



SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2023

1. **Report of the Chair**

The Chair recognized winners of the 2022 Awards for Excellence in Teaching: Nancy Forde, professor - Department of Physics; Brian Fraser, senior lecturer, School of Computing Science; Daniel Murdoch, senior lecturer, School of Criminology; Yuthika Girme, professor – Department of Psychology; Leanne Roderick, lecturer – Department of Geography; Joanna Woo, lecturer – Department of Physics; Amanda Watson, senior lecturer - Department of Sociology and Anthropology; and Diane Finegood, professor – Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology.

The Chair reported that a statement was issued last week regarding the honorary degree of Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond stating that SFU has accepted the return of the Honorary Doctorate of Laws awarded to Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond in 2016. The Senate Committee on University Honours reviewed the requests to revoke her honorary degree and determined there were appropriate grounds to proceed, and following the procedures for revoking an honorary degree recently passed at Senate, Turpel-Lafond was informed by the university that revocation was under consideration. She was provided an opportunity to return the degree voluntarily or to make representations on the issue at hand, and at that time Turpel-Lafond declined to make any such representation and opted to return the degree.

The Chair reported that SFU has been approached by the Royal Society of Canada to host their annual symposium in 2024. The theme for the Royal Society Symposium will likely center on community centered climate innovation.

The Chair reported that as part of the steps for the launch and implementation of SFU's new strategic plan, the University hosted a townhall on March 23rd for faculty and staff to ask more questions about the plan. It was attended by members of the executive team and had 250 people attend the online event.

The Chair thanked Senate for its discussion and collaborative resolution at the March Senate meeting regarding changes to SFU's Research Ethics Board (REB). At that meeting, Senate endorsed the appointment of a special joint committee comprised of one member of the REB, and two members each from the Board of Governors and Senate. Jeremy Snyder has been named as the representative of the REB, Dan Laitsch and Stephen Spector have been elected as representatives of Senate, while Carol Herbert and Michael McDonald will represent the Board. It is hoped that two meetings of the joint committee can be scheduled in the coming weeks to move towards a resolution.

The Chair reported that there has been discussion around reviving the Senate-Board of Governors retreat, with a potential date in either October or November. The topic for the retreat will be the SFU medical school.

2. Report of the Provost

The Provost reported that the Beedie School of Business and the Faculty of Environment have offered a Joint Major in Sustainable Business since 2014, but that changes that came through Senate were deemed sufficient enough for the University to go to the Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB) and seek confirmation that it would still be able to provide that degree. The DQAB confirmed that the degree has been approved under the new format.

The Provost reported that the provincial government has been talking about the distribution of tech seats for the last 18 months and an official announcement around this is expected in the near future.

In terms of the medical school, the Provost reported that work continues on the business case, focusing on the resources needed and gathering information from collaborating institutions and consulting teams to capture the requirements to do proper costing for the program. The University is also working with UBC to develop a complementary framework moving forward. Kris Magnusson, Dean of Education, has been partially seconded to support the medical program.

The Provost reported that progress continues in the search for the Dean of Graduate Studies, with three candidates being identified, and in the search for Dean of Education, with a shortlist being identified and interviews taking place in the next couple of weeks.

3. Senate Appeals Board (SAB) Annual Report 2022 (S.23-45)

Senate received the Senate Appeals Board (SAB) Annual Report 2022 for information.

4. Program Name Change for the Certificate in Creative Technologies in Digital Journalism (S.23-46)

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the program name change from the Certificate in Creative Technologies in Digital Journalism to the Certificate in Digital Journalism within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Fall 2023.

- Program: Creative Technologies in Digital Journalism Certificate

5. Program Name Change for Theatre (Performance Stream) (S.23-47)

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the program name change from Theatre (Performance Stream) to Theatre and Performance in the School for the Contemporary Arts within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Fall 2023.

- Program: Theatre (Performance Stream) Major
- Program: Theatre (Performance Stream) Honours

6. General Education Curriculum Committee Recommendations (S.23-48)

Senate approved the recommendations of the General Education Curriculum Committee.

7. Request for Renewal Extension for the Institute for Black and African Diaspora Research and Engagement (S.23-49)

Senate received Request for Renewal Extension for the Institute for Black and African Diaspora Research and Engagement for information.

- 8. English Language and Culture (ELC) Conditional Admission Pathway (S.23-50)**
Senate approved the three-year pilot Undergraduate Conditional Admission Pathway Program for international application effective January 2024.
- 9. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.23-51)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2023:
- i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**
 - a) School of Computing Science**
 - Program: Computing Science Honours
 - Program: Computing Science Major
 - b) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering**
 - Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering Major
 - Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Business Double Degree Program
 - Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering Honours
 - ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**
 - a) Economics**
 - Program: Economics Major
 - Program: Economics Minor
 - Program: Economics Extended Minor
 - Program: Economics Honours
 - Program: Business and Economics Joint Major
 - Program: Business and Economics Joint Honours
 - Program: Political Science and Economics Joint Major
 - b) Global Asia Program**
 - Program: Global Asia Minor
 - c) Labour Studies Program**
 - Program: Labour Studies Major
 - Program: Labour Studies Minor
 - Program: Labour Studies Certificate in Workplace Rights
 - d) Philosophy**
 - Program: Philosophy Honours
 - e) Sociology and Anthropology**
 - Program: Anthropology Major
 - Program: Anthropology Minor
 - Program: Anthropology Extended Minor
 - Program: Anthropology and Archaeology Joint Major
 - Program: Anthropology and Communication Joint Major

- Program: Anthropology and Criminology Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology and Sociology Joint Major
- Program: Linguistics and Anthropology Joint Major
- Program: Sociology Major
- Program: Sociology Minor
- Program: Sociology Extended Minor
- Program: Sociology and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Sociology and Criminology Joint Major
- Program: Sociology and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology Honours
- Program: Sociology and Anthropology Joint Honours
- Program: Sociology Honours

f) *World Languages and Literatures*

- Program: Italian Studies Minor
- Program: World Literature Honours
- Program: World Literature Extended Minor
- Program: World Literature Minor
- Program: World Literature and History Joint Major
- Program: World and Literature and International Studies Joint Major
- Program: World Literature Major

iii) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Business and Geography Joint Major
- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Business Double Degree Program
- Program: Business and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Major
- Program: Business and Psychology Joint Major
- Program: Business, Philosophy and the Law Joint Major
- Program: Information Systems in Business Administration and Computing Science Joint Major
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BA or BBA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BSc
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Administration Joint Major
- Program: Sustainable Business Joint Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Administration Joint Honours
- Program: Business Major
- Program: Business Honours
- Program: Innovation and Entrepreneurship Certificate
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Honours
- Requirement changes to Course Access Information and Grade Requirements

iv) Faculty of Environment

a) Geography

- Program: Business and Geography Joint Major
- Program: Human Geography Major
- Program: Human Geography Honours
- Program: Global Environmental Systems Major
- Program: Global Environmental Systems Honours
- Program: Physical Geography Major
- Program: Physical Geography Honours
- Program: Climate Change and Society Minor

b) School of Environmental Science

- Program: Environmental Science Major
- Program: Environmental Science Honours

v) Faculty of Science

a) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

- Program: Kinesiology Major
- Program: Kinesiology Honours
- Program: Professional Kinesiology Certificate

b) Chemistry

- Program: Chemistry and Earth Sciences Joint Major
- Program: Chemistry and Earth Science Joint Honours

c) Statistics and Actuarial Science

- Program: Actuarial Science Major
- Program: Actuarial Science Honours
- Program: Data Science Major
- Program: Data Science Honours

10. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.23-52)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Fall 2023:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Course (new): CMPT 478

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Dean of Arts Office

- Course (new): FASS 222, 223, 224, 225

b) *Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies*

- Course (new): GSWS 388

c) *Global Asia Program*

- Course (new): GA 388

d) *Labour Studies Program*

- Course (new): LBST 401

iii) Faculty of Education

- Course (new): EDUC 410 (effective Fall 2024)

iv) Faculty of Environment

a) *Geography*

- Course (new): GEOG 161, 461 (effective Fall 2024)

v) Faculty of Science

a) *Chemistry*

- Course (new): CHEM 296, 396

11. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.23-53)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2023:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) *School of Computing Science*

- Course (prerequisite): CMPT 210
- Course (description): MACM 101

b) *School of Sustainable Energy Engineering*

- Course (prerequisite): SEE 352

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *School of Criminology*

- Course (title, description): CRIM 311

b) *Sociology and Anthropology*

- Course (prerequisite, title, description): SA 351, 352

iii) Beedie School of Business

- Course (prerequisite): BUS 314, 338, 424
- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): BUS 320

- Course (equivalency): BUS 321
- Course (description): BUS 374
- Course (description, prerequisite): BUS 421
- Course (prerequisite): BUS 314, 338 (effective Fall 2024)

iv) Faculty of Science

a) Chemistry

- Course (description, prerequisite): CHEM 317

b) Dean of Science Office

- Course (description, units, prerequisite): SCI 190

12. Graduate Program Changes (S.23-54)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2023:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Sustainability Energy Engineering

- Program: Sustainable Energy Engineering MASc
- Program: Sustainable Energy Engineering PhD

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Economics

- Program: Economics MA

b) Linguistics

- Program: Linguistics MA

iii) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Management of Technology MBA

iv) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) Publishing Program

- Program: Publishing MPub

13. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.23-55)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Fall 2023:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Course (new): CMPT 722

b) School of Sustainable Energy Engineering

- Course (new): SEE 810, 811

ii) Beedie School of Business

- Course (new): BUS 742

iii) Faculty of Science

a) Mathematics

- Course (new): MATH 726, 750, 775

b) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

- Course (new): MBB 778

14. Graduate Course Changes (S.23-56)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2023:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Sustainability Energy Engineering

- Course (description, seminar hours): SEE 896, 897

ii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) Publishing Program

- Course (units): PUB 899, 900

iii) Faculty of Environment

a) Archeology

- Course (title, description): ARCH 872, 873, 892

b) School of Resource and Environmental Management

- Course (title, description, prerequisite): REM 602
- Course (title): REM 644
- Course (title, description, equivalency): REM 611, 643, 646, 801
- Course (description, equivalency): REM 621

15. Graduate Course Reinstatement (S.23-57)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course reinstatement, effective Fall 2023:

i) Beedie School of Business

- Course (reinstatement): BUS 814

16. Senate Committee Elections (S.23-58 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 February 2023 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-35924>.

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