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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	**DATE**	June 24, 2026
FROM	Dilson Rassier, Provost and Vice-President Academic, and Chair, SCUP	**PAGES**	1/7
RE:	SCUP Annual Report (SCUP 26-38)		

At its meeting on June 24, 2025, SCUP reviewed the SCUP Annual Report for April 2025 to March 2026. It is attached for the information of Senate.

Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)
ANNUAL REPORT

For the period of April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

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 notices 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 set out in the Senate Guidelines for External Reviews;
- To receive and review recommendations for the establishment and disestablishment of academic departments, research units, Centres and Institutes under Policy R40.01, and forward recommendations to Senate;
- To provide advice to the President on the annual operating budget, annual capital budget and Five-Year Capital Plan before they are submitted to the Board of Governors for their approval.

II. Meetings Held

- April 16, 2025
- May 14, 2025
- June 18, 2025
- September 10, 2025
- October 1, 2025
- November 5, 2025
- December 3, 2025
- January 14, 2026
- February 4, 2026
- February 25, 2026
- March 18, 2026

III. Academic Planning

SCUP was consulted on the following documents:

- Draft of the Academic Plan 2025-30 (May 14, 2025)
- Update and Final Version of the Academic Plan 2025-2030 (October 1, 2025)

- Comprehensive Academic Program Lifecycle Framework (October 1, 2025)

IV. New and Revised Programs

SCUP considered and approved the following program proposals for further planning:

- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Major and Honours (May 14, 2025)
- Master of Arts in Indigenous Studies (September 10, 2025)
- Master of Science in Indigenous Studies (September 10, 2025)
- Master of Public and International Affairs (October 1, 2025)
- Doctorate of Philosophy in Education (January 14, 2026)
- Museum Studies Certificate (February 4, 2026)
- Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Respiratory Therapy (March 18, 2026)
- Bachelor of Arts in Education (March 18, 2026)

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

- Bachelor of Science in Economics, Major and Honours (June 18, 2025)
- Theatre and Performance Minor (October 1, 2025)
- Theatre and Performance Extended Minor (October 1, 2025)
- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Major and Honours (December 3, 2025)
- Certificate in Moving Image (February 25, 2026)

SCUP considered, approved, and recommend to Senate the following program changes:

- Urban Studies Certificate (name changed to Urban Change Certificate; October 1, 2025)
- Religious Studies Certificate (name changed to Religious Literacy Certificate; December 3, 2025)
- Master of Technology MBA (program changes; December 3, 2025)
- Master of Arts in English (program changes; January 14, 2026)

V. Program Suspensions and Terminations

SCUP considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following suspensions of admission, and program terminations:

- Computing Science Dual Degree Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy programs (suspension of admission; June 18, 2025)
- Teaching ESL Linguistics Certificate (suspension of admission; September 10, 2025)
- Philosophy Double Minor (termination; December 3, 2025)
- Development and Sustainability Graduate Certificate (termination; January 14, 2026)
- Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies Pathway (suspension of admission; January 14, 2026)
- Senior Citizens Certificate (termination; February 4, 2026)
- Bachelor of Education in Education, Major and Honours (suspension of admission; March 18, 2026)
- Bachelor of Education, Two Minors or Extended Minors in Education (suspension of admission; March 18, 2026)

- Psychology, Applied Behaviour Analysis Concentration Major (suspension of admission; March 18, 2026)

VI. External Reviews

SCUP received and reviewed the Notice of External Reviews for 2026/27 (March 18, 2026).

SCUP considered and approved the postponement of the External Review for the School of Public Policy (April 16, 2025).

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

- Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies (October 1, 2025)
- Department of Indigenous Studies (February 4, 2026)

External review mid-cycle reports were received from the following academic units:

- Department of Geography (December 3, 2025)
- Department of Global Humanities (January 14, 2026)
- Department of Political Science (January 14, 2026)
- School of Interactive Arts and Technology (January 14, 2026)

VII. Centres and Institutes

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

- Centre for Contemporary Literature and Poetics (February 4, 2026)

SCUP reviewed and approved the termination of the following Centres and Institutes:

- African Research Centre (April 16, 2025)
- Bill Reid Centre (November 5, 2025)
- Evolutionary and Behavioural Ecology Research Group (November 5, 2025)

SCUP reviewed and approved the renaming and repositioning of the following Institutes:

- International Cybercrime Research Centre (name changed to International Cybercrime Research Institute; November 5, 2025)
- Centre for the Studies of Print and Media Cultures (name changed to the Institute for the Studies of Print and Media Cultures; November 5, 2025)
- Centre for Contemporary Literature and Poetics (name changed to Roy Miki Centre for Contemporary Literature and Poetics; February 4, 2026)

SCUP approved the renewal of the following Centres or Institutes for a five-year term (unless noted otherwise; November 5, 2025):

- Centre for Public Policy Research
- Gerontology Research Centre
- Centre for Sustainable Development
- HIV/AIDS Research Centre
- Centre for Cell Biology, Development and Disease (C2D2)
- Centre for High-Throughput Chemical Biology (C-HTCB)
- Canadian Institute for Studies in Publishing
- Digital Democracies Institute
- Institute for Environmental Learning
- International Centre for Criminal Law Reform & Criminal Justice Policy
- Vancouver Institute for Visual Analytics
- Centre for Research on International Education (three-year term)

SCUP reviewed and approved a renewal extension for the following Institutes until November 1, 2026 (November 5, 2025):

- Centre for Studies in Print and Media Cultures
- Institute for the Reduction of Youth Violence

SCUP reviewed and approved an annual report extension for the following Centre until November 1, 2026 (November 5, 2025):

- Cnetre for Corporate Governance and Sustainability

SCUP considered the following document for information:

- Centres and Institutes Annual Report (November 5, 2025)

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 and consultation:

- 2026/27 Budget Consultation (closed session; December 3, 2025)

After a review of the available information in relation to the proposed 2026/27 University Budget, SCUP provided its comments to the President.

IX. Establishment of Committees

No committees were established in this reporting year.

X. Establishment of Chairs and Professorships

SCUP was consulted on, and/or considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following:

- Faculty of Science Astronomy Outreach and Research Endowment (establishment; April 16, 2025)
- Simons Foundation International Endowment (revised Terms of Reference; September 10, 2025)
- Simons Foundation Chair in International Law and Human Security (name changed to the Simons Chair in Peace, Disarmament, and Human Security; September 10, 2025)
- Leslie Diamond Professorship in Cancer Survivorship (establishment; February 25, 2026; March 18, 2026)
- Leslie Diamond Chair in Cancer Survivorship (revised terms of reference; February 25, 2026; March 18, 2026)
- Salish Weave Chair in Indigenous Arts Practices and Pedagogies (February 25, 2026)

XI. Named Recognition of Buildings, Academic Endowments and Academic Units

SCUP was consulted on the naming of or revisions to the name of a building, academic endowment and/or academic unit:

- School of Medicine (closed session; February 4, 2026)

XII. Other Matters Considered by SCUP

SCUP was consulted on, and/or considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following:

- Revised Full Program Proposal Template (June 18, 2025; November 5, 2025)
- SCUP Annual Report for 2024/2025 (September 10, 2025)
- Feasibility Study Template (November 5, 2025)
- Revised Process for Full Program Proposal Approvals (November 5, 2025)
- Revised Process for Indigenous Consultation for New Programs (March 18, 2026)

XIII. Committee Membership

April 2025 – May 2025

D. Rassier (Chair)
M. O'Brien
A. Brooks-Wilson
D. Laitsch
L. Weldon
D. O'Neil
P. Hall
T. Nault
G. Chapman
A. Kessler
C. Liu
B. Fisher
C. Bullock
T. Brennand
R. Pantophlet
V. Williams
A. El Hayek
X. Liu
M. Abu-Samhan
H. Do

P. Man Tong
C. Percival
Z. Naqvi
B. Stewart
J. Sutherland (Secretary)
J. Chapman (Recording Secretary)

June 2025 – March 2026

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L. Herrenbrueck
C. Liu
B. Fisher (Thecla Schiphorst *in lieu*)
T. Brennand
V. Williams
L. Kim
S. Murali
C. Percival
Z. Naqvi (until Feb 2026)
W. Sun (effective Mar 2026)
B. Stewart
J. Sutherland (Secretary)
J. Chapman (Recording Secretary)

Submitted to Senate by:



Dilson Rassier
Chair, Senate Committee on University Priorities