

SENATE SUMMARY

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair acknowledged that February is Black History Month and is a time to honor, celebrate and reflect on the stories, experiences and accomplishments of Black Canadians in British Columbia and across the country. The Chair also acknowledged the contributions of Black scholars, past and present, including many scholars at SFU.

The Chair congratulated the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for their event held on January 27th honoring the 2020-21 Shadbolt Fellows.

The Chair reported that she, in her role as President, is hosting the President's Lecture Series, with the theme this year being SFU's cutting edge research. The first lecture was on January 19th and discussed *The Hidden Gifts of Retail: Resilience and Planning for Community Life*. The next lecture comes up on February 9th discussing the topic of *Envisioning Social Justice From the Margins*.

The Chair reported that preliminary discussions have been held with the Fraser Health Authority and the First Nations Health Authority about possible partnerships for a new medical program at SFU.

The Chair reported that she, in her role as President, continues to meet with external indigenous councils and chiefs on whose territory's SFU's campuses reside. Most recently, a meeting was held with Chief Wayne Sparrow of the Musqueam Nation, as well as representatives of the Kwantlen First Nations to discuss pathways to reconciliation and ways that SFU might partner with their communities.

The Chair reported that SFU has made the 2021 Forbes list of best employers and congratulated everyone who works at SFU for creating a great work environment.

2. Updated Policy R20.04 (S.21-13)

Senate received Updated Policy R20.04 for information.

3. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.21-14)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course change, effective Fall 2021:

i) Faculty of Science

a) Physics

- Course (Q designation): PHYS 313

4. Graduate Program Changes (S.21-15)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2021:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

- a) *School of Sustainable Energy Engineering***
- Program: Sustainable Energy Engineering MASc

ii) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Master of Business Administration MBA

iii) Faculty of Environment

- a) *School of Resource and Environmental Management***
- Program: Resource and Environmental Management PhD

5. Graduate Course Changes (S.21-16)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2021:

i) Beedie School of Business

- Course (description, prerequisite): BUS 700

ii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

- a) *Digital Media***
- Course (title): DMED 502
- Course (description): DMED 500, 520, 530
- Course (description, prerequisite): DMED 521, 522
- Course (description, grading basis): DMED 531

6. Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) Annual Report 2020 (S.21-17)

Senate received the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) Annual Report 2020 for information.

7. Senate Committee Elections (S.21-18)

Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for Senate committees.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the March Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the February 2021 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-34708>.

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