

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PRIORITIES

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

STRAND HALL 3101

Attendance: Gwen Bird, Tracy Brennand, Glenn Chapman, Jeff Derksen, Naomi Krogman, Connie Liu, David Murphy, Gord Myers, Zareen Naqvi, Tom Nault, Carman Neustaedter, Kevin Oldknow, Dugan O’Neil, Ralph Pantophlet, Wade Parkhouse (Chair), Abhishek Parmar, Stephen Spector, Brian Stewart, Vance Williams, Jill Sutherland, Jocelyn Chapman

Regrets: Daniel Laitsch, Lynn Masri

Absent: Donovan Arseneault, Samiya Rashmi

Prior to beginning the meeting, the Chair noted that two committee members sent regrets.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

2. Approval of the Minutes from December 7, 2022 meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of July 13, 2022 (item was sent to January 9, 2023 Senate Meeting)

- Renaming of Centre for Education Law and Society (Revised) SCUP 22-19

The Chair noted that this item was paused until the faculty member had retired. The item has now been approved by Senate.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of December 7, 2022 (items were sent to January 9, 2023 Senate Meeting)

- External Review Report for the Department of Biological Sciences SCUP 22-27
- External Review Report for the Department of French SCUP 22-28
- External Review Report for the Department of Global Humanities SCUP 22-29
- External Review Report for the Department of Political Science SCUP 22-30
- External Review Report for the Department of Geography SCUP 22-31
- Revised Terms of Reference for the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies Endowment SCUP 22-32

Open Session

5. Suspension of Admission: Ecological Restoration MSc

Presenter: Naomi Krogman

SCUP 23-01

internal and external communities. KPMG was contracted to do a high-level costing analysis. SFU received \$1.5M in planning funds to support this work.

A committee member asked if the 2017 Walker report was used in the concept paper documents. The Chair confirmed that the Walker reports from both 2013 and 2017 were referenced.

A committee member asked if they could see financial predictions regarding operating, clinical, and capital costs. The Chair responded that members are able to view the concept paper but are not able to view the KPMG numbers due to contract terms with the company.

A committee member asked if estimated capital costs reflect ongoing or initial budget needs. The Chair responded that it is an estimated cost for the initial set up including a new building which SFU is not currently planning for.

A committee member asked if the estimated cost per student is similar to what is available at other institutions. The Chair commented that KPMG found that the cost was very similar to other institutions of a similar size.

A committee member asked if the medical school faculty would operate as regular full-time or part-time SFU faculty. The Chair noted that including doctors and other clinical staff in student training will add a level of complexity. He also affirmed that it will be important to accurately determine the cost associated with faculty and to receive adequate funding from the government.

A committee member asked for more information about how SFU's medical school will be different from UBC. The Chair responded that the program at SFU will be focused on creating graduates who are more likely to stay in family practice. For example, only 10.0% of graduates from UBC stay in family practice. The Chair also noted that the goal is not to compete with UBC but to be collaborative.

A committee member asked R. Strasser how NOSM was able to increase the number of students who stay in family practice. R. Strasser replied that it is a complex process that will have students spending most of their clinical learning in the same community settings that they will practice in. One of the program's goals will be to recruit students from underserved communities and have them return to work

opportunities as well and affirmed that the project will only move forward if funding and resources are available.

Meeting adjourned 3:47 p.m.