

SENATE SUMMARY

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

1. **Report of the Chair**

The Chair welcomed the new faculty Senator, Jon Smith, and new student Senator, Forrest Wakarchuk, and then provided an update on several items.

The Chair reported that Simon Fraser University was named among the top 100 universities in the world in Social Sciences and among the top 150 in Mathematics, Computing Science and Economics/Business, and was ranked thirteenth in Canada in the 2013 Academic Ranking of World Universities conducted by the Center for World-Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

The Chair reported on recent awards and honours. Owen Underhill, School of Contemporary Arts, and Patricia Mooney, Department of Physics, were elected to the Royal Society of Canada. Peter Anderson, Department of Communications, has been appointed to the Order of BC. John O'Neil, Dean of Health Sciences, was elected to the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

The Chair highlighted other research accomplishments. The Department of Computing Science received a \$1.65 million NSERC CREATE Grant, in partnership with UBC, the BC Cancer Agency, and the Vancouver Prostate Centre for researching big data management, genomics and DNA sequencing. Robert Young, Mario Pinto, and David Vocadlo are involved in another CREATE grant, led by the University of Toronto, on epigenetics and universal access to free or low-cost medicines. SFU received seven Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Post-doctoral fellowships. SFU researchers Angela Brooks-Wilson, Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology, Robert Hogg, Health Sciences, and Ryan Morin, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, earned CIHR Open Operating Grants totaling \$1.7 million. Two SFU-led collaborative projects received funding: Kelley Lee Gilmore, Health Sciences, who is leading a project with the National Institutes of Health, received \$2 million in funding; and Scott Venners, Health Sciences, is leading a collaboration with the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research and received \$505,000 in funding.

The Chair made note of upcoming events. On September 12, SFU marks Reconciliation Week with a Day of Reconciliation on campus. Speakers will be talking about their residential school experience and there will be a film screening of *We Were Children*. The Chair noted that Senate had approved a motion to accommodate students who wish to attend the Reconciliation Week events at the Senate meeting in July and encouraged participation in the events during the week. Terry Fox Day will be held on September 24 and universities across Canada will be participating in Terry's Cause on Campus events. The SFU Public Square Community Summit will be held between September 28 and October 4

with a week-long set of activities, including an evening with Robert Reich, a dynamic and provocative speaker.

2. Annual Financial Report (S.13-108)

Senate received the Annual Financial Report for information.

3. Dissolution of the Explorations in the Arts and Social Sciences Certificate Program (S.13-109)

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Explorations in the Arts and Social Sciences Certificate Program in the Explorations Program within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Summer 2014.

4. Individuals with Medical and/or Law Degrees for Research Ethics Board (S.13-110)

Senate approved the list of individuals with medical and/or law degrees qualified to serve on the Research Ethics Board, with an amendment to exclude two adjunct professors, Graeme Bowbrick and George Cadman, from the list. After a brief discussion, it was determined that adjunct professors are not faculty per SFU Policy A12-08, nor are they “community members not affiliated with SFU” per policy R20.01. This discrepancy in the Research Ethics Board policy will be referred to SCAR for review.

5. Establishment of the SFU-JLU Joint Centre for Bioarchaeological Research (JCBR) (S.13-111)

Senate approved the proposal for the establishment of the SFU-JLU Joint Centre for Bioarchaeological Research (JCBR) as an Institute for a five-year term.

6. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.13-112)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2014:

a) *Hellenic Studies Program*

- Course Designation: HS
- Courses (new): HS 303, HS 403
- Courses (new, cross-listed): HIST/HS 276, HIST/HS 278, HIST/HS 279, HIST/HS 359, HIST/HS 364, HIST/HS 437, HIST/HS 441
- Courses (cross-listed): HIST/HS 277, HIST/HS 307, HIST/HS 308, HIST/HS 317, HIST/HS 421, HIST/HS 422, HIST/HS 460

b) *History*

- Program: History Major
- Program: History Honours
- Program: History Joint Major
- Program: History Minor
- Program: History Extended Minor

- Course (new, cross-listed): HIST/IS 265
- Course (deletion): HIST 361
- Course (prerequisite): HIST 372

c) School for International Studies

- Course (new, cross-listed): IS/HS 280

d) French

- Program: French Major
- Program: French Honours
- Program: French Cohort
- Program: Extended Minor in French Studies
- Course (credit hours): FREN 342

e) Linguistics

- Courses (prerequisite): LING 323, LING 407, LING 441
- Course (title): LING 360, LING 362
- Course (title, description): LING 363
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): LIN 430

f) Economics

- Program: Economics Major
- Program: Economics Joint Major
- Program: Economics Honours
- Program: Economics Joint Honours
- Program: Economics Extended Minor
- Course (Q designation): ECON 201

g) Psychology

- Courses (description): PSYC 461, PSYC 462, PSYC 463, PSYC 464, PSYC 476, PSYC 479

h) First Nations Studies

- Program: First Nations Studies Major
- Program: First Nations Studies Joint Major
- Program: First Nations Studies Minor
- Program: First Nations Studies Research Certificate
- Program: First Nations Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- Course (credit hours): FNST 322
- Course (number, description, prerequisite, W designation): FNST 402

i) Sociology and Anthropology

- Program: Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Social Policy Issues
- Course (description, prerequisite): SA 355

j) Political Science

- Program: Political Science Major

- Program: Political Science Honours
- Program: Political Science Extended Minor
- Program: Political Science Minor
- Course (title, description): POL 496
- Course (prerequisite): POL 315, POL 426, POL 497

k) Philosophy

- Program: Philosophy Minor

l) Gerontology

- Program: Gerontology Minor

- 7. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.13-113)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2014:

- Program: Business Technology Management Certificate

- 8. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.13-114)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2014:

a) School of Interactive Art and Technology

- Courses (new): IAT 382, IAT 383, IAT 384, IAT 385, IAT 482, IAT 483, IAT 484, IAT 485
- Course (prerequisite): IAT 110
- Course (number): IAT 337, IAT 338

b) School for the Contemporary Arts

- Course (title, description, prerequisite): FPA 390

c) Publishing Program

- Course (Q designation): PUB 450

- 9. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.13-115)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2014:

a) Environmental Science Program

- Program: Environmental Science Major – Environmetrics Concentration
- Program: Environmental Science Major – Water Science Concentration

- 10. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.13-116)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2014:

- Program: Executive Master of Business Administration
- Courses (title): BUS 646

11. Senate Committee Elections (S.13-117)

Senate received a report from the Senate Nominating Committee on the positions that required a vote, were elected by acclamation, and outstanding vacancies.

12. Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Reports (S.13-118)

Senate received the 2012/13 Grades Report, and the 2012 Undergraduate Student Survey (UGSS) Report for information.

13. Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Reports (S.13-119)

Senate approved the revisions to Policy A32.01, Award for Excellence in Teaching.

14. Presidential Re-Appointment Review Committee Election (S.13-120)

Senate received notification of online voting to elect the undergraduate student member of the Presidential Re-Appointment Review Committee.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the next Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the September Senate documents <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-21233>.

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