

SENATE SUMMARY

MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2020

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, welcomed the following new members:

- Dr. Tamara Vrooman, who has been recently installed as SFU's 12th Chancellor.
- Dr. Catherine Deverne, who became SFU's new Vice-President, Academic and Provost on November 23rd.
- Dr. Carman Neustaedter, who began his tenure as the Dean of the Faculty of Communication, Art, and Technology on December 1st.
- Kathryn Verkerk, who has been recently appointed as University Registrar and, as such, is now Senate Secretary.

The Chair acknowledged that December 6th was National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, the day in which 14 young women were killed in 1989 at École Polytechnique. This date takes place during the 10 days of action against gender-based violence and reminds us to reaffirm our commitment to fight hatred and violence.

Noting a recent statement to the SFU community about equity, diversity, and inclusion, the Chair reported that a new senior leadership level position will be established, and after a process of consultation with the senior leadership, will be moving to support decolonization, indigenization, and reconciliation. The Chair added that she, in her role as President, has had a number of conversations with equity-deserving groups across the University about the burden that many are experiencing in terms of trying to move forward with change at our institution.

The Chair reported that on November 23rd she, along with Board of Governors Chair Chris Lewis, hosted a conversation with the SFU Indigenous community and had the opportunity to listen to what our Indigenous students, staff, and faculty are experiencing.

In terms of the student experience and efforts to improve the learning experience for our students, the Chair reported that the start of Spring classes has been pushed back to January 11th to give faculty additional time to prepare and students extra time to reconnect with their family and friends before starting the new school term. The University continues to look for ways to enhance remote learning, support first-year students and instructors, and look for ways to streamline academic requirements so that students can progress through programs more easily.

The Chair reported that SFU researchers are continuing to advance COVID-19-related research, from diagnostics to treatment. More than \$1 million has been awarded to SFU by the Canada Foundation for Innovation through its exceptional opportunities fund. That funding was announced on November 6th by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and is part of an almost \$28 million research equipment fund that is supporting COVID-19-related research.

- 2. New Bullying and Harassment and Revisions to SFU Policy GP-18 (S.20-129)**
Senate received the New Bullying and Harassment and Revisions to SFU Policy GP-18 for information.
- 3. Proposed Undergraduate Educational Goals for SFU (S.20-130)**
Senate received the Proposed Undergraduate Educational Goals for SFU for information.
- 4. Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS) Annual Report 2019/2020 (S.20-131)**
Senate received the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS) Annual Report 2019/2020 for information.
- 5. Centres and Institutes Annual Progress Report (S.20-132)**
Senate received the Centres and Institutes Annual Progress Report for information.
- 6. Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications 2020-2021 (S.20-133)**
Senate received the Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications 2020-2021 for information.
- 7. Strategic Research Plan (2016-2020) Extension (S.20-134)**
Senate received the Strategic Research Plan (2016-2020) Extension for information.
- 8. External Review of the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science (S.20-135)**
Senate approved the Action Plan for the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science that resulted from its external review.
- 9. External Review of the School of Computing Science (S.20-136)**
Senate approved the Action Plan for the School of Computing Science that resulted from its External Review.
- 10. Full Program Proposal for a Master of Science in Accounting with Cognitive Analytics (S.20-137)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Master of Science in Accounting with Cognitive Analytics within the Beedie School of Business, effective Spring 2022 or later.
- 11. Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Accounting with Digital Analytics (S.20-138)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Accounting with Digital Analytics within the Beedie School of Business, effective Fall 2021.
- 12. Program Name Change for Master of Education in TEAL – Teaching English as an Additional Language (TESL/TEFL) (S.20-139)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the program name change from Master of Education in TEAL - Teaching English as an Additional Language (TESL/TEFL) to Master of Education in Teaching Additional Languages, within the Faculty of Education, effective Fall 2021.

13. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.20-140)

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 Arts and Social Sciences

a) Cognitive Science Program

- Program: Cognitive Science Major

b) Economics

- Program: Economics Major
- Program: Economics Honours
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Major
- Program: Political Science and Economics Joint Major
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Honours

c) Global Asia Program

- Program: Global Asia Minor

d) Indigenous Studies

- Program: Indigenous Studies Major (effective Fall 2021)
- Program: Archaeology and Indigenous Studies Joint Major (effective Fall 2021)
- Program: Indigenous Studies and Linguistics Joint Major (effective Fall 2021)
- Program: Indigenous Studies Minor (effective Fall 2021)
- Program: Indigenous Studies Research Certificate (effective Fall 2021)
- Program: Indigenous Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma (effective Fall 2021)

e) School for International Studies

- Program: International Studies Major
- Program: International Studies Honours
- Program: International Studies Minor
- Program: World Literature and International Studies Joint Major

f) Labour Studies Program

- Program: Labour Studies Major (effective Fall 2021)
- Program: Labour Studies Minor (effective Fall 2021)
- Program: Labour Studies Certificate in Workplace Rights (effective Fall 2021)

g) Sociology and Anthropology

- Program: Sociology Major
- Program: Anthropology Major
- Program: Anthropology and Sociology Joint Major
- Program: Sociology and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Sociology and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: Sociology and Criminology Joint Major
- Program: Sociology Minor
- Program: Sociology Extended Minor

- Program: Anthropology and Archaeology Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: Linguistics and Anthropology Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology Minor
- Program: Anthropology Extended Minor
- Program: Anthropology Honours
- Program: Sociology Honours
- Program: Sociology and Anthropology Joint Honours

h) Political Science & French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs

- Program: French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs French Major with a Political Science Extended Minor
- Program: French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs Political Science Major with a French Extended Minor

ii) Beedie School of Business

- Program: International Experiential Learning Certificate
- Program: Business Major (effective Fall 2021)
- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Business Double Degree Program (effective Fall 2021)
- Program: Business Honours (effective Fall 2021)
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Major (effective Fall 2021)
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Honours (effective Fall 2021)

iii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School of Interactive Arts and Technology

- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Major BA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Major BSc
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Honours BA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Honours BSc
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Second Degree BA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Second Degree BSc
- Program: Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology Joint Major BA
- Program: Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology Joint Major BSc
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BA or BBA

iv) Faculty of Environment

- Program: Environment One

a) Archaeology

- Program: Archaeology Major

- Program: Archaeology Honours
- Program: Archaeology Minor
- Program: Archaeology Extended Minor
- Program: Anthropology and Archaeology Joint Major
- Program: Archaeology and Indigenous Studies Joint Major
- Program: Certificate in Cultural Resource Management
- Program: Certificate in Biological Anthropology

b) *Geography*

- Program: Urban Studies Certificate
- Program: Geographic Information Science Minor

v) Faculty of Science

a) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry*

- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Major
- Program: Genomics Certificate

14. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.20-141)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) *School of Computing Science*

- Course (new): CMPT 115

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *Indigenous Studies*

- Course (new): INDG 102, 210, 410, 422 (effective Fall 2021)

b) *Labour Studies Program*

- Course (new): LBST 100 (effective Fall 2021)

c) *Political Science*

- Course (new): POL 341, 432

15. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.20-142)

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 Arts and Social Sciences

a) *Economics*

- Course (prerequisite): ECON 220W

b) *Global Asia Program*

- Course (description): GA 202, 205, 300, 301

c) *Indigenous Studies*

- Course (deletion): INDG 376

d) *School for International Studies*

- Course (title): IS 322

e) *Labour Studies Program*

- Course (prerequisite): LBST 202, 301W (effective Fall 2021)

f) *Linguistics*

- Course (description): LING 100, 220, 282W, 290
- Course (description, equivalency): LING 160
- Course (title, description): LING 111, 200, 280

g) *Sociology and Anthropology*

- Course (equivalency): SA 496, 497

ii) *Beedie School of Business*

- Course (units): BUS 446

iii) *Faculty of Education*

- Course (description, title): EDUC 311
- Course (description, prerequisite): EDUC 341
- Course (equivalency, description): EDUC 452

iv) *Faculty of Environment*

a) *Geography*

- Course (B-Sci and B-Soc designation): GEOG 312

b) *School of Resource and Environmental Management*

- Course (title, description): REM 350

v) *Faculty of Science*

a) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry*

- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): MBB 424
- Course (number, title, prerequisite): MBB 428

- 16. Bachelor of Environment, Fall 2022 Canadian Admission Requirements (S.20-143)**
Senate received the Bachelor of Environment, Fall 2022 Canadian Admission Requirements for information.
- 17. Graduate Course Changes (S.20-144)**
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Summer 2021:
- i) Faculty of Applied Science**
- a) School of Computing Science**
- Course (prerequisite): CMPT 782, 783
 - Course (temporarily withdrawn): CMPT 712, 713, 745, 816, 863
 - Course (deletion): CMPT 814, 823, 875
- b) School of Engineering Science**
- Course (deletion): ENSC 888
- ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**
- a) School of Criminology**
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): CRIM 880
- b) Economics**
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): ECON 839, 890
 - Course (deletion): ECON 825
- c) English**
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): ENGL 890
 - Course (deletion): ENGL 871, 872, 873, 874
- d) French**
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): FREN 812, 821
 - Course (deletion): FREN 805, 810, 897, 999
- e) Gerontology**
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): GERO 801
- f) History**
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): HIST 826
- g) School for International Studies**
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): IS 802, 803, 813
 - Course (temporarily withdrawn): LAS 851, 898
- h) Psychology**
- Course (description): PSYC 825
 - Course (prerequisite): PSYC 830, 831

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): PSYC 603, 907F

i) *School of Public Policy*

- Course (deletion): PLCY 820

j) *Urban Studies*

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): URB 625

iii) Beedie School of Business

- Course (title): BUS 830, 831, 841
- Course (title, description): BUS 832, 838, 842, 844
- Course (deletion): BUS 602, 713

iv) Faculty of Communication, Arts and Technology

a) *School of Communication*

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): CMNS 856, 882
- Course (deletion): CMNS 845

b) *School of Contemporary Arts*

- Course (description, equivalency, repeat for credit): CA 827

c) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology*

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): DMED 510
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): IAT 800, 810, 811, 812, 832, 834, 854
- Course (deletion): IAT 833, 835, 842, 844, 846, 861, 862
- Course (deletion): ETEC 600, 601

v) Faculty of Education

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): EDUC 859
- Course (deletion): EDUC 812, 882

vi) Faculty of Environment

a) *School of Resource and Environmental Management*

- Course (deletion): REM 647, 648, 652

vii) Faculty of Health Sciences

- Course (deletion): HSCI 829

viii) Faculty of Science

a) *Biological Sciences*

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): BISC 839, 846
- Course (deletion): BISC 821, 828, 891

b) Chemistry

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): CHEM 744, 754

c) Mathematics

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): MATH 742
- Course (deletion): APMA 912
- Course (deletion): MATH 892

18. Senate Library Committee (SLC) Annual Report 2019/2020 (S.20-145)

Senate received the Senate Library Committee (SLC) Annual Report 2019/2020 for information.

19. Senate Committee Elections (S.20-146)

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 February Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the December 2020 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-34593>.

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