

## SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF JULY 6, 2015

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

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, expressed appreciation to the following senators whose terms of office expire on August 31, 2015: Owen Underhill and Kay Wiese.

The Chair reported on the June 2015 convocation ceremonies. The Chair noted that, along with the 4,000 graduating students and eight honorary degree recipients, the first cohort of the Aboriginal Executive MBA program received their degrees.

The Chair reported on a number of major national and international conferences he recently attended, including: the National Mathematics Conference on June 15<sup>th</sup>; the Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Conference, co-hosted with UBC on June 17<sup>th</sup>; the BC Council for International Education Conference on June 22<sup>nd</sup>; and the Canadian Water Summit on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Chair reported that the search for the new Vice-President, Academic and Provost is currently underway. An open forum was held on June 15<sup>th</sup> to receive input on the position and on the qualifications that the committee should look for in a candidate.

The Chair reported that the search committee for the new Vice-President, Finance and Administration has been constituted, following the very sad news of Pat Hibbitts passing. The open forum has been scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. and will be held simultaneously at all three campuses.

The Chair reported that SFU received nearly \$13 million in NSERC funding, including \$10 million in Discovery grants for 58 projects spanning 15 departments and schools and six faculties. The projects range from research on brain function and virtual reality to nano-scale physics and environmental modelling. SFU received \$1.2 million for research infrastructure through the Research Tools and Instruments program, which represents a 54% success rate for SFU in this program. Eight Discovery Accelerator Supplements (DAS) were awarded to recognize SFU researchers for the high quality and potential of their research programs.

The Chair reported on upcoming events. The SFU Employee Barbecue will be held on August 19, with staff and faculty from all three campuses invited to attend. SFU is a partner in the Indian Summer Festival, using SFU's facilities at the Goldcorp Centre for the Arts and other locales in Vancouver. This festival runs from July 9-18 and is a mixture of different cultural and intellectual experiences. SFU is a sponsor of the Surrey Fusion Festival on July 18-19, which

involves 100 staff, students, and faculty showcasing SFU's Surrey programs. SFU celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The major kickoff celebration will be held at 11:30 a.m. in Convocation Mall. In the evening, the celebration continues with a food fair, entertainment, and fireworks in the AQ courtyard. The details for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration are available on the SFU homepage.

2. **Chair in Avalanche Risk Management (S.15-88)**  
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Terms of Reference for the Chair in Avalanche Risk Management.
3. **Suspension of Admission to the International and Global Education Minor Program (S.15-89)**  
Senate approved the suspension of admission to the International and Global Education Minor Program within the Faculty of Education, effective Spring 2016.
4. **External Review Report of the Department of Political Science (S.15-90)**  
Senate received for information the external review report of the Department of Political Science.
5. **External Review Report of the Department of Humanities (S.15-91)**  
Senate received for information the external review report of the Department of Humanities.
6. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.15-92)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016:
  - a) *School of Computing Science*
    - Course (description): CMPT 373
  - b) *School of Engineering Science*
    - Program: Engineering Science Honours, Biomedical Engineering option
    - Course (description): ENSC 204
    - Course (prerequisite): ENSC 220
  - c) *School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering*
    - Courses (credit/title): MSE 490, 491
7. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.15-93)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016:
  - a) *Cognitive Science*

- Course (new): COGS 110

**b) Criminology**

- Program: Criminology Major
- Program: Criminology Honours
- Program: Criminology and Anthropology Joint Major
- Program: Criminology and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: Criminology and Psychology Joint Major
- Program: Criminology and Sociology Joint Major
- Program: Criminology Minor
- Program: Legal Studies Minor
- Program: Police Studies Minor
- Program: Criminology Extended Minor
- Program: Correctional Studies Certificate
- Program: Criminology General Certificate
- Program: Forensic Studies Certificate
- Program: Legal Studies Certificate
- Program: Police Studies Certificate
- Program: Criminology Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- Program: Legal Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- Program: Police Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- Course (prerequisite): CRIM 442

**c) Economics**

- Course (W designation): ECON 499

**d) English**

- Program: English Major;
- Program: English Honours
- Program: English and Criminology Joint Major
- Program: English and French Literatures Joint Major
- Program: English and Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: English and History Joint Major
- Program: English and Humanities Joint Major
- Program: English Minor
- Program: English Extended Minor

**e) French**

- Courses (description/prerequisite): FREN 121, 122, 211, 212, 215, 217, 210, 221, 222, 275, 304, 307, 416, 424
- Courses (prerequisite): FREN 226, 301W, 320, 321, 322, 330, 417, 420, 423, 425, 430, 440, 441, 442, 444, 452, 476,
- Courses (description): FREN 120, 407W, 491

**f) Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies**

- Course (new): GSWS 335W

**g) Hellenic Studies**

- Courses (credit/description/prerequisite): HS 307, 460

**h) History**

- Program: History Major
- Program: History Honours
- Program: History English and History Joint Major
- Program: French, History and Political Science Joint Major
- Program: History and Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: History and Humanities Joint Major
- Program: History Minor
- Program: History Extended Minor
- Course (new/B-Hum designation): HIST 111
- Course (deletion): HIST 360, 438, 458, 459, 473
- Course (title/description): HIST 420, 463W, 473W
- Course (title/description/prerequisite): HIST 479W
- Course (description/prerequisite): HIST 307, 424, 428, 442W, 444W, 458W, 459W, 460
- Course (description): HIST 209W, 320, 321, 330W, 345W, 362, 368W, 374W, 376, 401, 417W, 419W, 427, 432, 438W, 440, 445, 447W, 456, 457, 464, 468W, 471W, 472W
- Course (prerequisite): HIST 204, 327, 334, 350, 352, 354, 355, 373, 402, 407, 413, 415, 430, 436, 454, 465, 467, 498
- Course (new): HIST 111
- Course (new): HIST 111

**i) School for International Studies**

- Course (W designation): IS 209W

**j) Labour Studies Program**

- Course (B-Hum designation): LBST 101
- Course (W designation): LBST 301

**k) Linguistics**

- Courses (prerequisite): LING 323, 350

**l) Psychology**

- Course (description): PSYC 391
- Course (description/number): PSYC 441, 450, 480
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): PSYC 432, 451, 452, 453, 462, 463, 464, 479, 482

**m) Sociology and Anthropology**

- Program: Anthropology Major
- Program: Anthropology Minor
- Program: Anthropology Honours
- Program: Sociology & Anthropology Joint Major
- Program: Sociology & Anthropology Joint Honours

- Program: Anthropology and Archaeology Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology and Criminology Joint Major
- Program: Linguistics and Anthropology Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology and Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: Sociology Major
- Program: Sociology Minor
- Program: Sociology Extended Minor
- Program: Sociology Honours
- Program: Sociology and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Sociology and Criminology Joint Major
- Program: Sociology and Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Courses (deletion): SA 286, 392, 403

**8. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.15-94)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016:

***a) Archaeology***

- Program: Archaeology and Anthropology Joint Major

***b) Geography***

- Program: Urban Studies Certificate
- Course (W designation): GEOG 455

**9. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.15-95)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016:

***a) Biological Sciences***

- Program: Biological Sciences Honours
- Course (new): BISC 425

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

- Program: Behavioural Neuroscience Major
- Program: Kinesiology Minor

***c) Chemistry***

- Course (prerequisite): CHEM 121

***d) Physics***

- Course (temporary withdrawn): PHYS 131

***e) Faculty of Science***

- Program: Faculty of Science requirements (majors, joint majors, honours and joint honours)

**10. Graduate General Regulation (GGR) Revisions (S.15-96)**

Senate approved the revisions to GGR 1.4.3 (Continuity of Enrolment); GGR 1.8.4 (Application to go on Leave); and GGR 1.8.5 (Extended Leave of Absence).

**11. Graduate General Regulation (S.15-97)**

Senate approved the revisions to GGR 1.3.11 (Application to Complete a Second Master's or Doctoral Degree); GGR 1.3.1 1a (Application to Complete a Non-joint Concurrent Graduate Degree); GGR 1.4.2 (Enrolment); GGR 1.6.3 (Senior Supervisor); GGR 1.6.4 (Supervisory Committee); and GGR 1.9.1 (Examining Committee for a Master's Degree Candidate).

**12. Graduate General Regulation (S.15-97)**

Senate approved the revisions to GGR 1.3.11 (Application to Complete a Second Master's or Doctoral Degree); GGR 1.3.1 1a (Application to Complete a Non-joint Concurrent Graduate Degree); GGR 1.4.2 (Enrolment); GGR 1.6.3 (Senior Supervisor); GGR 1.6.4 (Supervisory Committee); and GGR 1.9.1 (Examining Committee for a Master's Degree Candidate).

**13. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.15-98)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016:

***a) GGR 1.9.3 Examining Committee for a Doctoral Thesis***

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the revisions to GGR 1.9.3 (Examining Committee for a Doctoral Thesis).

***b) Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies***

- Course (deletion): GSWS 899

***c) Gerontology***

- Program: Master of Arts in Gerontology
- Course (new): GERO 850

**14. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.15-99)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016:

- Program: Master of Science in Finance
- Course (description): BUS 880

**15. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.15-100)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016:

- Program: Master of Arts in Arts Education
- Program: Master of Education in Arts Education

**16. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.15-101)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016:

***a) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry***

- Course (title/description): MBB 702
- Course (description): MBB 723
- Course (title/description/prerequisite ): MBB 806

**17. Senate Committee Elections (S.15-102)**

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

**18. Election Report to Senate (S.15-103)**

Senate received for information a summary of the results of the student election for a position on Senate, and the results of the faculty election for positions on Senate.

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 2015 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-27452>

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