

## SENATE SUMMARY

### MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2011

#### 1. Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities

The Chair reported on the accreditation visit from the panel for the Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities, and expressed his appreciation to those who participated in engaging with the panel. The initial feedback was favourable and it's hopeful that SFU will be formally admitted into the accreditation process in January.

#### 2. Surrey Campus – Podium 2

The Chair reported on the formal opening of Podium 2 at the Surrey campus. This new area includes research and teaching labs which will enable science courses to be offered at the Surrey campus. At the opening event, appreciation was expressed to both the provincial and federal government for their contribution of approximately \$10 million, but the need for additional space in Surrey, given the growth in population, was also highlighted.

#### 3. Food Survey

The Chair encouraged everyone to participate in the food survey and commented that so far there has been a lot of feedback. The current food provider contract will be reviewed and the executive would like the community's advice and input, as this issue affects students, staff and faculty.

#### 4. Trip to India

A question was submitted by a Senator regarding the upcoming trade delegation trip by the Premier of B.C. to China and India, and the fact that SFU is listed as one of the sponsors. Senate was informed that SFU had been planning a trip to India prior to learning the Premier's office was doing the same. While participating in the larger trade and education mission, the goals of the trip are to raise SFU's profile in India for teaching exchanges, research collaborations, and as a favoured destination for undergraduate and graduate students. Visits are planned in public schools, institutions and leading organizations with the objective to strengthen existing relationships and explore new ones. SFU will not be participating in the Premier's visit to China, as a visit to China already occurred in the summer.

#### 5. Gender Difference Statistics (S.11-126)

Questions were raised regarding the discrepancy in male versus female admit rates and graduation rates, and what could be done to remedy this difference. Suggestions were made about possible reasons for this difference and ways to help alleviate these differences. It was

pointed out that the ratio of female undergraduates to male is a concern across North America and an opinion was expressed that SFU's student body is a reflection of a greater trend that cannot be solved by issues of fairness.

**6. Honour Program in Humanities (S.11-127)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for an Honours Program in Humanities in the Department of Humanities within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Summer 2012.

**7. Bachelor of Arts in Cinema Studies (S.11-128)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Bachelor of Arts in Cinema Studies (Major, Minor, and Honours) within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Summer 2012. A friendly amendment was accepted to change the wording in the second last line on page 9, in the upper division requirements, from "12 upper division credits" to "12 additional upper division credits."

**8. Community Health Solutions (S.11-129)**

Senate approved the proposal for the establishment of the Community Health Solutions as an Institute for a five year term.

**9. SFU Strategic Vision (S.11-130)**

Senate concurred that the statement of Vision and Goals has been developed from a comprehensive and inclusive process, and fairly reflects both the aspirations and the mission of Simon Fraser University.

**10. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.11-131)**

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

*a) Engineering Science*

- Course (new): ENSC 411 – The Business of Entrepreneurial Engineering
- Courses (prerequisite/title/description): ENSC 201, ENSC 283, ENSC 384, ENSC 476

**11. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.11-132)**

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

*a) Asia-Canada Program*

- Program: Chinese Studies Certificate requirements
- Courses (prerequisite): ASC 300, ASC 301, ASC 302, ASC 303, ASC 400

- b) *Economics***
  - Program: changes to Major, Minors, Honours, and Joint Majors
  - Course (new): ECON 201 – Microeconomic Theory I: Competitive Behavior
  - Courses (prerequisite): ECON 301, 302, 305, 325, 331, 353, 362, 381, 392, 393, 402, 403, 409, 410, 431, 435, 443, 446, 450, 451, 453, 454, 490, 498
- c) *Explorations Program***
  - Courses (prerequisite): EXPL 310, EXPL 320
- d) *English***
  - Program: Major, Honours, Minors, Joint and Double Major requirements
  - Program: Writing and Rhetoric Certificate admission requirements
  - Course (prerequisite): ENGL 372
- e) *International Studies***
  - Program: Major, Honours, Minor, LAS/IS Joint Major requirements
  - Course (prerequisite): IS 313, IS 410
- f) *First Nations Studies Program***
  - Program: Major, Minor, Joint Major, Diploma, Certificate requirements
  - Course (new): FNST 324 – Indigenous Art History
- g) *Liberal Arts***
  - Program: Certificate in Liberal Arts requirements
- h) *Sociology and Anthropology***
  - Course (title, description): SA 322
- i) *WQB Designations***
  - Course (W designation): ENGL 472
  - Course (B-Sci): FNST 332
  - Course (B-Soc): PSYC 260

## **12. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.11-133)**

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

- a) *Business***
  - Program: Business Career Passport requirements (effective Fall 2012)
  - Program: Honours, Accounting Concentration requirements
  - Program: Non-Business requirements
  - Program: Major, Honours, Joint and Double Major lower division requirements
  - Courses (prerequisite): BUS 207, BUS 312, BUS 315, BUS 421, BUS 478

**13. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions - Faculty of Communication, Art & Technology (S.11-134)**

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

**a) *Communication***

- Program: Minor in Dialogue requirements
- Courses (description/title/prerequisite/course number): CMNS 454, CMNS 455, CMNS 456, CMNS 461

**b) *Publishing Program***

- Course (new): PUB 230 – Graphic Design Fundamentals

**14. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.11-135)**

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

**a) *Education***

- Courses (description): EDUC 298, 299, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 486, 487, 488, 495, 496, 497, 498

**15. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.11-136)**

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

**a) *Biological Sciences***

- Program: Major, Honours lower division requirements

**16. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Undergraduate Semester in Dialogue (S.11-137)**

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

**a) *Dialogue***

- Courses (B-Hum): DIAL 390W, DIAL 391W, DIAL 392W

**17. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.11-138)**

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

**a) *Business***

- Program: Special cohort GDBA/EMBA in Aboriginal Business and Leadership (ABL) calendar language

## **18. Graduate Curriculum Revisions - Faculty of Science (S.11-139)**

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

### **a) Mathematics (MSc Stream and PhD Stream)**

- Program: addition of operations research stream; calendar changes to identify core courses
- Courses (new): MATH 804 – Operations Research: Selected topics  
MATH 808 – Advanced Linear Programming  
MATH 888 - PhD Comprehensive Exam: Operations Research

## **19. Research Ethics Board Annual Report (S.11-140)**

Senate received the 2010/2011 Research Ethics Board (REB) annual report for information. A concern was raised about the lack of faculty representation on REB. Senate was advised that due to the responsibility and workload required by members of the REB, it is difficult to find faculty members willing to participate. It was also advised that there is a desire to change the process and a review will be taking place.

## **20. Senate Library Committee Annual Report (S.11-141)**

Senate received the 2010/2011 Senate Library Committee annual report for information. A question was raised regarding the reasons for the Library Penalties Appeal Committee not meeting between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011. Senate was advised that this was likely because issues were resolved at a lower level so there was no need to call a meeting.

## **21. Senate Nominating Committee (S.11-142)**

A revised Senate paper showing positions that were elected by acclamation, required voting, and vacancies that would be carried forward to the next Senate meeting, was distributed at the meeting.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the next Senate meeting. For more information please refer to the November 2011 Senate documents at <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-16606>