

SENATE SUMMARY

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that in the interest of centering the academic mission of the University, work is currently being done with the Provost pro tem to strengthen the role of the Provost and the Provost Office. In order to better share information and to give the Provost more decision-making authority, two committees have been struck. The first is an Integrated Planning and IT Strategy Committee, with the second being the Capital Planning Committee. It was added that information and timelines will be shared on the recruitment of a new Provost and that the University will be seeking nominations for membership on the search committee.

The Chair reported that since the July meeting of Senate, two new Deans have been appointed. The first is Dr. Angela Brooks-Wilson, who has been named Dean of the Faculty of Science, effective October 31, 2022. Dr. Brooks-Wilson has recently served as Associate Vice-President, Research pro tem and as a professor and chair in the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology. The second is Dr. Laurel Weldon, who has been named Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective January 1, 2023. Dr. Weldon is a professor in the Department of Political Science and is a member of the Royal Society of Canada and an SFU distinguished professor.

The Chair reported that eight SFU scholars have been named to the Royal Society of Canada – six as Fellows and two as members of the society's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists. Congratulations was offered to David Chariandy, Wendy Hui Kyong Chun, Dana Lepofsky, Laura Marks, Judy Radul, Maite Taboada, Angela Kaida and Meghan Winters.

The Provost pro tem provided the following updates on enrolment:

- For Fall 2022, based on data up to day 45, it is estimated SFU will be 7% below target for international AFTEs and 2% above target for domestic AFTEs.
- For Fall 2022, headcount is estimated that SFU will be 7% below for new undergraduate international students and 13% above target for new undergraduate domestic students (about 545 more students than anticipated).
- At the graduate level, regular graduate AFTEs are up 4%.
- Based on data up to day 45, it is estimated the final non-coop Graduate Specialty AFTE figure will be 14% below targets, with some of that due to large co-op enrolment relative to last year (186 vs. 48).
- SFU is seeing a higher than normal melt rate among international students that accepted offers but did not show up, likely as the result of visa processing issues and other factors.

2. Annual Financial Report (S.22-86)

Senate received the Annual Financial Report for information.

3. **Revised Senate Library Committee (SLC) Terms of Reference (S.22-87)**
Senate approved revisions to the Senate Library Committee (SLC) Terms of Reference.
4. **External Review Mid-Cycle Report for Department of Earth Sciences (S.22-89)**
Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for Department of Earth Sciences for information.
5. **External Review Mid-Cycle Report for School of Engineering Sciences (S.22-90)**
Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for School of Engineering Sciences for information.
6. **Senate Committee Elections (S.22-91)**
Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for Senate committees.
7. **Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Report: 2021/22 Grades Report (S.22-92)**
Senate received the Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Report: 2021/22 Grades Report for information.
8. **Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Report: 2021 Undergraduate Student Survey (UGSS) Report (S.22-93)**
Senate received the Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Report: 2021 Undergraduate Student Survey (UGSS) Report for information.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the December Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the September 2022 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-35586>.

If you have any questions regarding this summary, please contact Steven Noel, Senate Assistant, at 778-782-3168 or senate@sfu.ca.