

## SENATE SUMMARY

### MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2015

#### 1. **Report of the Chair**

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, welcomed the following new and re-elected Senators:

**Faculty Senators:** Lyn Bartram; David Burley; Nick Hedley; Ted Kirkpatrick; Mary-Catherine Kropinski; David MacAlister; Laura Marks; Catherine Murray; David Paterson; Paul Percival; Chris Shaw; Peter Tingling.

**Student Senators:** Iman Baharmand; Larissa Chen; Dion Chong; Prabhpal Hans; Jayme Lewthwaite; Arjan Mundy; Essya Mabrouka Nabbali; Ali Najaf; Abhishek Nanjundappa; Dorothy Ng; Barbara Szymczyk; Enoch Weng; Kathleen Yang; Brady Yano (formerly Wallace) Rudo Zaranyika.

The Chair acknowledged the sudden passing of Pat Hibbitts, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, and noted her contributions to the senior administrative team for the past fourteen years, and her commitment to the academic mission of the University and the post-secondary community across Canada. A celebration of Pat Hibbitts life will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The Chair noted that Judith Osborne, Vice-President Legal Affairs, will be acting in Pat's stead in the short term; Philip Steenkamp, Vice-President External Relations, will continue as Acting VP, Finance and Administration until such time as a new Vice-President is appointed.

The Chair reported that the first meeting of the search committee for the Vice-President, Academic and Provost was held June 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be an open forum for the University community on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the IRMACS theatre to discuss the qualities and competencies that the search committee will be looking for in the new VP, Academic and Provost.

The Chair reported that the Honorable Michelle Rempel, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification (WED), recently announced that WED would be contributing \$3.5 million in funding for SFU and the City of Surrey to establish the ImageTech Lab at Surrey Memorial Hospital. The funding, with significant in-kind support from Philips Healthcare, will help the lab acquire two key pieces of equipment, an MRI and an MEG machine. This equipment will provide unique ways to examine brain function and provide significant opportunities to develop new diagnostics and treatments.

The Chair reported that the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) has named SFU Engineering Science associate professor Lesley Shannon an NSERC Chair for Women in Science and Engineering. The goal of the chairs, now five across Canada, is to increase the presence of women and establish role models for young women in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields. Each chair will receive \$475,000 in funding over five years, with matching funds from the universities and industry partners. The chair is established in partnership with Simba Technologies, which is providing \$175,000 in funding to SFU. Simba Technologies' CEO and SFU alumnus, Aryn Rajan, is hugely committed to increasing diversity within the field of engineering and computing science.

The Chair reported that last week Scotiabank announced \$1 million to support RADIUS, SFU's social innovation lab and venture incubator. The funding will help RADIUS continue its track record of successful student social innovation initiatives.

The Chair reported that Russell and Ellen Cmolik and the Cmolik Foundation have endowed \$1.3 million to the Faculty of Education to establish the Cmolik Prize for the Enhancement of Public Education. The annual prize recognizes recipients who have developed and implemented an invention, innovation, or process that enhances educational practice in the K-12 public school system. The first prize this year will go to the Surrey School Board, which is being recognized for their initiative involving online delivery of ongoing assessment of students.

The Chair reported that SFU will host the 2017 CUExpo, the Canadian-led international conference held every two years to promote university-community relationships. The Chair acknowledged Stephen Dooley, Executive Director of SFU Surrey, and associate professor Julian Somers, from the Faculty of Health Sciences, for putting together SFU's proposal.

The Chair noted that SFU's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is fast approaching. The SFU homepage has been updated with information regarding the daytime ceremony and evening celebration on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Chair noted that the Spring Convocation will take place between June 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and encouraged Senate to participate in this celebration of SFU student success and nine outstanding honorary degree recipients.

**2. HIV/AIDS Research Centre (HRC) (S.15-75)**

Senate approved the establishment of the HIV/AIDS Research Centre (HRC) as a Centre for a five-year term.

**3. Pacific Water Research Centre (PWRC) (S.15-76)**

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4. **External Reviews for 2015 – 2016 Academic Year (S.15-76)**  
Senate received for information the list of external reviews and external review updates that are scheduled for the 2015-2016 academic year.
  
5. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.15-78)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016:
  - a) **School of Computing Science**
    - Program: Software Systems Major
    - Courses (prerequisite): CMPT 275, 276, 300, 305, 310, 354, 375, 383, 384
  
  - b) **School of Engineering Science**
    - Program: Computer and Electronic Design Minor
    - Course (title/description/prerequisite): ENSC 100W
    - Courses (prerequisite): ENSC 351, 370
  
  - c) **School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering**
    - Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering Major
    - Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering Honours
    - Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Business Double Degree
  
6. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.15-79)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016:
  - Program: Certificate in Business Analytics and Decision Making
  - Program: Certificates in Business Analytics and Decision Making & Business Technology Management (overlap clause)
  - Course (title/prerequisite): BUS 439
  
7. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.15-80)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016, *unless otherwise indicated*:
  - a) **School for the Contemporary Arts**
    - Program: Art, Performance and Cinema Studies Honours
    - Program: Art, Performance and Cinema Studies Major
    - Program: Visual Arts Major
    - Program: Visual Arts Honours
    - Courses (units): FPA 255, 326, 327, 374, 375

***b) School of Interactive Arts and Technology***

- Program: Interactive Art and Technology and Communication Joint Major (BA/BSc) (*effective Summer 2016*)

**8. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.15-81)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016:

- Program: Population and Quantitative Health Sciences Major
- Program: Population and Quantitative Health Sciences Honours
- Course (new): HSCI 416

**9. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.15-82)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016:

***a) Mathematics***

- Program: Operations Research Honours

***b) Physics***

- Program: Applied Physics Major
- Program: Applied Physics Honours
- Program: Biological Physics Major
- Program: Biological Physics Honours
- Program: Chemical Physics Major
- Program: Chemical Physics Honours
- Program: Physics Major
- Program: Physics Honours

**10. Master of Arts in Heritage Resource Management under Special Arrangements (S.15-83)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the Master of Arts in Heritage Resource Management under Cohort Special Arrangements within the Faculty of Environment (Archaeology), and added the following courses effective Fall 2016:

- Course (new): ARCH 531, 541, 551, 561

**11. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.15-84)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective **Fall 2015**:

***a) Political Science***

- Course (reinstatement): POL 844

**12. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.15-85)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016, *unless otherwise indicated*:

**a) Chemistry**

- Course (units): CHEM 898 (*effective Fall 2015*)
- Courses (description): CHEM 801, 802

**b) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry**

- Course (new): MBB 729

**13. Senate Committee Elections (S.15-86)**

Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for the Senate committees.

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 June 2015 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-27294>

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