

## SENATE SUMMARY

### MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2014

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

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

**Faculty Senators:** Neil Abramson; Siamak Arzanpour; Elina Birmingham; Tracy Brennand; Paul Budra; Glenn Chapman; Daniel Leznoff; Stephen Spector.

**Student Senators:** Chardaye Bueckert; Brandon Chapman; Nicholas Chapman; Dion Chong; Colin Chu; Shirin Escarcha; Kayode Fatoba; Sarah-Sophia Flodr; Amelia Huang; Ehsan Jozaghi; Ting Liu; Dimitri Ossinsky; Athina Pilarinos; Madelaine Simpkin; Barbara Szymczyk; Paul Yoon.

**Convocation Senators:** Sylvia Gajdics; Tracey Leacock; Rob McTavish; Colin Percival.

The Chair reported on the appointment of the new University Librarian and Dean of Library Services, Gwen Bird. Ms Bird will begin a five-year term on October 1, 2014. She served SFU in several management positions from 1999 to 2011, including Associate University Librarian from 2005 to 2011, and was most recently the Executive Director of the Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries.

The Chair reported that SFU hosted an event at Harbour Centre on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Komagata Maru incident. The SFU Library partnered with local institutions to mount activities throughout the year to increase awareness and dialogue about the incident and its significance. In 2012, the SFU Library launched an interactive website and digital archive called, "Komagata Maru: Continuing the Journey", featuring material collected in partnership with the local Indo-Canadian community, which was previously not publicly available.

The Chair reported that SFU and the Indian Oil Company have entered a PhD Mobility Agreement that will enable ten Indian students to obtain graduate training at SFU over the next five years and SFU students and faculty to obtain international research experience in India.

The Chair reported that he led a delegation to Chile in early May that included the Dean of Education, the Dean and Associate Dean of Science, and the Executive Director of SFU International. The purpose of the trip was to explore SFU's

relationships with Chile, which was one of two countries – along with Brazil – identified in SFU’s strategic plan. The delegation visited six universities and the major funding agency in Chile, CONICYT, which funds graduate exchanges and research. The Chair noted that the meetings were positive and productive and set the stage for potential student exchange, student recruitment, and graduate-level research collaborations in areas such as education, science, criminology, social innovation, and indigenous issues.

The Chair reported on recent research successes. SFU received \$156,000 in graduate fellowships from the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) to support four projects that focus on practical solutions to climate change impacts. Steve Holdcroft from Chemistry and a UBC colleague received \$500,000 from the Climate Change and Emissions Management Corporation to scale up technology they developed for carbon dioxide sequestration and desalination of industrial wastewater. The SFU International Cybercrime Research Centre received a \$50,000 grant from the Canadian Internet Registration Authority to expand its web crawler tool to track online child exploitation networks by location of content and domain owners. Zuo-Guang Ye from Chemistry has received the 2014 Ferroelectrics Recognition Award – the top award in the field – from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Arthur Robson from Economics was awarded the \$10,000 John Rae Prize by the Canadian Economics Association (CEA) for his outstanding research over the past five years. Robson, a Canada Research Chair in Economic Theory and Evolution, is the first SFU faculty member to receive this award. The prize was awarded at the 48<sup>th</sup> annual CEA conference hosted by SFU at the Vancouver campus in late May.

The Chair reported on the 98<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference hosted by SFU from June 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. At the conference, Mario Pinto, Vice-President, Research received the 2014 Montreal Medal from the Chemical Institute of Canada for outstanding contributions to the profession of chemistry or chemical engineering in Canada. David Voadlo from Chemistry received the 2014 Canadian Society of Chemistry (CSC) – Teva Canada Ltd. Biological and Medicinal Chemistry Leadership Award for distinguished contributions to the field of biological or medicinal chemistry.

The Chair reported on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SFU Vancouver campus and noted that the anniversary video can be viewed on the President’s blog.

The Chair reported on the recent Clan Breakfast fundraiser. The SFU Clan led the NCAA Division II with an academic success rate of 100%, which means that all student-athletes from the 2003-2006 cohort graduated within six years of their original enrolment.

The Chair encouraged Senate to participate in the upcoming convocation ceremonies. He noted that SFU’s new chancellor Anne Giardini would be installed on Friday, June 13, as SFU bids farewell to outgoing chancellor, Carole Taylor.

- The Chair reported that SFU ran a major emergency preparedness exercise on June 4 involving over 100 staff and faculty and the RCMP. The Chair thanked Chief Safety Officer, Terry Waterhouse, for his role in coordinating the exercise.
2. **Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in Performance Studies (S.14-80)**  
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in Performance Studies in the Department of English within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Spring 2015.
  3. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.14-81)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2015:
    - a) *School of Communication*
      - Courses (description): CMNS 353, 453
    - b) *School for the Contemporary Arts*
      - Course (Q designation): FPA 271
      - Course (W designation): FPA 412
  4. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.14-82)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2015:
    - Program: Bachelor of Education, Honours
    - Course (prerequisite): EDUC 427, 467
  5. **Graduate General Regulations – GGR 1.5.4 CGPA Required for Continuation and Graduation (S.14-83)**  
Senate approved the changes to GGR 1.5.4, CGPA required for continuation and graduation.
  6. **Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.14-84)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2015:
    - a) *School for International Studies*
      - Course (grading): IS 886
  7. **Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.14-85)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2015:

- Course (units): ARCH 898

**8. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.14-86)**

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

*a) Biological Sciences*

- Courses (reinstate): BISC 824, 839
- Courses (title/description): BISC 800
- Courses (title/description/prerequisites): BISC 827

**9. Proposed Changes to the Senate Committee Terms of Convocation Senators (S.14-87)**

Senate approved the motion that the current terms of convocation senator positions on Senate committees end immediately and that all subsequent terms of convocation senators on Senate committees are three years.

**10. Senate Committee Elections (S.14-88)**

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 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-23577>

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