

SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF MAY 22, 2018

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported on recent research grant successes:

- In the *NSERC Discovery Grants* competition, SFU was awarded a total of \$1.72M for 57 projects, a success rate of 76%, which is an 11% increase over last year. In addition, seven SFU researchers were awarded *NSERC Accelerator Supplement* grants for a total of \$840,000.
- Nadine Provencal from Health Sciences received a grant of \$150,000 from *CFI's John R. Evans Leaders Fund* for her project *Exposure to Early Life Stress and Glucocorticoids: Mechanisms of System-wide Epigenetic Effects*.
- Glen Tibbits of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology received over \$100,000 for collaborative projects with the *Stem Cell Network*.

The Chair reported on recent research awards and honours:

- Arthur Robson of Economics has been appointed a *Fellow of the Canadian Economics Association* in recognition of his achievements and contributions to the discipline.
- A book summarizing three decades of linguistic and anthropological research involving BC's Secwepemc people, co-authored by Marianne Ignace of First Nations Studies, has received the 2018 *Basil Stuart-Stubbs Books Prize*.
- Brian Fisher of SIAT has been renewed as a member of the governing council of *NSERC*, which is comprised of 18 Canadians from the private and public sectors.
- Judith Marcuse, Artist-in-Residence and adjunct professor in the Faculty of Education, has become a *Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation* mentor. Up to 10 mentors are appointed each year to guide Trudeau scholars in their projects.
- Joy Johnson, Vice-President Research and International, has been honoured by the *Women's Health Research Institute* with its second annual *Career Contribution to Women's Health Research Award*.

The Chair reported that SFU had a substantial presence at the recent *BCTECH Summit*, with numerous displays featuring *SFU Innovates* programs, *KEY*, and a variety of SFU research projects. Vice-President Research Joy Johnson spoke on *Harnessing the Power of Data for Innovation*, and Director of Entrepreneurship Sarah Lubik moderated a panel on *Accelerating Innovation: What University Incubators Can Really Do*.

The Chair reported that SFU recently sent delegations to Victoria in April, and to Ottawa in May. The delegates met with elected representatives, key public officials, along with SFU alumni and supporters. The purpose of the visits was to recognize government's contributions and commitments, to provide updates on our progress and activities, and to discuss future priorities.

The Chair reported that SFU and the City of Burnaby recently hosted the *Burnaby Festival of Learning*, featuring over 90 free events that engaged participants of all

ages. This partnership with the City of Burnaby started during our 50th Anniversary Celebration, establishing the goal of hosting educational events throughout the community.

The Chair reported that, in his role as President, he had the opportunity to speak to the *Burnaby Board of Trade* on the role that universities, colleges, and institutes can play as community builders. The Chair noted he will also have the opportunity to speak on the same topic to the *Greater Vancouver Board of Trade*, followed by a conversation with the Honourable Janet Austin, BC's new Lieutenant Governor.

The Chair noted the upcoming 2018 Spring Convocation being held from June 12th to 15th.

2. Academic Dates 2019-2021 and Revisions to Academic Dates 2018-2019 (S.18-55)

Motion 1:

Senate approved the revised schedule of academic dates for the Fall 2018 term to Summer 2019 term.

Motion 2:

Senate approved the proposed schedule of academic dates from the Fall 2019 term to Summer 2021 term.

3. Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) Annual Report 2017 (S.18-56)

Senate received the Senate Committee on International Activities Annual Report 2017 for information.

4. External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of French (S.18-57)

Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of French for information.

5. Library External Review Report (S.18-58)

Senate received the Library External Review Report for information.

6. Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP) Annual Report 2017-2018 (S.18-59)

Senate received the Senate Committee on University Priorities Annual Report 2017-2018 for information.

7. External Review of the School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering (S.18-60)

Senate approved the Action Plan for the School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering that resulted from its External Review.

8. Full Program Proposal for the Undergraduate Diploma in First Nations Language Proficiency (S.18-61)

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the full program proposal for the undergraduate Diploma in First Nations Language Proficiency (DFNLP) in the Department of Linguistics and the First Nations Languages Program within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2018.

9. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.18-62)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Spring 2019:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) *Mechatronic Systems Engineering*

- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering Major
- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering Honours

ii) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Business Major
- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Business Double Degree Program Major
- Program: Business Honours
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Major
- 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

iii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology*

- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Major BA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Major BSc
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Second Degree BA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Second Degree BSc

10. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.18-63)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Spring 2019:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *Linguistics*

- Course (new): FNLG 300, 333, 334, 358, 458 (effective Fall 2018)

- ii) Beedie School of Business**
 - Course (new): BUS 428
- 11. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.18-64)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Spring 2019:

 - i) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**
 - a) School for the Contemporary Arts**
 - Course (title): CA 489
 - b) Publishing Program**
 - Course (description): PUB 480
 - ii) Faculty of Science**
 - a) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry**
 - Course (prerequisite): MBB 308
- 12. Diploma in First Nations Language Proficiency (S.18-65)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the language in S.18-65 be added to the credential section of the undergraduate calendar effective Fall 2018.
- 13. Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL) Annual Report 2017-2018 (S.18-66)**

Senate received the Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning Annual Report 2017-2018 for information.
- 14. Graduate Course Changes (S.18-67)**

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

 - i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**
 - Course (repeat for credit): URB 697
- 15. Election Report to Senate (S.18-68)**

Senate received for information a summary of the results of the student election to Senate and the Board of Governors, and the faculty election to Senate, the Board of Governors, and the SFU Community Trust.
- 16. Mental Health at SFU (S.18-69)**

Senate received a report on Mental Health at SFU for information.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the July Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the May 2018 Senate documents <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-32781>

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