

## SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF JULY 8, 2013

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

The Vice-Chair reported that the Chair is visiting Israel and Palestine with a delegation of Canadian university presidents. The delegation intends to build relationships with leading academic institutions, particularly in the areas of science, technology and education.

The Vice-Chair reported that SFU has been recognized as one of the top 100 universities under 50 years old by the Times. The list showcases the rising stars of post-secondary education and SFU has moved up to #26 from #30 last year.

The Vice-Chair reported that SFU was successful in three SSHRC Partnership Grant applications, including one joint application. Each will receive \$2.5 million to mobilize research knowledge for academic and non-academic communities. Marianne Ignace, faculty member in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Department of First Nations Studies, is leading a partnership between the University's First Nations Language Centre and 22 community-based First Nations groups to preserve and revitalize First Nations languages and culture in BC and the Yukon. Judith Marcuse, adjunct professor in the Faculty of Education, will lead a group of artists and researchers in creating resources and providing education and leadership in the field of art for social change. John Calvert, faculty member in the Faculty of Health Sciences, is participating in a partnership, led by McMaster University, which will focus on the future of disability policy in Canada.

The Vice-Chair reported that the SFU 50th Anniversary campaign is underway, with a special campaign launch event planned for September 9, 2013 in Convocation Mall.

The Vice-Chair noted that September 24, 2013 is Terry Fox Day, with the annual Terry's Cause on Campus walk/run event scheduled to raise awareness of and raise funds for cancer research and prevention.

### 2. **Suspension of Admission to the Multimedia Computing Specialist Major (S.13-95)**

Senate approved the suspension of admission to the Multimedia Computing Specialist Major Program in the School of Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences, effective Spring 2014.

### 3. **Occupational Ergonomics Certificate (S.13-96)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for an Occupational Ergonomics Certificate in the Department of

Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology within the Faculty of Science, effective Spring 2014.

4. **Joint Major in Chemistry and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (S.13-97)**  
Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Joint Major in Chemistry and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry in the departments of Chemistry and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry within the Faculty of Science, effective Spring 2014.

5. **Joint Honours in Chemistry and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (S.13-98)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Joint Honours in Chemistry and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry in the departments of Chemistry and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry within the Faculty of Science, effective Spring 2014.

6. **Senate Guidelines for External Reviews of Academic Units (S.13-99)**

Senate approved the revised Senate Guidelines for External Reviews of Academic Units.

7. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.13-100)**

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

*a) Humanities*

- Courses (description): HUM 330, HUM 340

8. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.13-101)**

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

- Course (title, description): HSCI 402

9. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.13-102)**

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

*a) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry*

- Course (new): MBB 324

*b) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology*

- Course (new): BPK 482
- Courses (deletion): BPK 380, BPK 488

- Courses (prerequisite): BPK 448
- Courses (description, prerequisite): BPK 484

**10. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.13-103)**

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

**a) French**

- Program: Master of Arts in French
- Courses (new): FREN 896, FREN 998
- Courses (units): FREN 803, FREN 804, FREN 806, FREN 811, FREN 812, FREN 816, FREN 820, FREN 821, FREN 823, FREN 824, FREN 825, FREN 826, FREN 852, FREN 898

**b) Gerontology**

- Course (reinstate): GERO 801

**c) Psychology**

- Course (reinstate): PSYC 603

**d) Sociology and Anthropology**

- Course (title): SA 887

**11. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.13-104)**

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

- Program: Counselling Psychology (MA; MEd)
- Program: Educational Leadership (MA)
- Program: Educational Practice (MEd)
- Program: Educational Technology and Learning Design (MA; PhD)
- Program: Languages, Cultures and Literacies (PhD)
- Courses (number): EDUC 866, EDUC 867
- Course (description): EDUC 824
- Course (title, description): EDUC 825
- Course (title): EDUC 835

**12. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.13-105)**

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

**a) Biological Sciences**

- Program: Master of Pest Management
- Courses (deletion): BISC 842, BISC 851

- Course (units): BISC 849
- Course (reinstate, title, description): BISC 841
- Course (description): BISC 844
- Course (title, description): BISC 852
- Course (units): BISC 898

***b) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology***

- Course (title, cross list): BPK 831

***c) Mathematics***

- Courses (prerequisites): MATH 701, MATH 708, MATH 709, MATH 716, MATH 718, MATH 719, MATH 724, MATH 725, MATH 740, MATH 741, MATH 742, MATH 743, MATH 745, MATH 747, MATH 748, MATH 761, MATH 762, MATH 767, MATH 770, MATH 795, MATH 796

**13. Senate Committee Elections (S.13-106)**

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

**14. Truth and Reconciliation Commission National Event (S.13-107)**

Senate approved the designation of September 16 to 22, 2013 as Reconciliation Week at Simon Fraser University, in recognition of the unique national importance of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC), and specifically the BC National Event to be held in Vancouver this fall. Senate encouraged all instructors to accommodate, without academic penalty, any students who wish to participate in TRC and Reconciliation Canada events and activities during that week. Senate also encouraged instructors to incorporate material relevant to the history of residential schools and the reconciliation process into their courses.

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 July Senate documents <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-20985> .

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