

SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2014

1. **Report of the Chair**

On behalf of Senate, the Chair welcomed its new members: Dr. Mary-Ellen Kelm, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, who will be Acting Dean of Graduate Studies until January 2015; and Dr. Uwe Glässer, Associate Dean of Applied Sciences, who will be Acting Dean of Applied Sciences until February 2015.

The Chair reported on the recent call for proposals for the SFU Community Trust Endowment Fund (CTEF), which channels revenue from the UniverCity development to support the Strategic Research Plan. Funding decisions are expected in early 2015. Up to three projects may be awarded \$200,000-300,000 per year over five years.

The Chair reported on world rankings of universities. In the QS ranking of the world's top universities, SFU leapt 22 places to 222nd in the world and 12th in Canada. SFU moved up one position in the Top 50 Under 50 ranking to 16th in the world, 3rd in North America, and 2nd in Canada. In the Times Higher Education ranking, while other Canadian universities dropped, SFU held its place in the 226th-250th group. These rankings add to the compelling evidence that SFU, nearing its 50th anniversary, is increasingly recognized around the world for its research excellence and the educational quality of its programs.

The Chair reported that Senator Nick Hedley from Geography is the co-designer of the CLIVE 3D geovisualization program that won the People's Choice Award sponsored by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

The Chair reminded Senate of convocation on October 9th and 10th. He noted that two outstanding individuals would receive honorary degrees at those ceremonies: Sir Mason Durie, an expert on Indigenous and Maori development and professor emeritus at Massey University in New Zealand; and Dr. Ahmed Zewail, the Linus Pauling Chair, professor of chemistry and physics at the California Institute of Technology, and recipient of many international awards for his contributions to science and public life, including the 1999 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

The Chair reported that he, Vice-President, Research Joy Johnson, and others would be joining the BC premier's trade mission to India the week of October 13th. The mission is an opportunity to advance SFU's presence in India and to showcase SFU's emerging innovation initiatives and research relationships. SFU is expecting to sign an agreement, supported by the Indian government, to create a visitorship for Indian scholars to come to SFU.

The Chair reported that the SFU Public Square Community Summit 2014 will take place October 19th to 24th under the theme "Innovation: the Shock of the

Possible”. A number of events and dialogues are scheduled, including “Will Innovation Save Us?”, a discussion with futurist Ray Kurzweil of Google and urban theorist Richard Florida and moderated by CBC’s Amanda Lang. Senators are invited to attend the event at no charge.

2. Academic Dates 2014-2017 (S.14-102a)

Senate approved the revised Schedule of Academic Dates 2015-2017.

3. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.14-118)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2015:

a) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering

- Course (new): MSE 405W
- Course (description/prerequisite): MSE 410
- Course (W designation): MSE 411W

4. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.14-119)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2015:

a) Publishing Program

- Program: Print and Digital Publishing Minor

5. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.14-120)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2015:

- Program: Concurrent Bachelor’s-Master’s in Health Sciences

6. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.14-121)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2015:

a) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering

- Course (new): MSE 884

7. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Beedie School of Business (S.14-122)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2015:

- Course (title): BUS 719

8. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Education (S.14-123)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2015:

- Program: Master of Arts in Educational Leadership
- Program: Master of Education in Educational Leadership

9. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.14-124)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2015:

a) School of Resource and Environmental Management

- Courses (new): ECO 611, 621, 622, 641

10. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.14-125)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2015:

- Program: Master of Science in Health Sciences
- Program: Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences
- Course (title/description): HSCI 902
- Course (units/title/description/grading/prerequisite): HSCI 903
- Courses (deletion): HSCI 904, 905

11. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.14-126)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2015:

a) Physics

- Course (new): PHYS 822

12. Senate Committee Elections (S.14-127)

Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for the Senate committees.

13. NWCCU Accreditation – Mid-Cycle Self Evaluation Report (S.14-128)

Senate received for information the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Mid-Cycle Self Evaluation Report - September 2014.

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-24083>

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