

## SENATE SUMMARY

### MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2016

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

The Chair reported that SFU is embarking on a university-wide Big Data initiative. It will seek to extend our Big Data capacities across the university, and make them accessible to all disciplines and all members of the SFU community. The purpose is to help generate knowledge, support teaching and learning, drive innovation, create social and economic opportunities, and engage communities.

The Chair announced a number of new research chairs: Dr. Jeff Reading has been appointed the inaugural First Nations Health Authority Chair in Heart Health and Wellness. His research will be co-located at SFU (FHS), the FNHA, and St. Paul's Hospital. The \$2.5 million chair takes a holistic approach to First Nation and Aboriginal Peoples' cardiac health; Dr. Pascal Haegeli is the Faculty of Environment's new Research Chair in Avalanche Risk Management, established through collaboration between SFU and partners from the Canadian avalanche community. Over one million dollars in funding over the next five years will be available for Dr. Haegeli to conduct his avalanche research; A new SFU chair in Technology Innovations for Youth Addiction-Recovery and Mental Health has been created as a result of a partnership amongst SFU, the John Volken Academy, the City of Surrey, and the Surrey Fire Fighters Association. These partners are supporting the chair with \$1.25 million in funding. The new chair will link the City of Surrey's Youth Mental Health initiative to Innovation Boulevard.

The Chair reported that SFU and our new innovation strategy, "SFU Innovates," were highly visible at the inaugural #BCTech Summit, co-presented by the Government of BC and the BC Innovation Council on January 18-19 at the Vancouver Convention Center. VP Research Joy Johnson hosted an "SFU Innovates" Tech Lounge-themed booth featuring displays by companies launched by SFU entrepreneurs including: Shield-X Technologies (Brian Shield functional helmet decal), Acceleration Innovations (Birth Alert contraction-monitoring device), H+ Technologies (Holus tabletop holographic display), and OraScents (App-enabled customized scent diffuser). Over 2500 people attended the event, including members of the SFU research community who met and shared ideas with entrepreneurs, investors, industry, buyers, media, and government officials.

The Chair noted a number of Alumni achievements: former SFSS president and SFU alumna Chardaye Bueckert has been selected from among 3,000 applicants to receive the prestigious Schwarzman scholarship to study in Tsinghua University in Beijing. Chardaye plans to pursue the Master's program in geopolitics; the names of the 2015 Outstanding Alumni Award recipients were released with Margaret Trudeau (BA'69, Sociology and Anthropology), Dr. David Mark (BA'71, PhD'77, Geography), Zabeen Hirji (MBA'94), Dr. Jennifer Gardy (PhD'06, MBB), and David Fong (BA'80, Economics and Commerce)

- receiving awards. The awards will be presented on Thursday, March 3 at a special 50th Anniversary ceremony at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre.
2. **Revised Membership and Terms of Reference (S.16-16)**  
Senate approved the revised membership for the Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) and the revised Terms of Reference to include the designation of a Vice-Chair, effective immediately.
  3. **N Grades (S.15-141 Revised)**  
Senate approved the Calendar language changes set out in S.15-141 Revised re: N Grades.
  4. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.16-17)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2016:
    - a) ***Labour Studies Program***
      - Course (description): LBST 230
  5. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.16-18)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2016:
    - Course (title, description): BUS 464
  6. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.16-19)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2016:
    - a) ***Department of Archaeology***
      - Requirement change: Cultural Resource Management Certificate
      - Course (prerequisite): ARCH 479, 480
    - b) ***Department of Geography***
      - Course (deletion): GEOG 268
  7. **Senate Committee Elections (S.16-20)**  
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 March Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the February 2016 Senate documents <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-28513>

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