

SENATE SUMMARY

MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2024

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that last week, the province confirmed funding for the SFU Medical School through Budget 2024. In addition to the operating grant, SFU has been informed that a capital proposal will be funded as well. The University was also informally told that the proposal for operating will be fully funded, with details to follow.

The Chair reported that the Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP) has designated two members (Senator Myers and Senator Brooks-Wilson) to work with the Board of Governors to review the budget.

The Chair reported there is a new Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, the Honorable Lisa Beare. SFU has reached out to welcome Lisa to her position and to ensure that SFU remains connected to the Ministry during this time of transition.

The Chair reported that the University continues to work with the government around the international student visa cap and what that will mean for SFU. On March 1st, the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills shared their response to the international student visa cap announced by the federal government in January and SFU is pleased with the approach the provincial government has taken in distributing the 83,000 undergraduate study permits that were allocated for British Columbia, with 53% of the permits going to public post-secondary institutions.

The Chair reported that this continues to be a challenging time for BC's post-secondary sector, with several institutions experiencing budget deficits. Thanks was expressed to members of the executive team working to try to develop a balanced budget to bring to the Board of Governors at the end of March.

2. Report of the Provost

The Provost reported that the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR) suggested that the approval by SCUP of the Notice of Intent for the SFU Medical School be placed under Report of the Provost due to the importance of this matter for further discussions. SCUP's discussion focused on the academic importance of the medical school and how it will fit into the SFU environment. It was noted, however, that SCUP did not discuss the budget or finances.

The Provost reported that SFU and those involved with international recruitment have been working with the government over the past weeks and are pleased with the principles being adopted. The government has tried to shift the majority of international students' acceptance into public universities as compared to what they have done in past years. In the previous year, SFU had approximately 450 to 500 international students, whereas the new cap allots approximately 850 international students. This new cap number adds a 20% base to grow, plus an additional 50% to account for the fact that not every study permit application turns into a registered student.

A question was asked regarding if the international cap includes incoming students on exchange. Senate was informed that one-term exchanges are not included because one does not need a study permit, whereas two-term (8 month) exchanges are included in the count.

A question was asked if the 850-cap number is for the year or on a semesterly basis. Senate was informed that the 850 is for the year and includes only students who need to apply for a study permit. Students already in the BC College system or in the K-12 system, provided they update their institution of study while they're physically in Canada, won't count against the cap. It was added that FIC enrollments won't count against the cap and that the cap only counts for undergraduate programs and graduate certificate and diploma programs, meaning masters and doctoral degree programs are excluded from the cap.

A question was asked regarding how SFU will ensure it admits the maximum number of students allowed within the cap. Senate was informed that the University has been trying to diversify the countries from which students are recruited, and has been working more intensively with potential applicants as this process has developed.

3. **Notice of Intent for the SFU Medical School (S.24-28)**
Senate received Notice of Intent for the SFU Medical School for information.
4. **Research Ethics Board (REB) Annual Report 2022/2023 (S.24-29)**
Senate received the Research Ethics Board (REB) Annual Report 2022/2023 for information.
5. **Changes to Policy A32.03 – Distinguished SFU Professor Program (S.24-30)**
Senate received Changes to Policy A32.03 – Distinguished SFU Professor Program for consultation.
6. **Enrollment Plan 2024/2025; Undergraduate Admission Targets for 2024/2025 (S.24-31)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors:
 - the SFU Enrolment Plan for fiscal year 2024/2025.
 - the Proposed Domestic Undergraduate Admission Targets by Faculty and Basis of Admission –All Campuses (Headcount), for fiscal year 2024/2025.
 - the Proposed International Undergraduate Admission Targets by Faculty and Basis of Admission – All Campuses (Headcount) for fiscal year 2025/2025
7. **Deletion of the Latin American Studies Graduate Certificate (S.24-32)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the deletion of the Latin American Studies Graduate Certificate in the School for International Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Summer 2024.
8. **Dissolution of the Post Baccalaureate Diploma (PBD) in Police Studies (S.24-33)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Post Baccalaureate Diploma (PBD) in Police Studies in the School of Criminology within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2024.

9. **Full Program Proposal for the Certificate in Sound (S.24-34)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for the Certificate in Sound within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology.
10. **Program Name Change for the French Language Proficiency Certificate and Program Change (S.24-35)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the program name change from the French Language Proficiency Certificate to Certificate in French, in the Department of French within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2024.
- Program: French Language Proficiency Certificate
11. **Suspension of Admission to the Teacher Education (PQP) Professional Qualification Program (S.24-36)**
Senate received Suspension of Admission to the Teacher Education (PQP) Professional Qualification Program for information.
12. **Undergraduate Program Changes (S.24-37)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2024:
- i) **Beedie School of Business**
 - Program: Business Foundation Program
 - Program: Business Major
 - Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Business Double Degree Program
 - Program: Business Honours
 - Program: Business and Economics Joint Honours
 - Program: Business and Communication Joint Major
 - Program: Business and Economics Joint Major
 - Program: Business and Psychology Joint Major
 - Program: Business, Philosophy and the Law Joint Major
 - Program: Geo Business Joint Major
 - Program: Information Systems in Business Administration and Computing Science Joint Major
 - Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BA or BBA
 - Program: Sustainable Business Joint Major
 - Requirement changes to the Course Access Information and Grade Requirements
 - ii) **Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**
 - a) **School of Communication**
 - Program: Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology Joint Major BA

- b) *School for the Contemporary Arts***
 - Program: Theatre and Performance Major
 - Program: Theatre and Performance Honours

iii) Faculty of Environment

- a) *School of Environmental Science***
 - Program: Environmental Science Major
 - Program: Environmental Science Honours
- b) *Geography***
 - Program: Human Geography Major
 - Program: Human Geography Honours
 - Program: Global Environmental Systems Major
 - Program: Global Environmental Systems Honours
 - Program: Geo Business Joint Major
 - Program: Geographic Information Science Major

13. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.24-38)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Fall 2024:

i) Faculty of Environment

- a) *School of Resource and Environmental Management***
 - Course (new): PLAN 404

ii) Faculty of Science

- a) *Biological Sciences***
 - Course (new): BISC 171

14. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.24-39)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2024:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

- a) *School of Sustainable Energy Engineering***
 - Course (prerequisite): SEE 402

ii) Beedie School of Business

- Course (number, description, equivalency): BUS 100
- Course (prerequisite): BUS 201, 202
- Course (description, prerequisite): BUS 300
- Course (description): BUS 496

iii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) *School for the Contemporary Arts*

- Course (description, equivalency): CA 104
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): CA 242, 342
- Course (title, description, prerequisite, equivalency): CA 249
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): CA 340
- Course (prerequisite): CA 306, 406, 407
- Course (units, prerequisite): CA 307
- Course (prerequisite): CA 356 (effective Spring 2025)

b) *School of Communication*

- Course (deletion): CMNS 363
- Course (title, description): CMNS 455W

c) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology*

- Course (prerequisite): IAT 333, 359, 431, 438
- Course (number, description, prerequisite, equivalency): IAT 352
- Course (title, units, description, prerequisite): IAT 443 (effective Fall 2025)

iv) Faculty of Environment

a) *Archaeology*

- Course (units, description): ARCH 200
- Course (prerequisite): ARCH 286
- Course (description, prerequisite): ARCH 332, 333
- Course (deletion): ARCH 350, 351, 450, 451

b) *Geography*

- Course (deletion): GEOG 302, 303, 402, 403
- Course (prerequisite): GEOG 441

c) *Dean of Environment Office*

- Creation of the new course acronym CENV
- Course (acronym): ENV 302
- Course (acronym, prerequisite): ENV 303, 402, 403, 404

d) *School of Environmental Science*

- Course (deletion): EVSC 380, 381, 480, 481, 482

e) *School of Resource and Environmental Management*

- Course (number, title, description, prerequisite, equivalency): REM 406
- Course (title, description): REM 471

f) *Sustainable Development Program*

- Course (prerequisite): SD 401

- v) **Faculty of Science**
 - a) ***Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology***
 - Course (prerequisite): BPK 142, 407, 409
 - b) ***Physics***
 - Course (prerequisite): PHYS 390
- 15. **Graduate General Regulation 1.4.5 Leave of Absence (S.24-40)**

Senate approved revisions to Graduate General Regulation 1.4.5 Leave of Absence.
- 16. **Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) Annual Report 2023 (S.24-41)**

Senate received the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) Annual Report 2023 for information.
- 17. **Graduate Program Changes (S.24-42)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program change, effective Fall 2024:

 - i) **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**
 - a) ***Linguistics***
 - Program: Linguistics MA
- 18. **Graduate Course Changes (S.24-43)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2024:

 - i) **Beedie School of Business**
 - Course (equivalency): BUS 510, 511, 552, 554, 555, 556, 606, 607, 615, 621, 632, 645, 647, 649, 650, 651, 662, 670, 702, 703, 705, 707, 708, 709, 711, 714, 715, 716, 718, 729, 733, 734, 735, 737, 738, 739, 751, 752, 753, 754, 756, 757, 758, 764, 766, 782, 783
 - ii) **Faculty of Environment**
 - a) ***School of Resource and Environmental Management***
 - Course (prerequisite): REM 602
 - Course (units): REM 699
- 19. **Graduate Course Deletions (S.24-44)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course deletion:

 - i) **Faculty of Environment**
 - a) ***School of Resource and Environmental Management***
 - Course (deletion): REM 601

20. Graduate Course Reinstatements (S.24-45)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course reinstatement:

i) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology*

- Course (reinstatement): IAT 811

21. Senate Committee Elections (S.24-46)

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 May Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the March 2024 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-36508>.

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