

SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF MAY 24, 2011

1. **Senate Membership**

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, acknowledged and thanked the Senators whose term of office expires on May 31, 2011.

Convocation Senators: Cynthia Lewis, James McArthur

Faculty Senators: Kitty Corbett, Greg Dow, Craig Janes, Dolores van der Wey

Student Senators: Anton Bezglasnyy, Marena Brinkhurst, Christi Garneau-Scott, Moe Kopahi, Mona Law, Fiona Li, Alysia MacGrotty, John Morrison, Ravi Patel, Rishi Patidar, Trisha Patidar

2. **Suspension of Admission and Dissolution of the Publishing Minor in the School of Communication (S.11-59)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the suspension of admission to the Publishing Minor in the School of Communication within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Fall 2011 and the dissolution of the Publishing Minor effective Fall 2013.

3. **Research Institute for Prevention and Management of Chronic Diseases (S.11-60)**

This item was removed from the agenda and postponed to a future meeting due to some ongoing changes to the proposal.

4. **Terms of Reference for Chair in Health Disparities in Cancer Research (S.11-61)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the revised Terms of Reference for the Chair in Health Disparities in Cancer Research.

5. **Centre for Coastal Studies name change (S.11-62)**

Senate approved the name of the Centre for Coastal Studies be changed to the Centre for Coastal Science and Management.

6. **Centre for Hellenic Studies (S.11-63)**

Senate approved the proposal for the establishment of the Centre for Hellenic Studies as a Centre for a five year term.

7. **PhD in Health Sciences (S.11-64)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a PhD in Health Sciences within the Faculty of Health Sciences, effective Fall 2011. An amendment was passed by Senate to remove the following phrase from p. 28 in the Doctoral Thesis section: (at least one must be accepted for publication at the time of the defense, and the other two must have been submitted).

8. SCUP Annual Report (S.11-65)

Senate received the Annual Report for the Senate Committee on University Priorities for the period of April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011 for information.

9. Update on Impact of New Scheduling Policy (S.11-66)

Senate received an update on the impact of a new scheduling policy for information.

10. Revisions to the IELTS Admission Standard (S.11-67)

Senate approved an increase in the minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score required for admission to the University from 6.0 to 6.5 effective for summer 2012. Senate approved that the minimum sub scores of 6.0 on each of the four components (listening, writing, reading and speaking) be included in the requirement for admission effective for summer 2012.

Senate amended motion 3 to state: “An increase in the minimum IELTS score from 6.5 to 7.0 with no par less than 6.5 to register in Writing-Intensive Course effective Summer 2012”. The phrase “equivalent to Foundations of Academic Literacy, FAL X99” was removed. The amended motion was approved by Senate.

11. Revision of the BC 12 Admission Course List (S.11-68)

Senate amended the motion to state: “That the listed non-provincially examinable BC Grade 12 courses (listed on p. 2) be used in the calculation of the admission average effective Summer 2012”. Senate approved the amended motion.

12. Deletion of English Bridge Program (S.11-69)

Senate approved the deletion of the English Bridge Program (EBP) as one of the ways to satisfy the English Language Admission Requirement effective spring 2012.

13. Transfer Students Admitted to SFU with an English mark of C or C- Analysis (S.11-70)

Senate amended the motion to state: “That Senate approve the transferable English or certified W grade for admission and FAL exemption from C to C-“. This motion reverses a motion that was approved in May 2010 that needed to be corrected. Senate approved the amended motion.

14. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences/Environment (S.11-71)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective

- a) Program: Changes to the Geographic Information Science Major and Honours Programs

15. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.11-72)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2012:

a) *Geography*

- Course (title and description): GEOG 314
- Course (description): GEOG 315
- Course (new): GEOG 486-4, Health Care Geographies

16. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.11-73)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2012:

a) *Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology*

- Program: Kinesiology minor & major, Biomedical Physiology major/honours
- Course (prerequisite): KIN 496, 498

b) *Chemistry*

- Program: Chemistry major/honours
- Course (new): CHEM 283-3, Organic Chemistry IIb
CHEM 266-2, Physical Chemistry Laboratory I
CHEM 330-4, Chemistry of the Main-Group Elements
CHEM 363-3, Chemical Kinetics and Reaction Dynamics
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): CHEM 366
- Course (title, description): CHEM 367

c) *Earth Sciences*

- Program: EASC major
- Course (prerequisite): EASC 204, 205, 207, 305, 314, 302

d) *Mathematics*

- Program: Applied Mathematics major/honours; lower division requirements for the MACM joint major and joint honours
- Course (prerequisite): MATH 448

e) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry*

- Program: MBB major
- Course (prerequisite): MBB 242

f) *Physics*

- Program: Biological Physics honours

g) *Statistics & Actuarial Science*

- Course (new): STAT 305-3, Introduction to Biostatistical Methods for Health Sciences

17. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.11-74)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective January 2012:

a) *Computing Science*

- Course (unit): CMPT 898

b) *School of Engineering Science*

- Course (unit): ENSC 898

18. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.11-75)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective January 2012:

a) *Gerontology*

- Program: Masters (project and thesis option)

b) *History*

- Program: PhD (revision to areas of study)

c) *School for International Studies*

- Program: Master of Arts (admission, application, and project requirements)
- Course (new): IS 804-4, Approaches to Research in Latin American Studies
IS 815-4, Theories of Latin American Development
IS 835-4, Social and Political change in Latin America

d) *Latin American Studies*

- Course (prerequisites): LAS 800/IS 804, LAS/IS 815, LAS/IS 835

19. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.11-76)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective January 2012:

a) School of Communication

- Course (unit): CMNS 898

20. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.11-77)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective September 2011:

a) Education

- Program: Teaching English as an Additional Language (Master of Arts)

21. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.11-78)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective January 2012:

a) Mathematics

- Course (new): MATH 741-3, Commutative Algebra and Algebraic Geometry

b) Applied and Computational Mathematics

- Course (title): APMA 900, 901, 912, 930, 939
- Course (description): APMA 900, 901, 912, 920, 922, 923, 930, 939, 990
- Course (prerequisites): APMA 900, 901, 902, 905, 910, 912, 920, 921, 922, 923, 930, 934, 935, 939

22. Teaching and Learning Evaluation (S.11-79)

Senate approved the terms of reference for a project to be overseen by the Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL) and that SCUTL report back to Senate by March 2012 on the outcome of the project.

23. Beedie School of Business (S.11-80)

Senate received a memo clarifying that in the case of the Beedie School of Business, “School” is to be understood as “Faculty” for the purposes of SFU policies and procedures.

24. Report on Results of Elections to Senate and Board of Governors (S.11-81)

Senate received a report on the results of elections to Senate and the Board of Governors for information.

25. Date of the Next Senate Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, June 13, 2011.

For more information, please refer to the Senate papers at <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-16158> or by referencing the Senate Minutes.