

SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2015

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that after the approval of a motion by Senate to provide accommodation for students to attend the meeting concerning the future of Build SFU, the outcome of that meeting was approval of the debentures and bylaws required to enable that project to proceed. The Chair congratulated the students, and the SFSS, and expressed the University's pleasure with the outcome, and its commitment in working with the SFSS to ensure that project proceeds, and that it achieves its full potential.

The Chair remarked that, despite the fog, we had the largest number of participants ever for the Terry Fox Run – over 1500 people, 70 teams, and well over \$24,000 raised towards our \$35,000 goal. The Chair urged further contributions to help close the gap.

The Chair noted the opening of the new VentureLab space in downtown Vancouver, which opened on October 1st. This enlarges its space and positions it right in the heart of Vancouver, and will make it the largest business accelerator in the province. This was made possible because it is becoming part of a pan-Canadian network, with Ryerson University, the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, funded by the Canadian Accelerator Incubator Program of the federal government. As reported previously, SFU received over \$10 million from that program to enable this move to take place. It is located in the Tower Building, right next door to Harbour Centre.

Coinciding with the opening of the VentureLab, the Vice President, Research released an innovation strategy for SFU, which ties together a wide range of initiatives from across campus that have been pioneered in different faculties and departments to drive innovation, and encourage and foster entrepreneurship. Things like: a partnership with Surrey Innovation Boulevard; 4D science labs at the Burnaby campus; Venture Connection, a university-wide student incubator program; and Radius, a social incubator for radical ideas useful for society. These initiatives are now linked without diminishing their individual identities, in a way that will ensure that they benefit from a relationship with each other, and are identified with SFU's overall commitments to promote innovation, and help secure more support from governments, and from other individuals. The Chair congratulated Joy Johnson, VP Research, on a successful launch.

The Chair reported that Mental Health Indicators for Canada, SFU's Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health and Addiction, produced Canada's first ever national set of mental health indicators. The Health Commission of Canada commissioned the centre, which is led by the Faculty of Health Sciences

Professor and Associate Dean, Elliot Goldner, to produce a report listing indicators for distinct groups of Canadians, including children, youths, seniors, and immigrant populations. The Chair congratulated Dr. Goldner for producing what was a breakthrough in terms of a national set of indicators.

The Chair noted that it is rankings season, with two major global rankings having come out: the QS World University Rankings, and the Times Higher Education Rankings. Both reported good news and less good news. With the emergence of universities in Asia, Canadian universities generally are moving down in the world rankings, not because they're doing any worse, but because some of these universities are doing better. In the QS Rankings, we moved down from 222 to 225. Relative to other Canadian universities, we moved up from the 12th to the 11th spot within Canada. QS identified SFU as #2 in Canada, and #66 in the world, in terms of citations per faculty. This reflects the impact of our research and recognizes the quality of research produced by our faculty members by virtue of how often they're cited in peer-reviewed journals. The fact that we're second in Canada and 66th in the world, according to QS, is a tremendous credit to our faculty and their research efforts.

In the Times Higher Education Rankings we dropped in the world rankings, with SFU now placing in the 251-300 category. In Canada, we rose one place to 14th. The citations category ranked us in the top 30% in the world, and #6 in Canada. The Chair noted the impressive results in terms of our faculty research effort, and the recognition of that effort by their peers, and by researchers around the world.

The Chair reminded Senate that the President's Dream Colloquium is underway, with a focus on traveling for health, and the international dimensions of health. This is open to the university community and is designed to foster inter-disciplinary dialogue. It's organized in cooperation with the Dean of Graduate Studies Office, and put together by faculty members from various disciplines.

The Chair reported that the President's Faculty Lecture Series is starting up on October 6th. Professor Krishna Pendakur will speak at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts. This series showcases our faculty, and our research faculty, to the community at large. Professor Pendakur will be speaking on "What does inequality mean in Canada?" On December 2nd, Marianne Ignace will be speaking on "Why First Nations Languages Matter." Dr. Ignace is the lead on a major partnership grant project that SFU is involved with on indigenous languages.

The Chair encouraged Senate to visit the First Peoples Gathering Space - a space not exclusively limited to First Nations or indigenous peoples, but designed in a way that is respectful and recognizes the strong presence of First Nations locally and of Metis and Inuit across the country. This space is located at Harbour Centre and was opened on September 29th.

The Chair encouraged Senate to visit the exhibits on display at the Goldcorp Centre for the Arts, as part of our 50th anniversary. It features both archaeological

and artistic exhibits, with information being available on the 50th anniversary website. The Chair noted that these exhibits have previously been on display at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.

The Chair noted some upcoming events: the SFU Public Square Community Summit will be held from October 30 to November 7, on the theme “We the City”; the Vancouver campus Open House will be on October 21st; and convocation will take place on October 8th and 9th, featuring honorary degree recipients Bill Nye, the Science Guy, and Nancy Turner.

The Chair reminded Senate of the upcoming federal election, and noted that there have been special voting offices set up on Burnaby campus from October 5-8.

2. **Centre for High-Throughput Chemical Biology (C-HTCB) (S.15-113)**
Senate approved the establishment of the Centre for High-Throughput Chemical Biology (C-HTCB) as a Centre for a five year term.
3. **Chair in Technology Innovations for Youth Addiction Recovery and Mental Health (S.15-114)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Terms of Reference for the Chair in Technology Innovations for Youth Addiction Recovery and Mental Health.
4. **Tom Foord Professor of Practice in Entrepreneurship and Innovation (S.15-115)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Terms of Reference for the Tom Foord Professor of Practice in Entrepreneurship and Innovation.
5. **External Review of the Beedie School of Business (S.15-116)**
Senate approved the Action Plan for the Beedie School of Business that resulted from its External Review.
6. **Name Change for the CIBC Centre for Corporate Governance and Risk Management (S.15-117)**
Senate approved the name of the CIBC Centre for Corporate Governance and Risk Management be changed to the Centre for Governance and Sustainability.”
7. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.15-118)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2017:
 - Program: Business Major and Joint Majors admission requirements
8. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.15-119)**

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

a) Mathematics

- Program: Mathematics and Computing Science Joint Major

9. Graduate General Regulation (GGR) Revisions (S.15-120)

Senate approved the revisions to GGR 1.9.4 (Preparation for Examination of Doctoral Thesis); GGR 1.9.5 (The Role of the External Examiner); GGR 1.9.6 (Notification of Doctoral Thesis Examination)

10. Graduate Curriculum Revisions - Beedie School of Business (S.15-121)

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

- Program: Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) admission change
- Program: Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Program: Management of Technology Master of Business Administration (MOT MBA)
- Courses (equivalency, description): BUS 510; 511; 552; 555; 556; 557; 702; 703; 705; 707; 708, 719; 751; 753; 754; 764; 766

11. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.15-122)

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

- Course (description): HSCI 808

12. Senate Committee Elections (S.15-123)

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 October 2015 Senate documents <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-27949>

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