

SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2019

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that in 2017 SFU became the first Canadian university to be invited to join the *University Social Responsibility Network (USRN)*, an international network of universities committed to supporting social development. In December, Vice-President Research and International Joy Johnson, Director of International Community Engagement Shaheen Nanji and Katrina Koehn, a fourth year Health Sciences student, attended the *USRN* summit in Israel.

The Chair reported that the official launch of Canada's BC-based *Digital Technology Supercluster* was held on November 27th. This Supercluster, in which SFU is an active participant, is backed by a federal funding commitment of \$153 million.

The Chair reported that in November, *RADIUS* hosted the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children, and Social Development for a discussion concerning Canada's emerging Social Innovation and Social Finance Strategy.

The Chair reported that SFU continues its commitment to meet *Ashoka U Changemaker Campus* goals, noting that SFU officially gained designation as an *Ashoka U Changemaker Campus* last year. A manager has been hired for the *SFU Changemaker Campus Program* to ensure that progress is being made towards achieving our goals and objectives.

The Chair reported that on December 7th, SFU became the national headquarters for the *Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute*, a development building upon SFU's leadership in big data innovation and data science excellence and will strengthen collaboration with researchers, partners and communities across Canada. In other news, *KEY*, SFU's Big Data Initiative, recently wrapped up its Fall Visionaries series on *Artificial Intelligence and Transportation*. A summary report will be made available to the public in Spring 2019.

The Chair reported on upcoming events:

- This semester's *President's Dream Colloquium on HIV/AIDS* gets underway on January 8th with an exhibit launch and reception at SFU Harbour Centre featuring Valerie Nicholson and Dr. Julio Montaner. The Colloquium will run most Tuesdays until the end of March.
- The Beedie School of Business will host the *JDC West Business Competition* on January 11th to 14th. It will welcome 650 participants from 12 Western Canadian Business Schools, and marks the first time with SFU as host.

- Vice-President Research and International Joy Johnson and the Chair, in his role as President, will lead a mission to India later in January to advance education, research and innovation partnerships and opportunities.

The Chair acknowledged the sad news regarding Economics professor Ramo Gencay, who passed away while in Columbia following an academic visit. Appreciation was extended to those within the University who spent time over the holiday season providing support to the family and working with the family and with international agencies and the RCMP to gain information.

The Chair reported that the annual Senate – Board of Governors Retreat will be held on March 9th, with Senators asked to save the date.

A comment was made to acknowledge the announcement that President Andrew Petter is to be awarded the Order of Canada.

- 2. Revised SCUTL Terms of Reference (S.19-1)**
Senate approved the revised terms of reference for the Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL) as set out in S.19-1.
- 3. Academic Plan 2019-2024 (S.19-2)**
Senate received the Academic Plan 2019-2024 for information.
- 4. External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Environmental Science Program (S.19-3)**
Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Environmental Science Program for information.
- 5. External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Gerontology (S.19-4)**
Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Gerontology for information.
- 6. External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Psychology (S.19-5)**
Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Psychology for information.
- 7. Dissolution of the Latin American Studies Master of Arts (S.19-6)**
Senate approved and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Latin American Studies Master of Arts within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Summer 2019.
- 8. Establishment of the SFU Morgan Centre for Labour Research (S.19-7)**
Senate approved the establishment of the SFU Morgan Centre for Labour Research as a research centre for a five-year term.

9. **External Review of the Department of Earth Sciences (S.19-8)**
Senate approved the Action Plan for the Department of Earth Sciences that resulted from its External Review.
10. **Name Change for the Certificate in Labour Studies (S.19-9)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the name change from the Certificate in Labour Studies to the Labour Studies Certificate in Workplace Rights, in the Labour Studies Program within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2019.
11. **Suspension of Admission to the Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Specialty Major and Honours Programs (S.19-10)**
Senate approved the suspension of admission to the Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Specialty Major and Honours programs in the Department of Geography within the Faculty of Environment, effective Summer 2019.
12. **Suspension of Admission to the Certificate in Liberal Arts (S.19-11)**
Senate approved the suspension of admission to the Certificate in Liberal Arts within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Summer 2019.
13. **Suspension of Admission to the Linguistics Minor Program (S.19-12)**
Senate approved the suspension of admission to the Linguistics Minor program in the Department of Linguistics within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Summer 2019.
14. **Suspension of Admission and Dissolution of the English and French Literatures (Joint) Master of Arts (S.19-13)**

Motion 1:

Senate approved the suspension of admission to the English and French Literatures (Joint) Master of Arts in the Departments of English and French within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Summer 2019.

Motion 2:

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the English and French Literatures (Joint) Master of Arts in the Departments of English and French within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Summer 2019.

15. **Undergraduate Program Changes (S.19-14)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2019:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) *Mechatronic Systems Engineering*

- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering Major

- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering Honours
- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Business Double Degree

ii) Faculty of Environment

a) *School of Resource and Environmental Management*

- Program: Resource and Environmental Management Major
- Program: Resource and Environmental Management Honours

iii) Faculty of Science

a) *Chemistry*

- Program: Chemistry Honours

b) *Data Science Program*

- Program: Data Science Honours

c) *Statistics and Actuarial Science*

- Program: Statistics Major
- Program: Statistics Honours

16. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.19-15)

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

i) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) *School for the Contemporary Arts*

- Course (new): CA 210W

ii) Faculty of Environment

a) *School of Resource and Environmental Management*

- Course (new): REM 499

iii) Faculty of Health Sciences

- Course (new): HSCI 210, 326

iv) Undergraduate Student Research Award

- Course (new): UGRAD 401 (effective Spring 2019)

17. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.19-16)

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

i) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School of Interactive Arts and Technology

- Course (prerequisite): IAT 391, 392, 393, 396, 397

b) School for the Contemporary Arts

- Course (prerequisite): CA 412W

ii) Faculty of Environment

a) School of Resource and Environmental Management

- Course (prerequisite): REM 311, 375, 423, 427
- Course (units, prerequisite): REM 412, 445
- Course (description, units, prerequisite): REM 471
- Course (equivalency): SD 301

iii) Faculty of Science

a) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

- Course (description, prerequisite): MBB 496

b) Physics

- Course (prerequisite): PHYS 132, 133

c) Statistics and Actuarial Science

- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): STAT 180
- Course (prerequisite): STAT 240, 300W, 302, 305

18. Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) Annual Report 2017-2018 (S.19-17)

Senate received the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies Annual Report 2017–2018 for information.

19. Canadian (non-BC) High School Admission Requirements for Fall 2020 (S.19-18)

Senate approved changes to the undergraduate admission requirements for Canadian (non-BC) high school applicants, effective Fall 2020.

20. BC High School – Faculty Course Lists (S.19-19)

Senate received the BC High School – Faculty Course Lists for Information.

21. Graduate Program Changes (S.19-20)

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

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *English*

- Program: English MA for Teachers of English

ii) Faculty of Environment

a) *School Resource and Environmental Management*

- Program: Resource and Environmental Management PhD

iii) Faculty of Health Sciences

- Program: Health Sciences MPH

22. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.19-21)

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

i) Faculty of Environment

a) *School of Resource and Environmental Management*

- Course (new): REM 898

ii) Faculty of Health Sciences

- Course(new): HSCI 885

23. Graduate Course Changes (S.19-22)

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

i) Faculty of Health Sciences

- Course (description): HSCI 805
- Course (prerequisite)): HSCI 803, 807, 822, 823, 825, 826, 829, 830, 839, 841, 842, 845, 849, 855, 870, 886, 889, 890, 891, 902, 903

ii) Faculty of Science

a) *Statistics and Actuarial Science*

- Course (title, description, prerequisite, equivalency, number): STAT 650

24. Graduate Course Changes (S.19-23)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Course (equivalency): CMPT 705

25. Senate Committee Elections (S.19-24 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 February Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the January 2019 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-33325>

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