November 21, 2007)
- Department of Political Science (January 30 and March 12, 2008)

External review updates were received from the following academic units:
- School for the Contemporary Arts (July 12, 2007)
- School of Kinesiology (July 12, 2007)
- Department of Economics (July 12, 2007)
- Department of Earth Sciences (July 12, 2007)
- Cognitive Science Program (July 12, 2007)
- School of Engineering Science (October 24, 2007)

VII. Centres and Institutes

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the establishment of the following Centres-or Institutes:
- Centre for Forensic Research (May 30, 2007)
- Centre for the Reduction of Violence Among Children and Youth (July 11, 2007)
- Centre for the Study of Educational Leadership and Policy (Sept. 12, 2007)
- International Centre for Art and Social Change (Sept. 12, 2007)
- Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health & Addiction (Sept. 12, 2007)
- Centre for Policy Studies on Culture and Communities (Sept. 12, 2007)
- Centre for Disability Independence Research and Education (Sept. 26, 2007)
- International Cybercrime Research Centre (March 12, 2008)

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the following changes:
- David Lam Centre-Revised Terms of Reference (December 5, 2007)

SCUP considered the following documents for information only:
- Centres and Institutes Report 2006/07 (December 5, 2007)

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:
- Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2007 (July 11, 2007)
- Strategic Initiative Fund Report (December 5, 2007)
- 2007/08 Budget Consultation (December 5, 2007)

After a review of the available information in relation to the proposed 2008/09 University Budget, SCUP provided its advice to the President.

IX. Establishment of Committees

SCUP did not consider the establishment of any committees in 2007/08.

X. Establishment of Chairs and Professorships

SCUP considered, approved and recommended to Senate terms of reference for the following Chairs and Professorships:
- Chair in Health Disparities in Cancer (July 11, 2007)
- Sierra Wireless Professorship in Mobile Communication (September 12, 2007)
- Liber Ero Chair in Coastal Studies (September 26, 2007)
- Audain Visiting Chair in Visual Arts (October 24, 2007)
- Merck Frosst LEEF Chair in Pharmaceutical Genomics & Bioinformatics in Drug Discovery (November 7, 2007)
- Pfizer/Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon Chair in Cardiovascular Prevention Research (March 12, 2008)

XI. Other Matters Considered by SCUP

SCUP also considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following documents and reports during its meetings:
- Report on Undergraduate Curriculum Implementation (May 30, 2007)
- Report on Operations at Fraser International College (September 12, 2007)

- Phase 2 Faculty Structure Task Force Feedback Summary (October 24, 2007)
- SFU Class/Exam Schedule for the 2010 Olympics (December 5, 2007)
- Phase 2 Faculty Structure Task Force Final Report (December 19, 2007; January 16, 2008; February 13, 2008)
- Motions to Senate arising from the Phase 2 Faculty Structure Task Force Final Report (March 12, 2008)
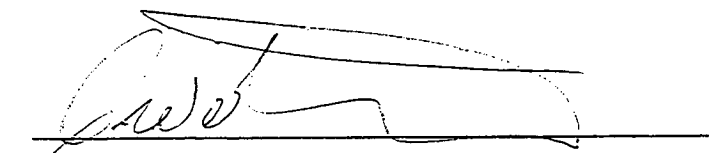
XII. Committee Memberships

April 2007 – May 2007

J. Waterhouse (Chair)	B. Krane	M. Pinto	D. Weeks
D. Zandvliet	I. Gordon	J. Peters	K. Ross
A. Van Baarsen	J. Heslop	L. Copeland	N. Haunerland
D. Warner	M. Joffres	B. Lewis	M. Plischke
R. Rebman	S. Dench		

June 2007 – March 2008

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

Submitted to Senate by:

John Waterhouse
Chair, Senate Committee on University Priorities