

## SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2021

### 1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that SFU is working hard to advocate for the Burnaby Mountain Gondola. Thanks was offered to the all those working to raise awareness around this important project.

The Chair offered congratulations to Senator Gabe Liosis, who has recently been elected as the next SFSS President.

The Chair reported that SFU suffered a brute force cyber-attack on February 5th. An investigation found that personally identifiable information was stored on the server and the University has notified all impacted individuals and is working closely with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) for BC to make sure that appropriate information is circulated. The University is auditing internal policies and procedures to identify improvements and is accelerating initiatives to strengthen SFU's cyber-security systems.

The Chair reported that a search committee has been struck for the newly created position of Vice-President, People, Equity and Inclusion. Consultations are ongoing and SFU community members will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the candidate profile and attend a town hall.

The Chair reported that SFU signed a memorandum of understanding with Foresight Cleantech Accelerator Centre on February 11th. The partnership will involve creating a new research program under the leadership of professor Mark Jaccard of SFU's School of Resource and Environmental Management and Elicia Maine, special advisor on Innovation to SFU's Vice-President, Research and International.

The Chair reported that the President's Lecture Series continues on March 9th with Associate Professor Lieke ten Brummelhuis from the Beedie School of Business discussing the topic *Work Hard, Play Hard: The Role of Recovery After Work*.

The Chair reported that the annual President's Dream Colloquium kicked off on February 25th with Afua Cooper, SFU Ruth Wynn Woodward Endowed Chair 2008-2009.

The Chair reported that SFU continues to move forward in meetings with its First Nations counterparts. A meeting was recently held with council members and staff of the Squamish Nation to discuss ways to work together on reconciliation partnerships.

A question was asked if there is any knowledge of the source and intent of the cyber-attack and whether the RCMP and other law enforcement agencies are involved and whether there was any effort made with regard to ransom. Senate was informed that a ransomware request was made, but that SFU had backed up all the data, so it did not have to pay the ransom. The

University is investigating and is working with the RCMP, but at this time there is no knowledge of who propagated the attack.

2. **Modification of the Guidelines for the Determination of Term Schedules (S.21-19)**  
Senate approved the modification to the guidelines for the determination of term schedules, that the number of instructional days will be between 60-63.
3. **Revision to Calendar Committee Membership and Terms of Reference (S.21-20)**  
Senate approved revisions to the Calendar Committee Membership and Terms of Reference.
4. **Enrollment Plan 2021/2022; Undergraduate Admission Targets for 2021/2022 (S.21-21)**  
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors:
  - the 2021/2022 Enrollment Plan attached as Appendix A to document titled For SENATE March 1, 2021.
  - the 2021/2022 Proposed Domestic Undergraduate Admission Targets by Faculty and Basis of Admission - All Campuses (Headcount), as indicated in Table C1 in Appendix C.
  - the 2021/2022 Proposed International Undergraduate Admission Targets by Faculty and Basis of Admission - All Campuses (Headcount), as indicated in Table C2 in Appendix C.
5. **Undergraduate Program Changes (S.21-22)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2021:
  - i) **Beedie School of Business**
    - Program: Business Co-Operative Education
  - ii) **Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**
    - a) **School of Communication**
      - Program: Communication Minor
      - Program: Communication Extended Minor
      - Program: Dialogue Minor
    - b) **School for the Contemporary Arts**
      - Program: Art, Performance and Cinema Studies Major
      - Program: Art, Performance and Cinema Studies Honours
  - iii) **Faculty of Environment**
    - a) **Geography**
      - Program: Physical Geography Major
      - Program: Physical Geography Honours

- Program: Human Geography Major
- Program: Human Geography Honours
- Program: Global Environmental Systems Major
- Program: Global Environmental Systems Honours

**b) *School of Resource and Environmental Management***

- Program: Development and Sustainability Minor

**iv) Faculty of Science**

**a) *Statistics and Actuarial Science***

- Program: Actuarial Science Major

**6. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.21-23)**

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

**i) Faculty of Environment**

**a) *Geography***

- Course (new): GEOG 333 (effective Spring 2022)
- Course (new): GEOG 340

**7. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.21-24)**

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

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

**a) *School of Computing Science***

- Course (prerequisite): CMPT 300 (effective Spring 2022)

**b) *School of Engineering Science***

- Course (description, prerequisite): ENSC 405W

**c) *School of Sustainable Energy Engineering***

- Course (equivalency): SEE 241, 242

**d) *School of Mechatronics Systems Engineering***

- Course (title, description, prerequisite): MSE 310

**ii) Beedie School of Business**

- Course (deletion): BUS 328

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

**a) School of Communication**

- Course (prerequisite): CMNS 349
- Course (description): CMNS 353, 453

**iv) Faculty of Environment**

**a) School of Resource and Environmental Management**

- Course (number, prerequisite, equivalency): PLAN 200
- Course (prerequisite): PLAN 407
- Course (prerequisite): REM 200, 202W, 356W, 406, 407
- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): REM 495
- Course (prerequisite, units): REM 221
- Course (description, prerequisite): REM 320W
- Course (prerequisite, title, description): SD 281, 481
- Course (prerequisite, title): SD 381
- Course (prerequisite, title, description, equivalency): SD 401
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): REM 281, 356, 381, 481
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): SD 301

**v) Faculty of Science**

**a) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology**

- Course (prerequisite): BPK 402
- Course (description, prerequisite): BPK 448

**b) Earth Sciences**

- Course (description): EASC 101, 104, 108, 210
- Course (description, equivalency): EASC 103
- Course (prerequisite): EASC 411

**c) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry**

- Course (prerequisite): MBB 441

**d) Statistics and Actuarial Science**

- Course (number, title, description, equivalency): ACMA 210
- Course (number, title, units, description, prerequisite, equivalency): ACMA 320
- Course (description, prerequisite): ACMA 340, 440, 455
- Course (description): ACMA 355
- Course (prerequisite): ACMA 360W, 465, 470, 475
- Course (number, title, description, prerequisite, equivalency): ACMA 425

**8. Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) Annual Report 2019-2020 (S.21-25)**

Senate received the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) Annual Report 2019-2020 for information.

<https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-34748>

**9. Duolingo English Test (DET) (S.21-26)**

Senate approved the extension of the Duolingo English Test pilot on an interim basis for the Fall 2021 term through to Fall 2023.

**10. Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology Changes (S.21-27)**

Senate approved course changes, new course proposals and program changes for the major, honours and extended minor in music, in the School of Contemporary Arts within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Fall 2021.

- Course (deletion): CA 210, 248, 348, 412, 443, 447
- Course (equivalency): CA 316 and 416
- Course (equivalency, description): CA 243
- Course (title, description, equivalency): CA 140, 345
- Course (title): CA 142
- Course (title, description, prerequisite, equivalency): CA 145, 146, 245, 246, 247, 340, 346, 446
- Course (title, equivalency): CA 341
- Course (prerequisite, description, equivalency): CA 343
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): CA 344
- Course (title, description, units, prerequisite, equivalency): CA 347, 445
- Course (new): CA 143, 144, 240, 241, 242, 342, 440, 448, 449
- Program: Music Honours
- Program: Music Major
- Program: Music Extended Minor

**11. Policy on Pass/Credit/No Credit Grading System: Elective Grading System Implementation and Policy, and Amendments to the Academic Standing and Continuance and Limits on Repeated Courses Policies (S.21-28)**

Senate approved the temporary amendment to the Academic Standing and Continuance policy, such that the determination of academic standing for the Spring, Summer, and Fall 2021 terms will be made using a student's cumulative grade point average (CGPA) after two terms of enrollment and completion of at least nine units.

**12. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.21-29)**

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

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

**a) School for the Contemporary Arts**

- Course (new): CA 828

**13. Graduate Course Changes (S.21-30)**

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

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

**a) *School of Communication***

- Course (units): CMNS 835

**14. Senate Committee Elections (S.21-31 Revised)**

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 April Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the March 2021 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-34748>.

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