

SENATE SUMMARY

MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2013

1. **Report of the Chair**

The Chair reported that SFU maintained its position in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings in the 226th to 250th bracket and 13th in Canada. In the QS World University Rankings, SFU leapt 38 steps over the previous year to 244th in the world, 67th in North America and 12th in Canada.

The Chair reported on recent research accomplishments. Mark Collard of the Department of Archaeology, along with two SFU post-doctoral fellows, Jessica Munson and Jonathan Scholnick, are co-principal investigators on a three-year, \$829,000 project funded by the National Science Foundation and led by UC-Davis. Dugan O'Neil, Bernd Stelzer, and Michel Vetterli of the Department of Physics, are members of the international team receiving the 2013 European Physics Society prize for High-Energy Particle Physics for their discovery of the Higgs boson at CERN. SFU researchers collectively were awarded more than \$3.5 million in grants from SSHRC in the last Insight and Insight Development grants competition.

The Chair reported that, as President, he tabled his goals and objectives for the coming year with the Board of Governors and they have approved them. The President will focus on the issue of course access for students. The President's goals and objectives are now posted on his website (<http://www.sfu.ca/pres/reports-initiatives/goals13-14.html>).

The Chair reported on recent events including the SFU Public Square and the Truth and Reconciliation week. The Chair acknowledged individuals involved in the coordination of on-campus Week of Reconciliation activities: Clay Gray, a student who led the initiative from the student side; William Lindsay of the Office of Aboriginal Peoples and his staff, Nicole Rogers and Trina Isakson who served as project manager; and elder Margaret George, among many others who participated. The week included a well-attended event at the SFU Theatre, with speaker Karen Joseph and residential school survivors. The Walk for Reconciliation was held the following Sunday with a significant turnout, including the Minister of Advanced Education – an SFU alumnus. The Chair thanked Senate for their decision to encourage faculty members to accommodate students who participated in these initiatives, and noted that the University was able to provide a consciousness-raising, educational experience and the opportunity to participate in off-campus Week of Reconciliation events.

The Chair reported that convocation would be happening later that week and noted that this would be Kate Ross's last convocation and her last Senate meeting at SFU. The Chair expressed his appreciation on behalf of Senate for all that she has done for Senate and for the University.

- 2. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.13-121)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2014:

 - a) History*

 - Courses (B-Hum designation): HIST/IS 265, HIST/HS 276, HIST/HS 278, HIST/HS 279, HIST 285
- 3. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.13-122)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2014:

 - a) School of Interactive Art and Technology*

 - Course (new): IAT 339
- 4. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.13-123)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2014:

 - Courses (prerequisite): EDUC 342W, EDUC 343
- 5. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.13-124)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2014:

 - a) Biological Sciences*

 - Programs: Biological Sciences Major and Honours
 - Course (prerequisite): BISC 405
 - Courses (title, description and prerequisite): BISC 471, BISC 472, BISC 473, BISC 474, BISC 475
 - Courses (description and prerequisite): BISC 497W, BISC 498
 - Course (description): BISC 499
 - b) Chemistry*

 - Course (title and prerequisite): CHEM 483
 - c) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology*

 - Program: Kinesiology Major and Honours
 - Program: Biomedical Physiology Major and Honours

- 6. General Graduate Regulation 1.10.4 (S.13-125)**
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the revision of GGR 1.10.4, Submission of the Thesis to the Library.
- 7. General Graduate Regulation 1.11 (S.13-126)**
Senate approved the revision of GGR 1.11, Publication of Thesis.
- 8. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.13-127)**
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2014:

 - Program: Management of Technology Master of Business Administration
 - Course (prerequisite): BUS 555
- 9. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.13-128)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2014:

 - Program: Arts Education Doctor of Philosophy
 - Program: Curriculum Theory and Implementation Doctor of Philosophy
 - Program: Doctor of Education
 - Program: Educational Technology and Learning Design Doctor of Philosophy
 - Program: Languages, Cultures and Literacies Doctor of Philosophy
 - Program: Mathematics Education Doctor of Philosophy
 - Courses (title and description): EDUC 931, EDUC 932
 - Course (prerequisite): EDUC 899
- 10. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.13-129)**

 - Courses (new): HSCI 808, HSCI 858
- 11. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.13-130)**

a) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

 - Course (new): BPK 858

b) Physics

 - Course (units): PHYS 801
- 12. Senate Committee Elections (S.13-131)**
Senate received a report from the Senate Nominating Committee on the positions that were elected by acclamation, and outstanding vacancies.

- 13. Presidential Re-Appointment Review Committee Election (S.13-132)**
Senate received a report of the election results to select the student and faculty senator members for the Presidential Re-Appointment Review Committee.

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 October Senate documents <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-21387>.

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