

University of Saskatchewan

Status Report on the Implementation of Schools

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Component	School of Public Policy	School of Public Health	School of Environment and Sustainability
ACADEMIC			
Student Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promotion via on- and off-campus student recruitment events in March, e-mail notices to all 3rd and 4th year UofS students in March/April, posters and recruitment book in April, e-mail recruitment across Canada in April/May, advertising in StarPhoenix and Planet S in May ▪ Nineteen specific inquiries for applications, in addition to more than 100 face-to-face and e-mail contacts ▪ Fourteen applications ▪ Five recommendations for admission to CGSR (as of May 29); nine pending ▪ Two-year MIT program completing first year of delivery; 18 admitted in year one; 10 doing courses in the first year; applications being processed for year 2 admission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 70 applicants to Master of Public Health (MPH) program; plan admission of 20 ▪ 12 applicants to Vaccinology and Immunotherapeutics (V&I) program; plan admission of six ▪ SPH folders and program fact sheets developed ▪ Promotion at the Canadian Public Health Association conference in Halifax in June 2008 ▪ MPH website in place since 2007; new SPH website launched June 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promotion at Green Career Fair (February 2008) ▪ Promotion at Saskatchewan Environmental Industry and Managers' Association AGM (March 2008) ▪ Newsletters (January and April 2008) ▪ Listserv now running ▪ Personal responses to individual requests for information, followed by meetings with interested students ▪ Website launched March 2008; more than 24,000 hits received to date ▪ Graduate Student Handbook currently being drafted ▪ Earthworks ad placed May 2008 ▪ Application deadline of June 12, 2008; to date, approximately 60 inquiries and 6 applications have been received
Academic Programming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Masters of Public Administration approved Feb 2008 ▪ Letters of intent for two PhD programs submitted to and approved by Planning and Priorities Committee ▪ Delivery of MIT program began in September 2007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MPH program in third year as of 2008-09 ▪ Vaccinology and Immunotherapeutics (V&I) program approved in 2007; first intake of students in fall 2008 ▪ MPH and V&I programs have been transferred to SPH ▪ Department of Community Health and Epidemiology (CHE) discussing transfer of MSc/PhD programs to SPH ▪ Working groups are developing a plan for collaborative graduate degrees between disciplinary colleges and the SPH, for each of MSc/PhD Biostatistics and MSc/PhD Epidemiology; will submit to CGSR for approval in fall 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Master of Sustainable Environmental Management (MSEM), Master of Environment and Sustainability (MES), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) approved by University Council in May 2008

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ADMINISTRATION			
Executive Director <i>Salary and benefits to come from \$250K APF allocation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michael Atkinson appointed as Executive Director (located at UofS campus); Ken Rasmussen appointed as Associate Director (located at UofR campus); both are five-year terms effective July 1, 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bruce Reeder's term as Acting Director extended until December 31, 2008; Karen Chad will continue as Executive Sponsor; search underway for Executive Director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Karsten Liber appointed as Acting Director for July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009; Jim Basinger will continue as Executive Sponsor; search underway for Executive Director
Administrative Support <i>Salary and benefits to come from \$250K APF allocation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manager (1.0 FTE): two-year term appointment in place effective July 2008 ▪ Clerical assistant (1.0 FTE): appointed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Assistant (1.0 FTE): three-year term appointment in place since October 2007 ▪ Clerical Assistant (1.0 FTE): permanent appointment in March 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Assistant (1.0 FTE): three-year term appointment in place since October 2007 ▪ Clerical assistant (1.0 FTE): to be hired in summer 2008
<p>Communications & Marketing Specialist (1.0 FTE): three-year appointment in place April 2008 – to be shared among all Schools</p> <p>Development Officer (1.0 FTE): three-year appointment in place April 2008 – to be shared among all Schools</p> <p>Financial Officer (1.0 FTE): three-year appointment in place June 2008 – to be shared among all Schools</p>			
Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will occupy space in Diefenbaker Canada Centre Building; minor renovations to be completed by late June; targeted move-in date is June 28 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently occupying space adjacent to Department of CHE in RUH ▪ In July 2008, additional space will become available in RUH (for growth of SPH and CHE) when Indigenous Peoples' Health Research Centre relocates to Kirk Hall ▪ As of September 2008, PCIP approved leasing of space at Innovation Place; five research centres (Prairie Region Health Promotion Research Centre, Prairie Women's Health Centre of Excellence, Saskatchewan Cancer Control Research Program, Saskatchewan Population Health & Evaluation Research Unit, and Training for Health Renewal Program) will relocate, making space available in RUH ▪ In longer term, space will be allotted in Academic Health Sciences bldg., E Wing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will occupy space in Kirk Hall once renovations are completed ▪ Administrative staff currently occupying space in Law; some space for students transferring to SENS has also been provided in Law ▪ Working to secure additional space for new students who will start in September 2008

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FACULTY APPOINTMENTS			
Standard	<p><u>Approved</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michael Atkinson (supernumerary) ▪ Daniel Béland (Canada Research Chair applicant; vacant PDP position fall-in until CRC funding flows) ▪ Murray Fulton (contribution from College of Ag and Bioresources) ▪ Janice MacKinnon 	<p><u>Approved</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allen Backman (transfer of tenure and faculty position from Edwards School of Business) ▪ Rein Lepnurm (transfer of faculty position from Edwards School of Business) <p><u>Pending</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recruitment underway for joint Pharmacy and Nutrition-SPH faculty position in public health nutrition ▪ Acting Director met with individual faculty members between January and May 2008; joint appointment forms to be submitted to Provost's Office shortly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meetings with Deans to discuss process held in November and December 2007 ▪ Meetings with individual faculty members, Department Heads, and Deans to discuss specific needs of School and negotiate joint interests held January/February 2008 ▪ Retreat for faculty held April 2008 ▪ Curriculum development workshop held May 2008
Joint Primary			<p><u>In final approval stage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arts and Science – one individual
Joint Secondary	<p><u>In final approval stage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Four individuals from three Colleges 	<p><u>Under Discussion (16)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WCVM – 4 individuals ▪ CHE – 4 individuals ▪ Arts and Science – 2 individuals ▪ Law – 1 individual ▪ Nursing – 2 individual ▪ Other units – 3 individuals 	<p><u>In final approval stage (10)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ag & Bioresources – 2 individuals ▪ Arts and Science – 3 individuals ▪ Business – 1 individual ▪ Education – 2 individuals ▪ Engineering – 1 individual ▪ Law – 1 individual
Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty voted in April to extend associate status to 22 UofS faculty and Professional Affiliate status to five instructors in MIT program • John Courtney appointed Emeritus Professor of Public Policy 	<p><u>Under Discussion (22)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CHE – 7 individuals ▪ Arts and Science – 2 individuals ▪ Pharmacy & Nutrition – 3 individuals ▪ Nursing – 5 individuals ▪ Kinesiology – 2 individuals ▪ WCVM – 1 individual ▪ CCHSA – 2 individuals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 23 people invited to serve as associate members in SENS; covering agreements developed and currently circulating ▪ Ag & Bioresources – 4 individuals ▪ Arts and Science – 14 individuals ▪ Education – 1 individual ▪ Engineering – 2 individuals ▪ Law – 1 individual ▪ WCVM – 1 individual
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two vacant tenure-track positions re-allocated from the Virtual College of Biotechnology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SPH plans to engage adjunct members; discussions are underway with several individuals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adjuncts from Saskatchewan Research Council and Environment Canada under consideration

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RESEARCH CHAIRS			
<p>Canada Research Chair \$100,000 (Tier II) – \$180,000 (Tier I) annually; funded from the CRC Program; University top up from \$250K APF allocation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Daniel Béland appointed effective January 1, 2008; University submitted application for Tier II CRC in April 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Candidates being considered by SPH Advisory Committee; submission will be made to CRC Oversight Committee in fall 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Search has not yet been conducted
<p>Centennial Chair Up to \$120,000 annually; funded from \$8 million endowment as part of capital campaign; University top up from \$250K APF allocation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recent search attracted 18 candidates, two of whom were short listed and interviewed; Béland was a better fit for a CRC; search will resume in fall 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lisa Lix, University of Manitoba, appointed effective July 1, 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recent search attracted 44 candidates, four of whom were short listed and interviewed; offer was made to one candidate who declined in February 2008; Search Committee has decided to continue search in hopes of securing an individual this fall to begin July 2009; SENS founding faculty will assume responsibility for search after July 1, 2008
OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT			
<p>Partnerships</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As per MOU with University of Regina, the School has amalgamated under the name Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Consortium on Aboriginal and Rural Public Health Education (NCARPHE): SPH is part of a five-university consortium, funded by Public Health Agency of Canada, to develop web-based graduate training ▪ Provincial Public Health Observatory proposal: consultation process underway with key stakeholders; consultant Laurie Thompson has been employed, sponsored by the Minister of Health; expect report and decision by Minister of Health in fall 2008 ▪ SPH has co-sponsored events: Human Ecology Week (April 2008), World Psychiatric Association Meeting (Saskatoon, May 2008) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School has co-sponsored several events: workshop with City managers, politicians, and Facilities Management on “The Natural Step” (a sustainability planning framework) (Jan. 2008); International Week – Speaker Severn Cullis-Suzuki (Jan. 2008); Green Career Fair – Speaker Toby Heaps (Feb. 2008); Whelen Lecture – speaker Dr. Norman Myers (April 2008) ▪ Member of the Saskatchewan Environmental Industry and Managers Association (SEIMA) and now listed in online membership directory ▪ SENS leadership involved with City-University task force on sustainability initiatives

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FINANCES			
<p>Start-up Costs \$250K APF allocation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Béland relocation and start-up costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lix relocation and start-up costs ▪ SPH Strategic Plan and Budget to be submitted to PCIP in fall 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minor operating expenses ▪ Term faculty appointment to College of Arts and Science to replace Maureen Reed during her term as Acting Director ▪ Start-up for Centennial Chair and for Executive Director dependent upon needs as determined during negotiations; will be derived from Capital Equipment Start-up Fund and topped up from \$250K APF allocation ▪ Policy on contributions of funds to SENS-sponsored events under development
<p>External Funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy (SIPP) activities will be amalgamated into the joint provincial school effective July 1, 2008; Government of Saskatchewan funding to SIPP will be redirected to the joint provincial School (-\$200K/year) ▪ Saskatchewan government has offered \$250K/year for Public Executive Development programming; contract being negotiated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TEL grant proposal submitted and approved at University level; awaiting provincial approval; funding will allow MPH and MSc/PhD (CHE) programs to be placed on web-based distance education platform ▪ CFI proposal in preparation to establish provincial Population Health Data Repository 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pursuing opportunity to secure research funding from Saskatchewan Environment to conduct sustainability assessment