

SENATE SUMMARY

MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2012

1. **Report of the Chair**

The Chair welcomed two new faculty Senators from the Faculty of Education, Geoff Madoc-Jones and David Paterson, and then provided an update on some new initiatives and information items.

The first community summit of SFU Public Square was held in September and was successful in engaging the community. The SFU Public Square is an ongoing initiative where people within the university can connect with the community and people in the community can involve the university on issues of public concern. The Dream Colloquium Series, also a new initiative, has held two sessions and both were well attended. The purpose of this initiative is to create interdisciplinary engagement for students, provide an opportunity for faculty to get together and create a lecture series that may lead to research and teaching collaborations, and to provide some outstanding speakers for the university community. Additional information on both of these initiatives can be found on their respective websites.

Several information items were highlighted for Senate. A new Office of Sustainability has been established on campus for the purpose of developing a strategic approach to the various sustainability commitments. A research reception will be held on October 30th with the purpose of discussing research, updating the community and celebrating some of the success that SFU has had over the past year. Strike notices were recently served by TSSU and CUPE concerning contracts that were not settled in the previous mandate. The Chair assured everyone that the university will attempt to keep everyone informed throughout the process.

2. **Terms of Reference for the Beedie Professorship Endowment Fund (S.12-139)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Terms of Reference for the Beedie Professorship Endowment Fund.

3. **New Program: Graduate Certificate in Business in the Americas (S.12-140)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Business in the Americas within the Beedie School of Business, effective Spring 2013.”

- 4. New Program: Joint Major in Philosophy and Health Sciences (S.12-141)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Joint Major in Philosophy and Health Sciences in the Department of Philosophy within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and in the Faculty of Health Sciences, effective Fall 2013.
- 5. External Review for the School of Communication (S.12-142)**
Senate approved the Action Plan for the School of Communication that resulted from its External Review.
- 6. External Review for the Department of English (S.12-143)**
Senate approved the Action Plan for the Department of English that resulted from its External Review.
- 7. Name Change for the Institute for Research on Early Education and Child Health (S.12-144)**
Senate approved the name change from Institute for Research on Early Education and Child Health to Centre for Research on Early Child Health and Education.
- 8. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.12-145)**
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revision effective Spring 2013:

a) Liberal Studies
- Course (reinstated): LS 811
- 9. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.12-146)**
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2013:

a) Education
- Courses (prerequisite): EDUC 862, EDUC 870
- 10. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.12-147)**
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2013:

a) Master of Public Health
- Program: Environmental and Occupational Health Stream

11. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.12-148)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2013:

a) Earth Science

- Course (reinstated): EASC 619

b) Mathematics

- Course (reinstated): MATH 767

12. Senate Committee Elections (S.12-136)

Senate received a revised summary from the Senate Nominating Committee of nominations received and outstanding vacancies for positions on Senate committees that are elected by Senate.

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 October Senate documents at <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-18735>.

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