

SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2015

1. **Report of the Chair**

The Chair conveyed regrets from Senator Driver who was delayed by weather.

The Chair reported that the AGE-WELL initiative - Aging Gracefully across Environments using Technology to Support Wellness, Engagement, and Long Life – has been selected to receive funding under the Networks of Centres of Excellence program. Andrew Sixsmith, SFU professor and director of the Gerontology Research Centre, is the co-scientific director of AGE-WELL, with SFU alumnus Alex Mihailidis of the University Health Network's Toronto Rehabilitation Institute.

The Chair reported that VentureLabs was named BC's top accelerator for job creation and capital formation according to the performance report released by the BC Acceleration Network. VentureLabs is the incubator/accelerator led by SFU in partnership with UVIC, BCIT, Emily Carr University of Art & Design, the BC Innovation Council, government, and industry partners.

The Chair reported on the upcoming President's Dream Colloquia lecture series. The first in the series is Protecting Indigenous Cultural Heritage: Emergent Policy and Practice, beginning with a lecture by Catherine Bell of the University of Alberta on January 8th. The second series of lectures will focus on Obedience and Disobedience: Taking Action on Climate Change, beginning with a lecture by Professor Kimberley Brownlee of the University of Warwick on January 15th.

The Chair reported that the President's Faculty Lecture Series will continue this month on Thursday, January 22nd with Professor Sasha Colby, director of the Graduate Liberal Studies program at SFU, speaking on Literary Pages, Public Stages: Tales in Dramatizing Research at the Fletcher Challenge Theatre at Harbour Centre.

The Chair reported that Bill Krane, SFU professor and former Associate Vice-President Academic and Provost, has been appointed as the new Vice-President Academic and Provost at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC).

2. **Full Program Proposal for a Joint Major in English and Communication (S.15-1)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Joint Major in English and Communication in the Department of English and the School of Communication within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Fall 2015.

- 3. Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Resource and Environmental Management (S.15-2)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Resource and Environmental Management in the School of Resource and Environmental Management within the Faculty of Environment, effective Fall 2015.
- 4. Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Italian Studies (S.15-3)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Italian Studies in the Department of French within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2015.
- 5. External Review of the Department of French (S.15-4)**
Senate approved the Action Plan for the Department of French that resulted from its External Review.
- 6. Consolidated 2013-2018 Academic Plan Progress Report (S.15-5)**
Senate received for information the Consolidated 2013- 2018 Academic Plan Progress Report.
- 7. Program/Credential Language (S.15-6)**
Senate approved the changes to the Credential Definitions language in the Academic Calendar effective Fall 2015.
- 8. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.15-7)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2015:

 - a) School of Computing Science*

 - Course (description): CMPT 276
- 9. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.15-8)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2015:

 - a) Cognitive Science Program*

 - Courses (retain): COGS 271, 470, 471
 - b) Criminology*

 - Courses (temporarily withdrawn): CRIM 345, 350, 450
 - Course (retain): CRIM 331
 - c) Economics*

 - Courses (temporarily withdrawn): BUEC 433; ECON 110, 250, 300
 - Course (delete): ECON 208

- Course (retain): ECON 492

d) English

- Courses (retain): ENGL 371, 464

e) Explorations Program

- Courses (delete): EXPL 120, 310W, 320

f) First Nations Studies

- Course (retain): FNST 462

g) French

- Courses (retain): FREN 285, 485, 491, 492

h) Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies

- Courses (retain): GSWS 317, 334, 405, 421, 422, 423, 424

i) Gerontology

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): GERO 409

j) Hellenic Studies

- Course (delete): GRK 104
- Course (retain): GRK 260

k) History

- Courses (temporarily withdrawn): HIST 315, 360, 450
- Courses (retain): HIST 319, 334

l) Humanities

- Courses (temporarily withdrawn): HUM 227, 323, 472, 473, 474

m) Language Training Institute

- Courses (delete): LANG 220, 270

n) Political Science

- Courses (retain): POLI 350, 417, 424, 437, 441, 452, 470

o) Psychology

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): PSYC 335

p) Sociology and Anthropology

- Course (delete): SA 404

- 10. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.15-9)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2015:

- Course (prerequisite): BUS 427
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): BUS 242

11. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.15-10)

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

- Course (prerequisite): EDUC 488
- Courses (temporarily withdrawn): EDUC 332, 342, 402
- Courses (retain): EDUC 342W, 402W, 491

12. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.15-11)

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

a) Archaeology

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): ARCH 226

b) Geography

- Courses (temporarily withdrawn): GEOG 268, 301, 413, 440W, 460, 466
- Courses (retain): GEOG 104, 362, 440, 441, 462

13. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.15-12)

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

a) Biological Sciences

- Courses (temporarily withdrawn): BISC 304, 367, 367W, 404, 406, 449
- Courses (retain): BISC 110, 302, 434; MASC 411, 440, 445, 446

b) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

- Program: Behavioural Neuroscience Major
- Program: Behavioural Neuroscience Honours
- Program: Biomedical Physiology Major
- Program: Biomedical Physiology Honours
- Program: Kinesiology Minor
- Course (description): BPK 342

c) Chemistry

- Program: Chemistry Honours
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): CHEM 330
- Course (delete): CHEM 333

d) Mathematics

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): MATH 294

- e) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry*
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Major
 - Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Honours
 - Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Minor
 - Courses (new): MBB 429, 463
 - Course (prerequisite): MBB 422
 - Courses (retain): MBB 431, 444
- f) Semester in Dialogue*
- Courses (retain): DIAL 460, 461
- 14. Graduate General Regulation 1.3.8a Admission to a Concurrent Bachelor's-Master's Program (S.15-13)**
Senate approved the proposed revision to GGR 1.3.8a Admission to a Concurrent Bachelor's-Master's Program.
- 15. Graduate General Regulation 1.7 Residence and Course Requirements, and Graduate General Regulation 1.3.13 Certificate Program (S.15-14)**
Senate approved the proposed revisions to GGR 1.7 (Residence and Course Requirements) and GGR 1.3.13 (Certificate Programs).
- 16. Graduate General Regulation 1.9.5 The Role of the External Examiner (S.15-15)**
Senate approved the proposed revision to GGR 1.9.5 The Role of the External Examiner.
- 17. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.15-16)**
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2015:
- a) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering*
- Program: Doctor of Philosophy in Mechatronic Systems Engineering
- 18. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.15-17)**
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016:
- a) School of Communication*
- Program: Double Master of Arts in Global Communication
 - Course (new): CMNS 848

19. Senate Committee Elections (S.15-18)

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

20. Academic Amnesty Motion (S.15-19)

Senate approved the motion that, in recognition of the Simon Fraser Student Society's commitment to ensuring that all members of the Society are able to attend and participate fully in the upcoming Special General Meeting taking place on January 21st from 1:30-3:30, Senate encourages all instructors to accommodate, without academic penalty, any students who wish to participate in the Special General Meeting.

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 January 2015 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-25158>

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