

## SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF JULY 4, 2016

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

The Chair reported on a number of research awards: the inaugural Chris Dagg Award for International Impact, which recognizes the contributions of SFU faculty and staff to the internationalization of the university, was awarded posthumously to Ian Andrews from Education for his work in international education initiatives, and to Yuezhi Zhao from Communications for her work on globalization that has impacted global research and the delivery of education; the inaugural Compute Canada Trailblazer Award was awarded to Dugan O'Neil from Physics for his work helping Canadian researchers use Compute Canada's advanced research computing capabilities to support the production of globally competitive research.

The Chair reported that SFU, along with the City of Surrey, signed a memorandum of understanding with France's Société d'Accélération du Transfert de Technologies Grand Centre to tackle critical healthcare challenges at a global level. They are particularly interested in partnering with SFU and Surrey around healthcare technologies that spark collaboration and share expertise between Canada and France across a range of innovative projects, with particular reference to our Digital Health Hub.

The Chair reported that the Charles Chang Institute for Entrepreneurship was announced since the last meeting of Senate, and with that came the announcement of a \$10 million gift from alumnus Charles Chang, founder of the nutrition company Vega. The donation will fund the establishment of a new institute of entrepreneurship, as well as a certificate program in innovation entrepreneurship. Also, there will be a naming of our new facility downtown, the Charles Chang Innovation Center, with part of it dedicated to innovation, and which will be the home for our social incubator Radius.

The Chair noted that in San Francisco we hosted the first-ever SFU Tech Talk where we profiled some of our leading researchers in areas of technology: Ian McCarthy, Professor of Technology & Operations Management and the Associate Dean of Graduate Programs in the Beedie School of Business; Uwe Glasser, Dean (pro tem) of Applied Sciences; Lesley Shannon, Chair of Computer Engineering Option and NSERC Chair for Women in Science and Engineering; and Fred Popowich, the Director of the Professional Master's Program in Big Data.

The Chair noted that in June we held the final convocation of our 50th anniversary year, featuring eight honorary degree recipients, including Geoffrey Massey, who was one of the original architects of the campus. It also included an Indigenous Feast for the 55 indigenous students who completed their programs in 2015-16.

The Chair reported that there have been some approved modifications in position titles for VPs, AVPs, and one Dean to better reflect their areas of responsibility and to create equivalence with titles used at comparator institutions. It was noted that these title changes involve no changes in existing responsibilities or in remuneration.

The Chair noted the end of 50th Anniversary celebrations, which consisted of approximately 350 university and community based events. Highlights included: over 1,000 participants at the 50th kickoff; 2,300 guests at Celebrate and Savour; 13,000 attendees at the Burnaby Festival of Learning; 3,000 guests at Hidden Pasts, Digital Futures event at the Goldcorp Center for the Arts; and more than 4,000 attendees at Robert Lepage's play 887, hosted at SFU Woodward's.

The Chair noted the groundbreaking for the Student Union Building on June 1st. Completion is scheduled for Fall 2018, with credit being offered to the student body who provided resources in making this happen.

The Chair noted two upcoming events: Indian Summer Festival runs from July 7th – 16th, marking the sixth year SFU facilities have been used for this festival; the President's Employee BBQ takes place on July 13th and is a chance to thank the SFU community for all that staff and faculty contribute.

The Chair reported that we continue to await the official word on our infrastructure applications to the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund.

A question was asked if we have received any unofficial news on these applications. Senate was informed we have some unofficial encouragement with respect to the Surrey project in particular. The Burnaby project is less clear, but preparatory work is being done on the assumption that both will proceed.

- 2. Name Change of the Centre for Sustainable Community Development (S.16-76)**  
Senate approved the name of the Centre for Sustainable Community Development be changed to the Centre for Sustainable Development.
- 3. Title Change for Major in Environmental Resource Management (S.16-77)**  
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the title change for the Major in Environmental Resource Management to Resource an Environmental Management within the Faculty of Environment, effective Spring 2017.
- 4. Residency Requirements (S.16-67 Revised)**  
Senate approved the Calendar language addition set out in S.16-67 Revised re: Residency Requirements.
- 5. Post Baccalaureate Diploma Program (S.16-68 Revised)**  
Senate approved the Calendar language change set out in S.16-68 Revised re: Post Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

**6. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.16-78)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2017:

**a) Economics**

- Course (new): ECON 220W
- Course (deletion): ECON 499

**b) First Nations Studies**

- Course (new): FNST110W

**c) Hellenic Studies**

- Course (new): HS 150, 477

**d) Political Science**

- Course (new): POL 121, 131
- Course (B-Hum/B-Soc designation): POL 121, 131

**e) School of Criminology**

- Program: Police Studies Certificate
- Program: Legal Studies Certificate
- Program: Correctional Studies Certificate
- Program: Criminology General Certificate
- Program: Forensic Studies Certificate

**f) French Cohort Program**

- Program: Major in Political Science & Extended Minor in French
- Program: Major in French and the Extended Minor in Political Science

**g) History**

- Course (title, prerequisite): HIST 319, 388
- Course (prerequisite): 300, 304, 314, 315, 320, 321, 322, 323, 325, 326, 327, 330W, 332, 334, 335, 336, 338, 339, 344, 345W, 348, 350, 352, 354, 355, 358, 362, 363, 366, 367, 368W, 371, 372, 374W, 376, 377, 390, 391

**h) Sociology and Anthropology**

- Program: Anthropology Honours
- Program: Anthropology Major
- Program: Anthropology Extended Minor
- Program: Anthropology and Sociology Joint Major
- Program: Sociology Honours
- Program: Sociology Major
- Program: Sociology Extended Minor
- Program: Sociology and Anthropology Joint Honours
- Program: Sociology and Communication Joint Major

- Program: Sociology and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Joint Major

*i) French*

- Program: French Language Minor

*j) English*

- Program: English Honours
- Program: English Major
- Program: English and Communication 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

**7. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.16-79)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2017:

- Program: Business Minor

**8. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.16-80)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2017:

- Program: Environmental Education Minor
- Course (prerequisite): EDUC 315

**9. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.16-81)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2017:

*a) Geography*

- Course (B-Sci designation): GEOG 104

**10. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.16-82)**

*a) Biological Sciences*

- Course (deletion): BISC 304, 304W
- Course (prerequisite): BISC 407, 410

*b) Chemistry*

- Program: Chemistry Honours

*c) Mathematics*

- Course (description): MACM 401

*d) Statistics and Actuarial Science*

- Program: Statistics Honours
- Program: Statistics Major
- Course (prerequisite): STAT 300W

*e) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry*

- Course (new): MBB 433
- Course (new): MBB 301, 464 (effective Fall 2017)
- Course (B-Sci/B-Hum designation): MBB 301
- Course (deletion): MBB 435, 437, 442

**11. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.16-83)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2017:

*a) English*

- Program: Master of Arts

*b) School for International Studies*

- Program: Master of Arts (effective Fall 2017)

*c) Political Science*

- Program: Doctor of Philosophy
- Program: Master of Arts

*d) Urban Studies Program*

- Course (new): URB 605

**12. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.16-84)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2017:

- Program: Graduate Diploma in Business Administration
- Program: Executive Master of Business Administration
- Program: Master of Business Administration
- Course (new): BUS 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740

**13. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.16-85)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2017:

*a) School of Communication*

- Course (title, description): CMNS 830

**14. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.16-86)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2017:

- Course (title, description): HSCI 822

**15. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.16-87)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2017:

*a) Biological Sciences*

- Course (title, description): BISC 827

*b) Earth Science*

- Course (new): EASC 628

*c) Mathematics*

- Program: Doctor of Philosophy
- Program: Master of Science
- Course (new): MATH 801, 846, 875, 876
- Course (description): MATH 701
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**16. Senate Committee Elections (S.16-88)**

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

**17. 2013-2018 Academic Plan Progress Report (S.16-89)**

Senate received for information the 2013-2018 Academic Plan Progress Report.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the September Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the July 2016 Senate documents <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-29268>

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