

SENATE SUMMARY

MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 2021

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that December 6th is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. In 1989, 14 young women were killed at Polytechnique Montréal and it is important to bear witness to that event and reflect on our responsibility in addressing gender-based violence.

The Chair extended condolences to those impacted by the recent and significant flooding across British Columbia.

The Chair reported that in light of the humanitarian crisis triggered by the recent overthrow of the Afghan government, the University has committed to helping Afghan scholars come to SFU. Thanks was offered to the SFU International Office, in partnership with many others, for their work in securing funding and helping bring at-risk scholars to SFU. To date, faculties have offered positions to 10 visiting scholars, 9 graduate students, and 7 research assistants, along with significant funding commitments.

The Chair reported that the Board of Governors recently received a report from the executive on all of the activities that are taking place in relation to the climate emergency and sustainability. In particular, the Board ratified the University's intention to divest from fossil fuels by 2025. Thanks was extended to groups like SFU 350, students, faculty, and staff who have worked to raise awareness about this critical issue.

The Chair reported that SFU scholars had another productive month, with a number of researchers making headlines on topics ranging from helping astronauts deal with isolation and confinement to understanding the causes of landslides and how the flow of rivers may factor into their occurrence.

The Chair reported that on November 18th SFU officially signed the Scarborough Charter on Anti-Black Racism and Black Inclusion in Canadian Higher Education. SFU was joined by 40 other post-secondary institutions across Canada. The Charter provides an opportunity to hold the University accountable to take meaningful and concrete actions to address anti-black racism. As part of the commitment to uphold the principles outlined in the Charter, SFU's first Black Student Center is currently being planned with the aim of establishing the center in 2022-2023.

The Chair reported that the SFU executive team is beginning a process of strategic planning, noting it is important for the University to be thinking about what its priorities should be. Over the last months, an internal planning team have started to prepare and launch some plans, including looking at peer review of strategic plans at other universities to get a sense of trends taking place and developing an engagement and communication strategy.

2. **Updated Policy R60.01 (S.21-112)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors updated policy R60.01.
3. **Response to Questions from Senator Percival (S.21-122)**
Senate received a Response to Questions from Senator Percival for information.
4. **R60.01 Procedures (S.21-123)**
Senate received R60.01 Procedures for information.
5. **Establishment of the Institute for Neuroscience and Neurotechnology (S.21-125)**
Senate approved the establishment of the Institute for Neuroscience and Neurotechnology as an institute for a five-year term.
6. **Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Climate Change and Society (S.21-126)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Climate Change and Society in the Department of Geography within the Faculty of Environment, effective Fall 2022.
7. **Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Public Policy (S.21-127)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Public Policy in the School of Public Policy within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2022 or later.
8. **Name Change of the Department of Humanities and Humanities Programs (S.21-128)**

Motion 1:

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the department name change from the Department of Humanities to the Department of Global Humanities within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Motion 2:

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the following program name changes:

- Humanities Major
- English and Humanities Joint Major
- French and Humanities Joint Major
- History and Humanities Joint Major
- Humanities and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Philosophy and Humanities Joint Major
- Humanities Minor
- Humanities Extended Minor
- Humanities Post Baccalaureate Diploma

to:

- Global Humanities Major
- English and Global Humanities Joint Major

- French and Global Humanities Joint Major
- History and Global Humanities Joint Major
- Global Humanities and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Philosophy and Global Humanities Joint Major
- Global Humanities Minor
- Global Humanities Extended Minor
- Global Humanities Post Baccalaureate Diploma

within the Department of Global Humanities within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Program Changes (effective Fall 2022):

- Program: Humanities Major
- Program: English and Humanities Joint Major
- Program: French and Humanities Joint Major
- Program: History and Humanities Joint Major
- Program: Humanities and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: Philosophy and Humanities Joint Major
- Program: Humanities Minor
- Program: Humanities Extended Minor
- Program: Humanities Post Baccalaureate Diploma

9. Centres and Institutes Annual Report 2020/21 (S.21-129)

Senate received the Centres and Institutes Annual Report 2020/21 for information.

10. Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications 2021 (S.21-130)

Senate received the Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications 2021 for information.

11. Withdrawal Deadline (WD) Extension (S.21-131)

Senate received the Withdrawal Deadline (WD) Extension for information.

12. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.21-132)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Program: Computing Science Major
- Program: Computing Science Honours
- Program: Software Systems Major
- Program: Computing Science Major (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Computing Science Honours (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Software Systems Major (effective Fall 2022)

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Cognitive Science Program

- Program: Cognitive Science Minor
- Program: Cognitive Science Honours

b) School of Criminology

- Program: Criminology Major (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Anthropology and Criminology Joint Major (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Sociology and Criminology Joint Major (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Criminology and Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Joint Major (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Criminology Extended Minor (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Correctional Studies Certificate (effective Fall 2022)

c) English

- Program: English Major
- Program: English Honours
- Program: English and Communication Joint Major
- Program: English and French Literatures Joint Major
- Program: English and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: English and History Joint Major
- Program: English and Humanities Joint Major
- Program: English Extended Minor

d) Global Asia Program

- Program: Global Asia Minor (effective Fall 2022)

e) Indigenous Studies

- Program: Indigenous Studies Major (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Archaeology and Indigenous Studies Joint Major (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Indigenous Studies and Linguistics Joint Major (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Indigenous Studies Minor (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Indigenous Studies Research Certificate (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Indigenous Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma (effective Fall 2022)

f) School for International Studies

- Program: International Studies Major
- Program: International Studies Honours
- Program: International Studies Minor
- Program: World Literature and International Studies Joint Major
- Program: Certificate in International Studies

g) Labour Studies Program

- Program: Labour Studies Major
- Program: Labour Studies Minor
- Program: Labour Studies Certificate in Workplace Rights

h) Linguistics

- Program: Linguistics Major
- Program: Linguistics Minor
- Program: Linguistics Extended Minor
- Program: Indigenous Studies and Linguistics Joint Major
- Program: Linguistics and Anthropology Joint Major
- Program: Computing Science and Linguistics Joint Major

i) Philosophy

- Program: Ethics Certificate (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Philosophy Major
- Program: Philosophy Honours
- Program: Philosophy Minor
- Program: Philosophy Double Minor
- Program: Philosophy Extended Minor

j) Psychology

- Program: Business and Psychology Joint Major

k) World Languages and Literatures

- Program: German Studies Certificate
- Program: Chinese Studies Certificate

iii) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Business and Communication Joint Major

iv) Faculty of Health Sciences

- Program: Health Sciences Minor
- Program: Health Sciences Major BSc
- Program: Health Sciences Honours BSc

v) Faculty of Science

a) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

- Program: Biomedical Physiology Major (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Biomedical Physiology Honours (effective Fall 2022)

13. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.21-133)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Course (new): CMPT 210, 362, 410

- Course (new): CMPT 420 (effective Fall 2022)

b) School of Engineering Science

- Course (new): ENSC 453 (effective Fall 2022)

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) School of Criminology

- Course (new): CRIM 344, 405 (effective Fall 2022)

b) Indigenous Studies

- Course (new): INDG 211, 250 (effective Fall 2022)
- Course (new): INDG 305, 310

c) School for International Studies

- Course (new): IS 380

d) Labour Studies Program

- Course (new): LBST 203 (effective Fall 2022)

e) Philosophy

- Course (new): PHIL 270 (effective Fall 2022)

f) Psychology

- Course (new): PSYC 364

g) School of Public Policy

- Course (new): PLCY 200, 300, 400 (effective Fall 2022)

h) Urban Studies Program

- Course (new): URB 413, 423 (effective Fall 2022)
- Course (new): URB 497

i) World Languages and Literatures

- Course (new): ITAL 360
- Course (new): JAPN 360 (effective Fall 2022)

iii) Faculty of Science

a) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

- Course (new): MBB 229 (effective Spring 2023)

b) Statistics and Actuarial Science

- Course (new): STAT 271 (effective Fall 2022)

14. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.21-134)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) *School of Computing Science*

- Course (title, description, equivalency): CMPT 310

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *School of Criminology*

- Course (deletion): CRIM 205, 301 (effective Fall 2022)
- Course (number): CRIM 203 (effective Fall 2022)
- Course (number, description): CRIM 213 (effective Fall 2022)

b) *Economics*

- Course (prerequisite): ECON 290, 291, 302, 305, 325, 331, 333, 342, 345, 381, 392, 393, 355W, 409W, 410, 427W, 431, 435, 443, 446, 450W, 453, 454W, 498
- Course (title, description): ECON 290, 291 (effective Fall 2022)

c) *History*

- Course (description): HIST 204
- Course (equivalency): HIST 275, 349

d) *Indigenous Studies*

- Course (deletion): INDG 186
- Course (prerequisite): INDG 111, 332

e) *Linguistics*

- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): LING 309W
- Course (equivalent): LING 350

f) *Philosophy*

- Course (deletion): PHIL 333 (effective Fall 2022)
- Course (equivalency): PHIL 100W, 300 (effective Fall 2022)
- Course (description): PHIL 150 (effective Fall 2022)
- Course (prerequisite): PHIL 201, 203, 221, 341, 343, 344, 345W, 350, 352, 356, 357, 358 (effective Fall 2022)

g) *Political Science*

- Course (title, description): POL 443

h) *Psychology*

- Course (description, prerequisite): PSYC 325
- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): PSYC 457
- Course (equivalency): PSYC 459

- i) World Languages and Literatures*
- Course (description, equivalency): JAPN 100
- Course (prerequisite): JAPN 110

iii) Beedie School of Business

- Course (description): BUS 303, 360W, 478

iv) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

- a) School for the Contemporary Arts*
- Course (title, W designation): CA 312 (effective Fall 2022)

v) Faculty of Education

- Course (equivalency, Breadth-Science designation): EDUC 454

vi) Faculty of Science

- a) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology*
- Course (title, description): BPK 105
- Course (description, prerequisite): BPK 304W
- Course (units): BPK 408W (effective Fall 2022)

- b) Physics*
- Course (prerequisite): PHYS 233 (effective Fall 2022)

15. Graduate Program Changes (S.21-135)

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

i) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

- a) Centre for Digital Media*
- Program: Master of Digital Media

16. Graduate Course Changes (S.21-136)

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

i) Faculty of Science

- a) Earth Sciences*
- Course (prerequisite): EASC 613

17. Senate Library Committee (SLC) Annual Report 2020/2021 (S.21-137)

Senate received the Senate Library Committee (SLC) Annual Report 2020/2021 for information.

18. Senate Committee Elections (S.21-138)

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 February Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the December 2021 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-35149>.

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