

## SENATE SUMMARY

### MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2012

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

The Chair welcomed two new student Senators to their first meeting of Senate, Caleb Kwon and Ehsan Jozaghi, and then provided an update on several items.

The Chair reported that the Research University Presidents made a presentation to the Legislative Standing Committee on Finance and Administration on a proposed three part strategy to invest in more student spaces across the post-secondary system, to provide more financial support for students, and to commit to funding for research and research infrastructure. It was also reported that the submission gained some notice in the media. Senators were challenged to get involved by not letting this issue fade between now and the upcoming election in this province.

A presentation was also made at the standing committee with respect to the need for a government commitment on expanding the SFU Surrey campus. A commitment was made in 2006 by government to double the size of the Surrey campus by 2015 but nothing has happened and the demand for spaces in Surrey continues to grow. The standing committee does not make decisions on behalf of the government but it does make recommendations.

In regards to the job action taken by CUPE and TSSU, the Chair reported that negotiations are continuing and that the goal from the university's point of view is to try to achieve fair settlements. Contingency plans are being developed should the negotiations not be successful.

The Maclean's university rankings were released recently and SFU continues to be ranked number one within the comprehensive category. The reason for this ranking was based on the strength of faculty research, faculty awards, student awards, and reputational standing.

#### 2. **CAUBO Data – Academic and Administrative Expenses (S.12-150)**

Senate received data regarding academic and administrative expenses in response to a request for this information at the October Senate meeting.

#### 3. **External Review of the Department of Archaeology (S.12-151)**

Senate approved the Action Plan for the Department of Archaeology that resulted from its External Review.

#### 4. **External Review Update for the Cognitive Science Program (S.12-152)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on University Priorities reviewed the External Review Update Report for the Cognitive Science Program within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

5. **BC 12 Admission Criteria for the School for the Contemporary Arts (S.12-153)**  
Senate approved the changes to the BC 12 Admission Criteria for the School for the Contemporary Arts within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology.
  
6. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.12-154)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2013:
  - a) **History**
    - Course (reinstated): HIST 316
  
  - b) **Sociology and Anthropology**
    - Course (new): SA 474
    - Course (deleted): SA 486
  
  - c) **English**
    - Course (deleted): ENGL 472
  
  - d) **Criminology**
    - Courses (prerequisite): CRIM 315, CRIM 355
  
  - e) **Latin American Studies**
    - Program: Latin American Minor Studies Program
  
  - f) **Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies**
    - Course (title): GSWS 200
  
7. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.12-155)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2013:
  - a) **School for the Contemporary Arts**
    - Program: Deletion of the Collaboration Stream within the Music BFA
    - Course (new): FPA 184
    - Course (Q): FPA 184
    - Course (B-Hum): FPA 257W, FPA 357W
    - Courses (deleted): FPA 111, FPA 147, FPA 151, FPA 224, FPA 240, FPA 268, FPA 290, FPA 310, FPA 311, FPA 368, FPA 387, FPA 411, FPA 416

- 8. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.12-156)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2013:
- a) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology*
- Program: Biomedical Physiology Minor Program
  - Program: Biomedical Physiology Major and Honours Program
  - Program: Behavioural Neuroscience Major and Honours Programs
  - Program: Active Health Concentration of KIN Major and Honours Programs
  - Program: Post-Secondary Transfer and Internal Transfer Applicants  
Mathematics admission changes
  - Courses (prerequisite): KIN 415, KIN 208
- 9. Senate Library Committee Annual Report (S.12-157)**  
Senate received the 2011/2012 annual report for the Senate Library Committee for information.
- 10. Senate Committee Elections (S.12-158)**  
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.
- 11. Election Report (S.12-159)**  
Senate received the results of a faculty election to Senate for information.

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 November Senate documents at <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-19675>.

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