

SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF JULY 9, 2018

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that SFU and *Nanotech Security*, a company born out of SFU, have joined forces to commission a \$4.5 electron beam lithography system that will be installed at SFU's 4D LABS.

The Chair reported that SFU's Big Data Hub will soon be home to the *Canadian Statistical Science's Institute (CANSSI)* National Headquarters. *CANSSI* is a not-for-profit whose mission is to promote statistical sciences research and training in Canada and internationally. This move will add significant strength to the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, and elevate SFU's reputation and impact nationally and internationally. As contemplated by the big data research cluster identified in our Strategic Research Plan, SFU and *CANSSI* will work together to enhance research excellence and strengthen connections between scholars, partners and communities across the field.

The Chair reported that Vice-President, Research and International, Joy Johnson and Executive Director of SFI International, Darren Schemmer, were in Australia in June to attend the *International Student Research Forum (ISRF)* at Griffith University. The forum, now in its tenth year, is jointly planned and delivered by representatives of Griffith University, the University of Southern Denmark, the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, and the University in Nebraska Medical Center. While in Australia, they also attended meetings with the University of Sydney, the University of New South Wales, and the University of Technology in Sydney.

The Chair reported that, in his role as President, he attended the fifteenth *Transatlantic Dialogue*, a biennial conference bringing together university leaders from the United States, Europe, and Canada to discuss issues of common interest. This year's dialogue was on the theme *Higher Education and its Communities: Openness, Democracy & Engagement*.

The Chair reported that the *McConnell Foundation* has announced a multi-year funding initiative to support the *BC Collaborative for Social Infrastructure*. This initiative looks at how universities can contribute to social infrastructure in various ways through procurements and through the use of their land and resources. *McConnell* has provided significant funding to SFU and three other post-secondary institutions (BCIT, UNBC, and VIU) to share best practices and test ideas over the next three to four years in areas like sustainability, indigenous entrepreneurship, social procurements and library outreach.

The Chair reported on a successful convocation season running from June 12th to 15th, a highlight of which was the Indigenous Honouring Feast celebrating the

success off more than 100 Indigenous student graduates on June 13th. The Chair also noted that the President's Employee Appreciation BBQ is coming up on July 11th.

2. Establishment of the School of Environmental Science Addendum (S.18-70 Addendum)

Senate approved taking from the table and continuing debate and action on S.18-70 - Establishment of the School of Environmental Science.

3. Establishment of the School of Environmental Science (S.18-70)

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the establishment of the School of Environmental Science within the Faculty of Environment.

4. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.18-76)

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

i) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Business Major
- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Business Double Degree
- 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: Business and Communication Joint Major (BA or BBA)
- Program: Business and Geography Joint Major (BA or BBA)
- Program: Business and Psychology Joint Major (BA or BBA)
- Program: Information Systems in Business Administration and Computing Science Joint Major
- Program: Sustainable Business Joint Major (BBA or BEnv)
- Program: Business Foundation

ii) Faculty of Education

- Program: Education Major
- Program: Education, Two Minors or Extended Minors
- Program: Education Honours
- Program: Education Second Degree
- Program: General Studies in Education, Double Minor

- iii) **Faculty of Health Sciences**
 - Program: Philosophy and Health Sciences Joint Major
 - Program: Health Sciences Honours
 - iv) **Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**
 - a) **School for the Contemporary Arts**
 - Program: Fine and Performing Arts Minor
5. **Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.18-77)**
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) *Language Training Institute*
 - Creation of new acronym PUNJ (Punjabi) (effective Fall 2019)
 - Course (new): PUNJ 100, 101 (effective Fall 2019)
 - ii) **Beedie School of Business**
 - Course (new): BUS 414
6. **Undergraduate Course Changes (S.18-78)**
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 Applied Sciences**
 - a) *School of Engineering Science*
 - Course (deletion): ENSC 305W, 330, 440W
 - ii) **Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**
 - a) *School of Communication*
 - Course (prerequisite): CMNS 323W, 431, 444, 460
 - Course (prerequisite, equivalency): CMNS 324, 332, 349, 455W
 - iii) **Faculty of Science**
 - a) *Chemistry*
 - Course (B-Sci designation): CHEM 399

- b) Physics*
- Course (units): PHYS 233

7. Graduate Program Changes (S.18-79)

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

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Linguistics

- Program: Linguistics MA
- Program: Linguistics PhD

b) Sociology and Anthropology

- Program: Anthropology MA
- Program: Anthropology PhD
- Program: Sociology MA
- Program: Sociology PhD

ii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School of Communication

- Program: Communication MA
- Program: Communication PhD

iii) Faculty of Education

- Program: Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Certificate
- Program: Educational Leadership Graduate Certificate

iv) Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies

- Program: Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies MA
- Program: Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies MASc
- Program: Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies MSc
- Program: Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies PhD

8. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.18-80)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Engineering Science

- Course (new): ENSC 813

- ii) **Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**
 - a) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology*
 - Course (new): IAT 848
 - b) *School of Communication*
 - Course (new): CMNS 893
9. **Graduate Course Changes (S.18-81)**
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Spring 2019:
- i) **Beedie School of Business**
 - Course (equivalency): BUS 741 (effective Fall 2018)
 - Course (units, equivalency): BUS 783
 - Course (equivalency): BUS 643
 - ii) **Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**
 - a) *School of Communication*
 - Course (units, prerequisite): CMNS 896
 - iii) **Faculty of Science**
 - a) *Chemistry*
 - Course (title, description): CHEM 754
 - b) *Statistics and Actuarial Science*
 - Course (title, description): STAT 840
 - iv) **Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies**
 - Course (units): INS 899
10. **Senate Committee Elections (S.18-82 Revised)**
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 September Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the June 2018 Senate documents <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-32999>

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