

## SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2018

### 1. Report of the Chair

#### 1. Terms of Reference for the BC Notaries Chair in Applied Legal Studies (S.18-30)

Senate received the Terms of Reference for the BC Notaries Chair in Applied Legal Studies for information.

The Chair reported that on February 27th, the Government of Canada introduced *Budget 2018*, containing positive news in terms of investments in Canadian research. It commits an increase of \$925 million for the three main granting councils over the next five years, representing a 25% increase over current funding for fundamental research by 2021. This marks the largest increase in fundamental research funding in Canadian history.

The Chair reported that on February 22nd, the BC Government released its 2018 budget, confirming that BC will invest in 2900 additional post-secondary seats in technology related fields across the province. The budget also introduced a \$450 million student housing program that will allow public post-secondary institutions to borrow from the government and finance student housing projects. The program is expected to provide 5000 new student housing beds over the next three to five years.

The Chair reported on recent research awards and honours:

- Woo Soo Kim of the School of Mechatronics Systems Engineering has been selected as a *Brain Pool Fellow* by the *National Research Foundation of Korea*.
- David Voadlo has been awarded the *Bernard Belleau Award* of the *Canadian Society of Chemistry* for his contributions to the field of medicinal chemistry.
- Tina Adcock of History is among 39 scholars named as *Wilson Associates* for 2017-2020 to contribute to transnational history research in Canada.
- The Department of Chemistry was honoured with a special issue in the *Canadian Journal of Chemistry* entitled 50 years of chemistry at SFU.

The Chair reported that 14 SFU researchers will feature their research at the 2018 *BCTECH Summit* from May 14th to 16th. They will join the SFU Innovates booth along with a number of others to highlight the university's strengths in research, innovation and technology.

The Chair reported that *Zennea Technologies*, a student venture aimed at improving sleep quality for those with sleep apnea, was awarded the best overall venture prize valued at \$35,000 at the annual *Coast Capital Savings Venture Prize Competition*.

The Chair reported that *KEY*, SFU's Big Data Initiative, announced its next round of *KEY Graduate Scholarships*. The awards empower students to unlock the potential of big data in their research, and are open to Masters and PhD students from any Faculty, Department, or School. Last year, *KEY* awarded 16 scholarships across all disciplines.

The Chair reported that SFU International has recently hired Darren Schemmer as Executive Director. Darren comes to SFU after retiring from a career in the *Canadian Foreign Service* and international development. The Chair thanked Shaheen Nanji who stepped in as Acting Executive Director of SFU International in 2016.

The Chair reported that Vice-President Research and International, Joy Johnson, is currently visiting India to strengthen relationships with a number of partner institutions such as the *Indian Oil Corporation* and the *Bombay Stock Exchange Institute*. The Chair also reported that he would, in his role as President, be leading a delegation to Singapore in late March to attend the annual conference of the *Asia-Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE)*, which SFU will host in 2020 in Vancouver. The delegation will also travel to Taiwan to strengthen relationships with National Taiwan University and National Taiwan Normal University and to host an alumni reception.

The Chair reported that SFU's first participant under the *Scholars at Risk* program, Dr. Hanadi Ibrahim of Syria, arrived to take up her one-year Visiting Faculty appointment in the Department of Chemistry. Dr. Ibrahim will be working with Dr. Dipankar Sen, Professor of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and the Chair of the Department.

The Chair reported that the sixth annual *SFU Public Square Community Summit, Brave New Work*, is underway from February 26th to March 7th. This year's summit featured over a dozen events exploring issues related to the changing world of work. The signature event, presented in partnership with *Vancity*, took place at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre on February 28th and brought out 2300 people to hear Van Jones and Anne-Marie Slaughter discuss the future of work.

The Chair reported that the joint Senate-Board of Governors Retreat at the Wosk Centre for Dialogue will be occurring on Saturday, March 10th. The theme of the Retreat is *The Student Experience* at SFU.

## **2. Student Discipline Matters Annual Report (S.18-31)**

Senate received the Student Discipline Matters Annual Report 2016 – 2017 for information.

**3. Enrollment Plan 2018/2019; Undergraduate Admissions Targets for 2018/2019 (S.18-32)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors:

- the 2018/2019 Enrollment Plan attached as Appendix A to document titled For SENATE March 5, 2018
- the 2018/2019 domestic undergraduate admission targets to each Faculty, by semester and basis of admission category as indicated in Table C1 in Appendix C
- the 2018/2019 international undergraduate admission targets to each Faculty, by semester and basis of admission category as indicated in Table C2 in Appendix C

**4. 2016/17 Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications (S.18-33)**

Senate received the 2016/17 Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications for information.

**5. External Reviews for 2018-2019 (S.18-34)**

Senate received the External Reviews for 2018-2019 for information.

**6. Full Program Proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Education (S.18-35)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the full program proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Education within the Faculty of Education, effective Fall 2018.

**7. Name Change of the Centre for Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures (S.18-36)**

Senate approved the name of the Centre for Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures be changed to the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies.

**8. Suspension of Admission and Dissolution of the Applied Human Nutrition Certificate (S.18-37)**

**Motion 1:**

Senate approved the suspension of admission to the Applied Human Nutrition Certificate Program in the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology within the Faculty of Science, effective Fall 2018.

**Motion 2:**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Applied Human Nutrition Certificate Program in the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology within the Faculty of Science, effective Fall 2018.

**9. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.18-38)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2018:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

**a) School of Computing Science**

- Program: Computing Science Dual Degree

**ii) Beedie School of Business**

- Program: Business Major
- Program: Business Honours
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Major (BA or BBA)
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major (BA or BBA)
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major (BSc)
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Honours (BA or BBA)
- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Business Double Degree
- Program: Certificate in Innovation and Entrepreneurship

**iii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**

**a) School of Communication**

- Program: Communications Major
- Program: Communications Honours

**iv) Faculty of Science**

**a) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry***

- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Honours
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Administration Joint Major

**10. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.18-39)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Fall 2018:

**i) Beedie school of Business**

- Course (new): BUS 339, 476

**ii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**

**a) School of Communication**

- Course (new): CMNS 440 (effective Spring 2019)

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

- Course (new): IAT 330, 430

**iii) Faculty of Science**

**a) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry**

- Course (new): MBB 498

**11. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.18-40)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2018:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

**a) School of Computing Science**

- Course (prerequisite): CMPT 318

**ii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**

**a) Publishing**

- Course (title): PUB 372
- Course (prerequisite): PUB 480

**b) School for the Contemporary Arts**

- Course (title, prerequisite, description): CA 421

**iii) Faculty of Science**

**a) Statistics and Actuarial Science**

- Course (description): STAT 495

**12. Graduate Course Changes (S.18-41)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program change, effective Fall 2018:

**i) Beedie School of Business**

- Program: Executive Master of Business Administration

**13. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.18-42)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Fall 2018:

**i) Beedie School of Business**

- Course (new): BUS 616, 633, 634, 647, 648, 649

**ii) Faculty of Environment**

- Course (new): ECO 600

**14. Graduate Course Changes (S.18-43)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2018:

**i) Beedie School of Business**

- Course (units): BUS 632
- Course (title, description): BUS 642
- Course (description, prerequisite): BUS 696

**ii) Faculty of Health Sciences**

- Course (prerequisite): HSCI 801
- Course (description): HSCI 802
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): HSCI 807, 835, 849, 855

**15. Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) Annual Report (S.18-44)**

Senate received the Senate Graduate Studies Committee 2017 Annual Report for information.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the April Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the March 2018 Senate documents <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-32468>

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