

SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF JULY 5, 2021

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair acknowledged that SFU is privileged to be situated on the traditional territories of the səlilwətaʔl (Tsleil-Waututh), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), kʷikwə́ləm (Kwkwetlem), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) nations.

The Chair reported that in light of the horrific discoveries of mass graves at former Indian residential schools across the country, SFU has lowered its flags to honor the lives and memories of children found in these mass graves and to stand in solidarity with indigenous communities to remember the tragic loss of innocent lives. Emails have been sent out with information on the supports available for Indigenous students, staff and faculty.

The Chair reported that as a University, SFU has been working toward reconciliation and while it is recognized that more work needs to be done, steps are being taken such as establishing a new Indigenous leadership position at the University. A working group has been struck, co-chaired by Chris Lewis, Squamish Councillor and spokesperson and SFU alumnus, and Catherine Dauvergne, SFU Provost. This group will provide advice on the position and the portfolio for this new leadership position. SFU is also working towards supporting the actions called for in *Looking Forward...Indigenous Pathways To and Through Simon Fraser University*. Further, SFU has been working on entering into memorandum of understandings with host nations and is working on an MOU with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, and renewing an agreement with the Squamish Nation. The University is also examining ways to financially support Indigenous students more fully and a commitment has been to strike a working group to work to look at Indigenous naming of spaces and places across SFU campuses.

The Chair thanked all those who participated in the June Convocation ceremonies. Nine honorary degrees were conferred, with recipients ranging from world renowned climate and human rights activists and public health champions to an Emmy winning television and movie star from Burnaby. Eight virtual graduation ceremonies were held, with 5228 graduates receiving their degrees. Also, an honouring feast was held on June 24th for 144 Indigenous graduates and their families.

On the topic of returning to campus, the Chair reported that on June 10th a townhall was hosted for faculty and staff to answer questions and solicit feedback to help guide the safe return to campus. Also, on June 8th SFU launched an eight-week COVID-19 rapid testing screening pilot project on Burnaby campus.

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, welcomed SFU's new Registrar and Senate Secretary, Tom Nault. Tom is coming from Memorial University of Newfoundland, where he was the Registrar.

2. Spring 2022 and Summer 2022 - Delayed Start of Classes (S.21-78)

Motion 1:

Senate approved the revised Spring 2022 calendar which moves the first day of classes from Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 to Monday, January 10th, 2022, extends the exam period to April 26th, and reduces instructional days from 63 to 61.

Motion 2:

Senate approved the revised Summer 2022 calendar which moves the first day of classes from Monday, May 9th, 2022 to Tuesday, May 10th, 2022, and reduces instructional days from 63 to 62.

3. Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics (S.21-79)

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics within Beedie School of Business, effective Spring 2022.

- Course (new): BUS 786

4. Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Digital Innovation (S.21-80)

Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Digital Innovation within Beedie School of Business, effective Spring 2022.

5. Termination of the Multimedia Computing Specialist Major (S.21-81)

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the program termination of the Multimedia Computing Specialist Major in the Faculty of Applied Sciences effective Spring 2022.

6. Elective Grading System Extension to Spring 2022 Term (S.21-82)

Senate approved the extension of the pilot elective grading system (P/CR/NC) to the Spring 2022 term.

7. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.21-83)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Spring 2022:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

- Program: General Applied Sciences

a) School of Sustainable Energy Engineering

- Program: Sustainable Energy Engineering Major

- ii) **Beedie School of Business**
 - Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Administration Joint Major (effective Fall 2022)
 - Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Administration Joint Honours (effective Fall 2022)
- 8. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.21-84)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Spring 2022:
- i) **Beedie School of Business**
 - Course (deletion): BUS 427
 - Course (units): BUS 312, 315 (effective Fall 2022)
 - Course (units): BUS 413, 417
 - ii) **Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**
 - a) *School for the Contemporary Arts*
 - Course (description): CA 421
 - iii) **Faculty of Science**
 - a) *Mathematics*
 - Course (prerequisite): MACM 401
- 9. Master of Science in Professional Computer Science Specializations (S.21-85)**
Senate received the Master of Science in Professional Computer Science Specializations for information. Effective Fall 2021, the academic calendar program entry for the MSc in Professional Computer Science was modified to remove the Visual Computing and Cybersecurity specializations and all references to specializations.
- 10. Graduate Program Changes (S.21-86)**
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program change, effective Spring 2022:
- i) **Faculty of Applied Science**
 - a) *School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering*
 - Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering PhD
 - ii) **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**
 - a) *School of Public Policy*
 - Program: Public Policy MA

11. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.21-87)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposal, effective Spring 2022:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering

- Course (new): MSE 802

12. Graduate Course Changes (S.21-88)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Spring 2022:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Psychology

- Course (description, enrollment per term): PSYC 882
- Course (description, repeat for credit, enrollment per term): PSYC 890

b) School of Public Policy

- Course (deletion): PLCY 808
- Course (title, units, description, prerequisite): PLCY 809

13. Senate Committee Elections (S.21-89 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 September Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the May 2021 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-34944>.

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