

SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2021

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that SFU lowered its flags to honor the lives and memories of the children found at the burial site at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. SFU's flags will remain lowered for 9 days, which began on May 31st. A minute of silence was also held at all campuses on Monday, May 31st at 2:15 pm.

The Chair, in her role as President, reported that she met with the Aboriginal Steering Committee on Friday, May 28th and heard firsthand about the impact of this news. An email was sent out on Friday with information on the supports that are available for Indigenous students, staff and faculty. SFU stands in solidarity with Indigenous peoples as we grieve this unfathomable loss of life at the Kamloops Indian Residential School and as we gather today. It is also important for us to acknowledge our collective responsibility and the necessity to develop a better system and to move towards reconciliation and think about the roles we can take on to ensure that this kind of tragedy never happens again and that we build and move forward together.

The Chair, in her role as President, reported that she met with the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Council today. This council provides advice to the President and includes faculty, staff and students. Time was spent talking about SFU's response to this recent news about residential schools, but also discussed other matters that will be reported on as they take shape.

The Chair thanked all those who participated in the President's Faculty Lecture Series. The final lecture was held on June 1st by Kelly Lee, a professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences, on the topic of *Pandemics and Borders: How to Manage Travel Restrictions More Effectively*. It was noted that these lectures have been recorded and are available on the Public Square Zoom or Public Square YouTube channel.

The Chair reported that on May 26th SFU communicated to faculty, staff and students that its plan is to return to campus in the Fall 2021 term. It is anticipated that 80% of classes will be in-person, though there will be some classes that will continue to be offered virtually. Plans are in place to welcome new and returning students to a new academic year in September. A second town hall meeting will be held on June 10th to provide updates on return-to-campus planning and provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions.

The Chancellor addressed Senate on honorary degrees. Noting SFU's strong connection to the greater community through research, education, advocacy and its alumni, the Chancellor highlighted that SFU's honorary degree recipients exemplify this connection. One area that has been particularly impactful is the level of meaningful scholarship and contribution that SFU faculty members make to the University and to the wider community. A point of concern, however, is that when the Senate Committee on University Honours (SCUH) meets to review potential honorary degree recipients, there are often many from the community

but very few from the research and faculty ranks. To help counteract this circumstance, the Chancellor, as Chair of SCUH, offered her support in providing additional resources to better represent faculty contributions to research, to academia and to scholarship in SFU's honorary degree nominees.

2. Report of the Electoral Standing Committee 2020/2021 (S.21-72)

Senate received the Report of the Electoral Standing Committee 2020/2021 for information.

3. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.21-73)

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 Environment

a) Geography

- 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: Sustainable Development Minor
- Program: Sustainable Development Certificate

ii) Faculty of Science

a) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

- Program: Biomedical Physiology Major
- Program: Biomedical Physiology Honours

b) Earth Sciences

- Program: Earth Sciences Major
- Program: Earth Sciences Honours

4. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.21-74)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Course (prerequisite): CMPT 125

b) School of Engineering Science

- Course (description, equivalency): ENSC 412

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) School of Criminology

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): CRIM 301, 345, 431, 457

b) Economics

- Course (deletion): ECON 451

c) French

- Course (deletion): FREN 226

d) Gerontology

- Course (deletion): GERO 405
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): GERO 403

e) Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): GSWS 317, 327, 350, 405

f) History

- Course (deletion): HIST 278
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): HIST 111, 115, 209W, 314, 322, 339, 388, 439, 458W, 459W

g) Humanities

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): HUM 162, 303

h) School of International Studies

- Course (deletion): IS 280

i) Linguistics

- Course (deletion): LING 492

j) Philosophy

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): PHIL 358

k) Political Science

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): POL 313, 343, 433
- Course (deletion): POL 361, 362

l) Psychology

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): PSYC 358, 387

m) Sociology and Anthropology

- Course (deletion): SA 472

n) *World Languages and Literatures*

- Course (deletion): SPAN 306
- Course (deletion): WL 420, 430, 440

iii) Faculty of Education

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): EDUC 433, 450, 484, 485W

iv) Faculty of Environment

a) *Archaeology*

- Course (prerequisite): ARCH 373, 388, 428, 442, 452

b) *Geography*

- Course (prerequisite): GEOG 449 (effective Spring 2023)
- Course (deletion): GEOG 265, 301
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): GEOG 362

c) *School of Resource and Environmental Management*

- Course (description, prerequisite, equivalency): REM 452
- Course (description, acronym, equivalency, B-Sci designation): ENV 412

v) Faculty of Science

a) *Biological Sciences*

- Course (prerequisite): BISC 425
- Course (description, prerequisite): BISC 305
- Course (description): BISC 202

b) *Earth Sciences*

- Course (prerequisite): EASC 311, 420

5. Graduate Program Changes (S.21-75)

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

i) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Management of Technology MBA

ii) Faculty of Environment

a) *Geography*

- Program: Geography MA
- Program: Geography MSc

6. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.21-76)

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

i) Faculty of Environment

a) Geography

- Course (new): GEOG 658, 665

7. Senate Committee Elections (S.21-77 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-34896>.

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