



## MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	April 30, 2024
FROM	Stephen Spector		
RE:	Chair, Senate Review Committee Interim Report #1		

The Senate Review Committee was empowered through Senate resolution S23-123 approved November 6, 2023. The Committee is required to report on a regular basis.

The Committee has met three times – February 28, 2024, March 19, 2024, and April 25, 2024. It reviewed and approved the terms of reference set out in motion S23-123. It considered the questions directed to it as part of S23-123 and started a preliminary conversation related to those questions.

We would like to engage the SFU community through our work. To begin, we will, over the next few weeks, send a survey to Senate committees. The goals of this survey are to a) determine the extent to which the work and membership of Senate committees aligns with the terms of reference of the committees; and b) encourage committee chairs/committees to consider how the work and membership of the committees might change to enable them to be more effective in the work they do.

Mary O’Brien, Thecla Schiphorst and Marissa Traversa have volunteered to lead this work with assistance, as needed, from Alexandra Lysova and Matt Martell.

Moving forward we will survey current and former Senate members regarding their experience as Senate members and what “worked” or “didn’t work.” We also plan to reach out to people outside the Senate so that we understand the back and forth of communication, documentation, and responsibilities.