

## SENATE SUMMARY

### MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

#### 1. Report of the Chair

On behalf of Senate, the Chair welcomed new members of Senate: Dr. Mark Walker, Registrar, Executive Director of Student Enrolment and Secretary to Senate; Dr. Joy Johnson, Vice-President, Research; Dr. Ingrid Stefanovic, Dean of the Faculty of Environment; Dr. Blaize Reich, Dean pro tem of the Beedie School of Business; Dr. Owen Underhill, Dean pro tem of the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology; and Chancellor Anne Giardini.

On behalf of Senate, the Chair thanked Associate Registrar Jo Hinchliffe for her superb work filling in as Secretary to Senate for the past year.

The Chair reported on the start of the fall semester. The Chair met with new undergraduate students during orientation sessions in Burnaby and Surrey, and with new faculty members at the Faculty Orientation, and he noted a sense of new energy, new ideas and creativity at the University.

The Chair reported on the official opening of the new Indigenous Student Centre, located in AQ 2002. The Centre will provide services to more than 600 Indigenous students and will house the Elder Program, the First Nations Student Association, Peer Cousins mentorship program, and peer education learning and writing programs.

The Chair reported on research news. SFU is now ranked among the top 50 universities in the world in computing science in the 2014 Shanghai Jiao Academic Ranking of World Universities. SFU also ranked in the top 150 universities in the world in Social Sciences and Economics/Business. Overall, SFU was ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in Canada, 110<sup>th</sup> in North America and 277<sup>th</sup> in the world. SFU researchers are co-applicants or collaborators in 7 of the 14 recently-announced SSHRC Partnership Grants worth \$2.5 million and SFU researchers are leading two SSHRC Partnership Development Grants. Three SFU researchers will receive \$2.38 million in the latest 20124 CIHR Operating Grant competition.

The Chair reported that the Ryerson-SFU-Bombay Stock Exchange Institute incubator in Mumbai, India, has made *Inc42 Magazine's* list of the top 15 startup accelerators in India. The Chair, along with Joy Johnson, Vice-President, Research, and Nimal Rajapakse, Dean of Applied Sciences, will be visiting the incubator in October as part of an educational and trade mission that BC Premier Christy Clark is leading to India.

The Chair reported on recent research awards and successes. Douglas Allen from Economics was awarded the Douglas C. North Research Award by the International Society of New Institutional Economics for his book, *The Industrial Revolution*. David Voadlo of Chemistry has been elected to the new Royal

Society of Canada College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists, joining a select group of scholars from across Canada who are within 15 years of the conferral of their PhD. Dr. Vocadlo was also selected by the Royal Society to represent Canada at the Commonwealth Science Conference in India in November. Martin Bouchard and Eric Beauregard, both from Criminology, are the only Canadians on the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*'s list of the top 39 most-published scholars in the hundreds of Criminal Justice Periodical Index journals in 2010-2011. Ian McCarthy of the Beedie School of Business has, for the second year in a row, been ranked as one of the top 50 most influential professors on Twitter.

The Chair noted that the year ahead will have its challenges. SFU is facing cuts in operating grants from the province and soon will begin budget consultations with the University community to meet some of those challenges. At the same time, the Chair took heart in the positive developments throughout the University, including: the accomplishments of SFU faculty in terms of teaching excellence and research successes; the SFU 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fundraising campaign passing the \$150 million mark towards its goal of \$250 million; and the progress made by the Simon Fraser Student Society on its "Build SFU" student union building and stadium project.

2. **Annual Financial Report (S.14-101)**  
Senate received for information the Annual Financial Report.
3. **Annual Academic Dates 2015-2017 (S.14-102)**  
Senate approved the Schedule of Academic Dates 2015-2017.
4. **Renaming the Canadian Centre for Studies in Publishing (S.14-103)**  
Senate approved the name of the Canadian Centre for Studies in Publishing (CCSP) be changed to the Canadian Institute for Studies in Publishing (CISP).
5. **Full Program Proposal for a Simon Fraser University – British Columbia Institute of Technology Master of Science in Ecological Restoration Joint Degree (S.14-104)**  
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Simon Fraser University-British Columbia Institute of Technology Master of Science in Ecological Restoration Joint Degree within the Faculty of Environment, effective Fall 2015.
6. **International Services for Students - SFU Exchange Program (S.14-105)**  
Senate received for information the eligibility criteria changes to the SFU Exchange Program for Outbound Undergraduate Students.
7. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.14-106)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2015 (*except where noted below*):

**a) School of Computing Science**

- Program: Software Systems Major

**b) School of Engineering Science**

- Program: Majors & Honours - Co-operative Education Work Experience continuation requirements; unit requirements for 400-level ENSC courses; and internal transfer GPA
- Course (new): ENSC 482 *effective Spring 2016*
- Course (credit/prerequisite): ENSC 220
- Course (credit/description/prerequisite): ENSC 280
- Course (description): ENSC 440W
- Course (description/prerequisite): ENSC 474
- Course (prerequisite): ENSC 252, 254, 325, 327, 328, 350, 351, 387, 424, 425, 427, 428, 429, 450, 452, 472, 474, 481, 483, 488, 489, 495
- Course (deletion): ENSC 305

**c) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering**

- Course (credit): MSE 221. 222. 223. 250. 320, 321, 420-427, 450, 480, 481, 483

**8. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.14-107)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2015:

**a) First Nations Studies**

- Course (W-designation): FNST 443

**9. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.14-108)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2015:

- Program: Business Major
- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering & Business Double Degree
- Program: Business Honours
- Program: Business Honours with Term at the Segal Graduate School of Business
- Program: Business Joint Majors (except BUS-IAT, BBA/BA, and BBA/BSc)
- Program: Business Joint Honours
- Program: Business Second Degree
- Program: Business Minor

**10. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.14-109)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2015:

**a) School of Communication**

- Program: Communications Major
- Program: Communications Honours
- Courses (prerequisite): CMNS 326

**b) School of Interactive Arts and Technology**

- Course (prerequisite): IAT 267, 320, 344

**11. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.14-110)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2015:

- Course (new): HSCI 333
- Course (number/prerequisite): HSCI 309

**12. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.14-111)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2015:

**a) Earth Sciences**

- Program: Earth Sciences Minor
- Courses (prerequisite): EASC 404

**b) Mathematics**

- Program: Applied Mathematics Honours

**c) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry**

- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry & Chemistry Joint Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry & Chemistry Joint Honours
- Course (description): MBB 308
- Course (title/description/prerequisite): MBB 323, 402, 423

**d) Physics**

- Program: Physics Major
- Program: Physics Honours
- Program: Applied Physics Major
- Program: Applied Physics Honours
- Program: Biological Physics Major
- Program: Biological Physics Honours

- Program: Chemical Physics Major
- Program: Chemical Physics Honours
- Program: Mathematical Physics Honours
- Course (prerequisite): PHYS 344

*e) Science*

- Course (new): SCI 190, 390

**13. Graduate Curriculum Revisions - Temporarily Withdrawn / Permanently Withdrawn Courses (S.14-112)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved to temporarily withdraw courses identified as inactive by various faculties across the campus effective Summer 2015.

Refer to Senate paper S.14-112 for a listing of these courses.

**14. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.14-113)**

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

*a) School for the Contemporary Arts*

- Course (prerequisite): FPA 827
- Course (prerequisite/grading): FPA 829

**15. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.14-114)**

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

- Program: Concurrent admission– Bachelor/Master

**16. Revised Terms of Reference for Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) (S.14-115)**

Senate approved the revised terms of reference for the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries (SPCSAB) effective January 2015.

**17. Senate Committee Elections (S.14-116)**

Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for the Senate committees.

**18. Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Reports**

Senate received the 2013/14 Grades Report, and the 2013 Undergraduate Student Survey (UGSS) Report 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 September Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-23945>

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