

SENATE SUMMARY

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2016

1. **Report of the Chair**

The Vice-Chair noted that the Chair was returning from Hong Kong and passed on the Chair's regrets for not being at Senate.

The Vice-Chair reported that the Board of Governors approved the following named programs on which the President previously consulted Senate: The Hari and Madhu Varshney Visiting Scholars Program in Indian Studies, and the Webster Visiting Scholar and Lecture Series in Biological Sciences.

The Vice-Chair reported that the Vice President, Research has established an SFU Innovates Advisory Committee. The goal of the committee is to bring together top thinkers in the innovation sphere to help SFU strengthen its innovation strategy, to discuss emerging opportunities, and to creatively consider what is next in innovation.

The Vice-Chair noted some research awards and honours: Jin Li, Canada Research Chair in Global Investment Strategy at the Beedie School of Business, has been named to the Royal Society College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists; John Willinsky of the Publishing@SFU program, and head of the Public Knowledge Project, has been named one of three finalists for the 2016 SSHRC Impact Awards in the Connection category. The successful recipient will be presented with a \$50,000 award at a ceremony in Ottawa on November 22nd; Computing Science professor Martin Ester has been named 2016's most influential scholar in data mining. The international ranking, which is determined by citation counts in top-venue publications, is produced annually by AMiner, an academic search and mining system based at Tsinghua University.

The Vice-Chair noted the following university rankings: Maclean's Magazine's University Rankings were released on October 26th and for the third year in a row, and for the eighth time in nine years, Simon Fraser University topped the rankings in the comprehensive universities category; SFU finished 10th amongst all universities in Maclean's reputational survey; Research Infosource's rankings of Canada's Top 50 Research Universities were released on October 27th. SFU ranked first amongst comprehensive universities for research income growth. Over the past 15 years, SFU's research income has increased 362%. SFU placed third amongst comprehensive universities on Research Infosource's University of the Year list; in its 2017 World University Rankings, Times Higher Education ranked SFU 10th in Canada overall, and 8th for citations. SFU's ranking in the world is 232; and in the 2017 U.S. News Global University Rankings, SFU placed 11th in Canada based on research output, impact, and reputation. The rankings also place SFU in the top 10 Canadian universities in 8 subject areas.

The Vice-Chair noted a successful Fall Convocation on October 6th and 7th, at which Honorary Degrees were conferred on Evan Tesla II Adams, Vivienne Poy, Tamara Vrooman and Lorna Wanosts' a7 Williams.

The Vice-Chair reported that the grand opening of the Charles Chang Innovation Centre at 308 Hastings Street took place on Sept. 27th. In addition to providing 52 furnished rooms that accommodate up to 68 graduate students, the second floor will serve as a hub for social innovation and student entrepreneurship programs. In particular, this floor will provide space for RADIUS (RADical Ideas Useful to Society), SFU's social innovation lab and venture incubator, and for the Beedie School of Business's Graduate Certificate in Science and Technology Commercialization.

The Vice-Chair noted some upcoming events: the Surrey Expansion Announcement on November 8th; the Munro Lecture with S. Parasuraman, Director of the Tata Institute for Social Science on November 15th; the Annual Surrey Gala on November 17th; and the Burnaby Campus Winter Warm-up on November 30th.

2. **Research Ethics Board (REB) Annual Report 2014-2015 ((S.16-105)**
Senate received the Research Ethics Board annual report for 2014-2015 for information.
3. **Research Ethics Board (REB) Annual Report 2015-2016 ((S.16-106)**
Senate received the Research Ethics Board annual report for 2015-2016 for information.
4. **Senate Process for Named Recognition Proposals (S.16-107)**
Senate received the Senate Process for Named Recognition Proposals for information.
5. **Redaction of S.15-115 (S.16-108)**
Senate approved the permanent redaction of the gift details of S.15-115 – Tom Foord Professor of Practice in Entrepreneurship and Innovation.
6. **Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS) Annual Report 2015-2016 (S.16-109)**
Senate received the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies Annual Report 2015-2016 for information.
7. **Dissolution of the Centre for Coastal Science and Management (S.16-110)**
Senate approved the dissolution of the Centre for Coastal Science and Management as a Research Centre.
8. **External Review of the Department of Chemistry (S.16-111)**
Senate approved the Action Plan for the Department of Chemistry that resulted from its External Review.

- 9. External Review of the Department of Humanities (S.16-112)**
Senate approved the Action Plan for the Department of Humanities that resulted from its External Review.
- 10. External Review of the Department of Political Science (S.16-113)**
Senate approved the Action Plan for the Department of Political Science that resulted from its External Review.
- 11. SFU's Strategic Research Plan for 2016-2020 (S.16-114)**
Senate received SFU's Strategic Research Plan for 2016-2020 for information.
- 12. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.16-115)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2017:
- a) School of Computing Science*
- Program: Computing Science Second Degree
- b) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering*
- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering Honours
 - Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering Major
 - Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Business Double Degree Program
 - Course (prerequisite): MSE 250 (effective Fall 2017)
 - Course (prerequisite): MSE 481
 - Course (deletion): MSE 350, 351
- 13. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.16-116)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2017:
- Acronym (new): FASS
- 14. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.16-117)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2017:
- Course (new): BUS 318

15. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (October meeting) (S.16-118)

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

a) School of Communication

- Program: Communications Honours
- Program: Communication Major
- Program: Anthropology and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Business and Communication Joint Major
- Program: English and Communication Joint Major
- Program: IAT and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Sociology and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Communication Extended Minor
- Course (repeatable): CMNS 286, 287, 386, 387, 388, 408, 428, 438, 448, 458, 460, 461, 486, 487, 488 and 489 (effective Fall 2017)
- Course (number, description): CMNS 260
- Course (number, credit, description): CMNS 262
- Course (W designation): CMNS 455
- Course (delete): non-W CMNS 455

16. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (September meeting) (S.16-119)

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

a) School of Interactive Art and Technology

- Course (description): IAT 244

17. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.16-120)

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

- Course (prerequisite): EDUC 422

18. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.16-121)

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

a) Biological Sciences

- Program: Biological Sciences Major
- Program: Biological Sciences Honours

- 19. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.16-122)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2017:

a) School of Computing Science

- Course (new): CMPT 875 (effective Fall 2017)

b) School of Engineering

- Course (prerequisite): ENSC 854, 859
- Course (description, prerequisite): ENSC 702
- Course (new): ENSC 703, 880

- 20. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.16-123)**

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

a) Political Science

- Course (reinstatement): POL 839

- 21. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.16-124)**

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

- Program: Graduate Diploma in Business Administration
- Course (units, title, description): BUS 554
- Course (new): BUS 570

- 22. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.16-125)**

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

a) School of Interactive Arts and Technology

- Course (new): IAT 803, 804, 806

- 23. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.16-126)**

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

- Course (prerequisite): HSCI 855

24. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.16-127)

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

a) Earth Science

- Program: Doctor of Philosophy

b) Statistics and Actuarial Science

- Program: Doctor of Philosophy Statistics
- Program: Master of Science Actuarial Science
- Program: Master of Science Statistics
- Program: Graduate Diploma Financial Engineering
- Course (new): STAT 897
- Course (title, description, equivalency): STAT 898
- Course (title, equivalency): STAT 899

c) Mathematics

- Course (new): APMA 995
- Course (grading basis): MATH 880

25. Temporary and Permanent Withdrawal of Courses (S.16-128)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following list of courses to be temporarily withdrawn effective Summer 2017:

a) Faculty of Applied Sciences

- CMPT 761, 768
- ENSC 887, 888, 890

b) Faculty of Environment

- REM 649
- GEOG 646

c) Faculty of Science

- APMA 902, 910, 921
- BISC 816, 821, 822, 823, 829

26. Open Access Policy (S.16-129)

Senate approved a motion to table item S.16-129.

27. Senate Committee Elections (S.16-130)

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 November Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the November 2016 Senate documents <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-29780>

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