

SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2020

1. **Report of the Chair**

The Chair welcomed new Senators Kendra Strauss - Arts and Social Sciences, Erica Gedajlovic – Beedie School of Business, David Murphy - Communication, Art and Technology, and Ralph Pantophlet - Health Sciences.

The Chair reported that SFU's Month of Welcome is now complete and thanks were extended to everyone who participated in welcoming students back this fall. Enrollment remains strong, with most classes and programming being offered online. One of the most heavily impacted groups is new students starting this September because they have no previous experience of attending university in person. To help address this SFU launched the Hive Program, a new online initiative that has helped more than 4600 hundred new students meet up with their peers for ongoing connection and social opportunities.

The Chair reported that September 30th marked Orange Shirt Day, a day to remember the survivors of the residential school system. The Chair also noted that it was an honour to attend, in her role as President, the First Peoples' Gathering House Awakening Ceremony that also acknowledged Orange Shirt Day hosted by the Office for Aboriginal Peoples.

The Chair reported that consultations regarding the First Peoples Gathering House are being led by Eldon Yellowhorn, Associate Professor of First Nations Studies, and Ron Johnson, interim director of the Office of Aboriginal Peoples, and those consultations are continuing.

The Chair reported that many faculty and staff participated in the National Dialogue for Inclusive Higher Education and Communities on October 1st and 2nd. This year's dialogue and action focused on sharing experiences and ideas, exploring and learning best practices, and contributing to the formulation and implementation of actions that can address anti-black racism and drive meaningful black inclusion. The outcomes of the deliberations are informing the creation of a charter of principles and commitments which are going to support implementations of the actions that were identified through this national dialogue.

The Chair reported that last week SFU announced that it had been recognized by Fairtrade Canada and the Canadian Fair Trade Network as the first educational institution in Canada to obtain fair trade gold campus status, the highest level of designation for universities and fair trade. Fair trade aims to make a positive difference in the lives of farmers, workers and communities around the globe by paying fair prices and ensuring decent working conditions.

2. **Student Discipline Matters - Annual Report 2018-2019 (S.20-106)**

Senate received the Student Discipline Matters - Annual Report 2018-2019 for information.

- 3. Establishment of the Digital Democracies Institute (S.20-107)**
Senate approved the establishment of the Digital Democracies Institute as a research institute for a 5-year term.
- 4. Full Program Proposal for a Master of Engineering in Smart Manufacturing and Systems (S.20-108)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the full program proposal for a Master of Engineering in Smart Manufacturing and Systems within the School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering in the Faculty of Applied Sciences, effective Fall 2021.
 - Course (new): MSE 910, 923, 924, 980, 981
- 5. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.20-109)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Summer 2021:
 - i) Faculty of Environment**
 - a) Geography**
 - Program: Urban Studies Certificate (effective Spring 2021)
 - ii) Faculty of Science**
 - a) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology**
 - Program: Biomedical Physiology Major
 - Program: Biomedical Physiology Honours
 - Program: Kinesiology Major
 - Program: Kinesiology Honours
- 6. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.20-110)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Summer 2021:
 - i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**
 - a) School of Sustainable Energy Engineering**
 - Course (prerequisite): SEE 331
 - ii) Faculty of Environment**
 - a) Archaeology**
 - Course (units): ARCH 471W

- iii) **Faculty of Science**
 - a) ***Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology***
 - Course (prerequisite): BPK 408W
 - b) ***Statistics and Actuarial Science***
 - Course (deletion): DATA 481
- 7. **English Language Requirement (S.20-111)**

Senate approved the removal of the Test of English as a Foreign Language Computer-Based Test (TOEFL CBT) as an accepted English Language Requirement (ELR) exam from the SFU Academic Calendar.
- 8. **SAT/ACT Exam (S.20-112)**

Senate approved the following revisions for the 2021 admissions cycle (i.e. Spring, Summer and Fall 2021 admission terms): that the Scholastic Assessment Test/American College Testing (SAT/ACT) admission requirement for applicants with an American basis of admission (i.e. US12) will be optional rather than required.
- 9. **Graduate Program Changes (S.20-113)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Summer 2021:

 - i) **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**
 - a) ***Psychology***
 - Program: Psychology MA
 - Program: Psychology PhD
- 10. **Graduate New Course Proposals (S.20-114)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a new course proposal, effective Summer 2021:

 - i) **Faculty of Applied Sciences**
 - a) ***School of Computing Science***
 - Course (new): CMPT 769
- 11. **Graduate Course Changes (S.20-115)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Summer 2021:

 - i) **Beedie School of Business**
 - Course (description, grading): BUS 963

ii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) *School of Publishing*

- Course (title, description): PUB 606

12. Senate Committee Elections (S.20-116 Revised)

Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for Senate committees.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the December Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the October 2020 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-34502>.

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