

## SENATE SUMMARY

### MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2012

#### 1. **Report of the Chair**

Senate was informed that the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities has accepted SFU as a candidate for accreditation. Appreciation was expressed to all who have been involved with this process.

It was reported that there continues to be concern around funding from the provincial and federal governments but that steps have been taken, in the form of a recent visit to Ottawa and a planned visit to Victoria, to raise the profile of SFU and the importance of research funding in general.

The chair highlighted a few important dates that are coming up. A public launch of SFU's strategic vision is planned for February 20, 2012. It was noted that the tag line "thinking of the world" will be changing to "engaging the world" as approved by the Board at a recent meeting. On March 13, 2012, the chair will be taking part in a panel discussion at the British Council Going Global conference on the role of the university in contributing to society. An open house event is planned at SFU's Burnaby campus on May 26, 2012.

Steve Henslow was acknowledged for his many years of service at SFU and with Senate in the area of audio-visual support. This was his last Senate meeting due to his retirement.

#### 2. **Dissolution of the Major and Joint Majors in Latin American Studies (S.12-28)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Major and Joint Majors in Latin American Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Beedie School of Business, Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology and Faculty of Environment, effective Fall 2012.

#### 3. **New Certificate: Environmental Literacy (S.12-29)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in Environmental Literacy within the Faculty of Environment, effective September 2012.

#### 4. **New Program: Joint Major and Honours in Earth Sciences and Chemistry (S.12-30)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Joint Major and Honours in Earth Sciences and Chemistry in the Departments of Earth Sciences and Chemistry within the Faculty of Science, effective September 2012.

#### 5. **Admission Changes to Business Minor (S.12-31)**

Senate approved the admission changes to the Business Minor Program within the Beedie School of Business, effective Fall 2012.

6. **Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.12-32)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2012:
- a) **Psychology**
    - Program: removal of minimum grade requirements for Psyc 100 and 102 for all Psyc programs
  - b) **Criminology**
    - Course: retain CRIM 411 as temporarily withdrawn
7. **Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.12-33)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2012:
- a) **Business**
    - Program: requirement changes to minor program
    - Course (credits, title, description, prerequisite): BUS 341
    - Courses (new): BUS 311, BUS 340, BUS 401
8. **Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.12-34)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2012:
- a) **Education**
    - Program: requirement changes to International and Global Education minor program
    - Course (deleted): EDPR 412, EDPR 415
9. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.12-35)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2012:
- a) **Mathematics**
    - Course (title, description, prerequisite): MATH 402W
    - Course (prerequisite): MATH 408, MATH 252 (effective Spring 2012)
  - b) **Chemistry**
    - Course (WQB): Q/B-Sci designation for CHEM 109
  - c) **Temporarily Withdrawn Courses**
    - BISC 429, BISC 429W, KIN 180, MATH 370, MBB 309, MBB 413
10. **Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) Annual Report (S.12-36)**  
Senate received the 2010 – 2011 annual report of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies for information.

**11. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.12-37)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2012:

*a) School of Engineering Science*

- Program: change in requirements to Doctor of Philosophy program
- Course (description): ENSC 820
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): ENSC 853

**12. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.12-38)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2012:

*a) Business (MBA and MOT MBA)*

- Courses (title): BUS 704, BUS 710, BUS 714, BUS 718, BUS 757

**13. Senate Nominating Committee (S.12-39)**

Senate received a summary of the outstanding vacancies for positions elected by Senate on Senate committees.

**14. Academic Dates 2012 – 2015 (S.12-40)**

Senate was informed that the schedule of academic dates was revised due to the addition of a Family Day approved by the provincial government starting in February of 2013. As a result, the reading break has been moved and shortened to four days in order to include the Family Day. Senate approved the schedule of academic dates for 2012 to 2015.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the next Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the February 2012 Senate documents at <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-16884>

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