

## SENATE SUMMARY

### MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2015

#### 1. Report of the Chair

The Chair conveyed regrets from President Petter who, along with VP Research Joy Johnson, is representing SFU in Ottawa with representatives of government and granting councils. The President extends best wishes to Senate for the holidays and looks forward to seeing everyone rested and refreshed early in the New Year.

The Chair noted that SFU and Pacific Blue Cross recently partnered on the use of Big Data to improve healthcare delivery, decision-making, and outcomes. The new Pacific Blue Cross Health Informatics Lab – overseen by Professor Jian Pei, CRC in Big Data Science – will advance computational health research and provide a new venue for collaboration between industry and academia, especially in the area of health informatics. The lab will bring together faculty and student researchers from across the university, including those focused on the application of Big Data to business, health, communications and visualization, and security and privacy.

The Chair announced that from a field of over 550 nominees, Majid Bahrami, CRC in Alternative Energy Conversion Systems in the School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering, was selected for a 2016 Canada Clean50 Award in the research and development category. The award is presented to individuals whose work seeks to combat climate change and raises awareness of the benefits to Canadians of moving to a low-carbon economy. The citation mentions his collaborative work with industry to develop a wide range of sustainable energy solutions and his establishment of the world-class Laboratory for Alternative Energy Conversion.

The Chair noted that this year's SFU Public Square Community Summit – entitled "We The City" – took place in the first week of November. The summit focused on the theme of city building. It featured 16 events in three communities, involved 1400 volunteer hours, drew almost 3,500 participants, and engaged thousands more via webcasts and media. The summit's major public event was a forum on the role of arts in the city at the Downtown Centre, with Candy Chang, Teju Cole, and Buffy Sainte-Marie, moderated by Mo Dhaliwal.

The Chair informed Senate that the 2015 Aboriginal Peoples edition of the SFU News has been published, summarizing progress that has been made over the past year on Aboriginal programs and initiatives. It was noted that copies had been distributed to each Senate station.

The Chair reminded Senate of a communiqué sent earlier in the day, stating that SFU is required by BC Hydro to close the SFU Burnaby campus during daylight hours on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 as a result of the power outage. It was noted that the closure was until noon, and not the entire day.

2. **Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS) Annual Report (S.15-134)**  
Senate received the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies annual report for information.
3. **Name Change – Centre for Governance and Sustainability (S.15-135)**  
Senate approved the name of the Centre for Governance and Sustainability be changed to the Centre for Corporate Governance and Sustainability.
4. **External Review of the Faculty of Education (S.15-136)**  
Senate approved the Action Plan for the Faculty of Education that resulted from its External Review.
5. **External Review of the Department of Gerontology (S.15-137)**  
Senate approved the Action Plan for the Department of Gerontology that resulted from its External Review.
6. **External Review of the Department of Psychology (S.15-138)**  
Senate approved the Action Plan for the Department of Psychology that resulted from its External Review.
7. **2014/15 Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications (S.15-139)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on University Priorities, acting under delegated authority, reviewed and approved the renewal of seventeen research centres for a five year term.
8. **Centre and Institute Report 2014/15 (S.15-140)**  
Senate received the Centre and Institute Report for 2014/15 for information.
9. **N Grades (S.15-141)**  
Senate referred this item back to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) for clarification.
10. **Requisite Definitions (S.15-142)**  
Senate approved the changes to the Requisite Definitions language in the Academic Calendar effective Summer 2016.
11. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.15-143)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2016:

- a) *School of Computing Science*
- Program: Computing Science Minor

- b) *School of Engineering Science*
- Program: Computer and Electronics Design Minor
  - Course (description): ENSC 324

**12. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.15-144)**

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

a) *Department of English*

- Program: English Major (effective Fall 2016)
- Program: English Honours (effective Fall 2016)
- Program: Joint Major English and Communication (effective Fall 2016)
- Program: Joint Major English and French Literature (effective Fall 2016)
- Program: Joint Major English and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies (effective Fall 2016)
- Program: Joint Major English and History (effective Fall 2016)
- Program: Joint Major English and Humanities (effective Fall 2016)
- Program: English Minor (effective Fall 2016)
- Program: English Extended Minor (effective Fall 2016)
- Program: Performance Studies Certificate (effective Fall 2016)
- Courses (new): ENGL 111W, 113W, 114W (effective Fall 2016)
- Courses (B-Hum designation): ENGL 111W, 113W, 114W (effective Fall 2016)
- Courses (deletion): ENGL 101W, 103W, 104W (effective Fall 2016)
- Course (number, title and description): ENGL 105W (effective Fall 2016)

b) *Department of History*

- Course (new): HIST 244
- Course (B-Hum designation): HIST 244
- Course (deletion): HIST 466

c) *School for International Studies*

- Course (new): IS 300 (effective Fall 2016)

d) *Labour Studies Program*

- Program: Labour Studies Minor
- Course (deletion): LBST 301

e) *Department of Philosophy*

- Program: Joint Major in Philosophy and Health Sciences

- Course (number): PHIL XX1
- Course (B-Soc/B-Sci designation): PHIL 105
- Course (number): PHIL 231
- Course (title): PHIL 144
- Course (B-Hum designation): PHIL 121

**f) Department of Political Science**

- Program: Political Science Major (effective Fall 2016)
- Program: Political Science Honours (effective Fall 2016)
- Program: Political Science Extended Minor (effective Fall 2016)
- Program: Political Science Minor (effective Fall 2016)
- Course (new): POL 200 (effective Fall 2016)
- Course (title, description, and prerequisite): POL 201 (effective Fall 2016)
- Course (deletion): POL 202 (effective Fall 2016)

**g) French Cohort Program**

- Program: French Language Cohort Program in Public Administration and Community Services – Political Science Major
- Program: French Language Cohort Program in Public Administration and Community Services – Political Science Extended Minor

**h) Department of Psychology**

- Course (prerequisite): PSYC 210
- Course (description): PSYC 358
- Course (description and prerequisite): PSYC 402
- Course (title, description, and prerequisite): PSYC 430
- Course (description): PSYC 450
- Course (title and description): PSYC 461
- Course (title, description, and prerequisite): PSYC 476
- Course (description): PSYC 480

**13. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.15-145)**

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

**a) School for the Contemporary Arts**

- Course (title): FPA 322, 323, 427, 428
- Course (prerequisite): FPA 324
- Course (description): FPA 326

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

- Course (title): IAT 309W

**c) School of Communication**

- Program: CMNS Major

- Program: CMNS Minor
- Program: CMNS Extended Minor
- Program: CMNS Honours
- Course (credit number): CMNS 260
- Course (description): CMNS 497
- Course (prerequisite): CMNS 498
- Course (Q designation): CMNS 325

**14. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.15-146)**

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

*a) Department of Chemistry*

- Program: Chemistry Major

**15. Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) Annual Report (S.15-147)**

Senate received for information the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies Annual Report for 2014-2015.

**16. TFFE Final Report (S.15-148)**

Senate approved the motion to accept the TFFE report, and requests the VPA bring to Senate for further approval a more detailed action plan that takes into account the comments from SCUTL, other relevant Senate committees, and Senate.

**17. Maximum Time for Completion and Readmission (GGR 1.12) (S.15-149)**

Senate approved the revisions to GGR 1.12 (Maximum Time for Completion and Readmission) and the creation of GGR 1.4.8 (Reactivation) and GGR 1.4.9 (Readmission), effective Fall 2016.

**18. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.15-150)**

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

*a) Department of Economics*

- Program: Doctor of Philosophy
- Program: Master of Arts
- Course (title, description): ECON 837, 838, 839

*b) School for International Studies*

- Program: Master of Arts

- 19. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.15-151)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2016:
- Program: Management of Technology Master of Business Administration (MOT MBA)
  - Course (new): BUS 782, 783, 784
- 20. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.15-152)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2016:
- Course (reinstatement): REM 651
- 21. Senate Library Committee (SLC) Annual Report (S.15-153)**  
Senate received the SLC Annual Report for information.
- 22. Senate Committee Elections (S.15-154)**  
Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for the Senate committees.
- 23. Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) Annual Report (S.15-155)**  
Senate received for information the Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries Annual Report for 2014-2015.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the February Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the December 2015 Senate documents <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-28236>

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