

## SENATE SUMMARY

### MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2017

#### 1. Report of the Chair

The Chair thanked Vice-Chair Peter Tingling for chairing the November meeting of Senate.

The Chair reported that he, along with Vice-President, Research and International Joy Johnson, led a mission to build upon our relationships with partner universities in Hong Kong, Singapore, Beijing, and Shanghai by looking at issues such as student exchange agreements, joint academic programs, and research collaborations. The mission allowed SFU to advance a range of other initiatives, notably in Singapore where we successfully bid to the Board of the *Asia Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE)* to host the 2020 APAIE conference in Vancouver. In Beijing, meetings were held with the Vice Minister of Environmental Protection and Secretary General of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) to discuss SFU's continuing role as the Canadian Executing Agency for the CCICED Project. Another objective of the mission was to engage with our growing number of alumni and pursue a number of advancement opportunities and connect with co-op and exchange students.

The Chair reported that in 2016 SFU International and Student Services coordinated a multi-pronged initiative to address refugee related issues. Engagement with refugee communities included research, scholarships, and support services for refugee students. Achievements to date include increasing the number of scholarships for refugee students from 4 to 6, engaging over 150 stakeholders in public events, and training and participating on community-based committees. This fall, the mandate was expanded to include newcomers and work is under way to expand support for students, research and community engagement.

The Chair reported that SFU has recently become a member of *Scholars at Risk*, an organization with a network 450 institutions worldwide that places scholars who face persecution for their academic work. An advisory committee and process have been established to select, receive and support scholars.

The Chair reported that the *Aboriginal Reconciliation Council (ARC)* presented its final report to the University in October. University Administration is now reviewing the *Calls to Action* with the help of the Office of Aboriginal Peoples and the Indigenous Student Centre. The goal is to come up with a plan to respond to the Calls to Action and do so in a way that respects the principles set up in the ARC report. The first and perhaps most important of those principles is *Nothing About Us Without Us*, which means we're going to have to consult and implement many of the *Calls to Action* to ensure we are meeting the aspirations of

indigenous students, faculty and community members, while also advancing the interest of the general University community. Senators are encouraged to review the report and familiarize themselves with the 33 *Calls to Action* and the 5 *Principles*.

After a question was asked at the September Senate meeting about recognizing SFU's location on traditional First Nations lands, the Chair reported that such recognition would be provided at the start of our calendar year in January and again at the start of the academic year in September, as a way of framing our work and acknowledging that we are privileged to be situated on the traditional territories of the Tsleil-Waututh, Squamish and Musqueam peoples.

The Chair reported that in November, SFU researchers were granted \$3.9 million in research funding for 64 proposals including projects under *Canadian Institutes of Health Research*, the *Canada Foundation for Innovation*, *Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council*, *Mitacs* and *BC Knowledge Development Fund*. Also, *Canada Research Chairs* officially announced the following appointments on November 30th:

- Mark Collard (Archeology), Canada Research Chair in Evolutionary Studies - moving from a Tier 2 to a Tier 1.
- Timothy Audas (MBB), NSERC Canada Research Chair in Functional RNA and Cellular Stress - new Tier 2.
- Bernard Crespi (Biological Sciences), NSERC Canada Research Chair in Evolutionary Genetics and Psychology - new Tier 1.
- Mila Lazarova (Beedie), SSHRC Canada Research Chair in Global Workforce Management - renewed Tier 2.

**2. Establishment of the Institute on Violence, Terrorism, and Security (S.17-103)**

Senate approved the establishment of the Institute on Violence, Terrorism, and Security as a research institute for a five-year term.

**3. Full Program Proposal for the Social Justice in Education Minor Program (S.17-104)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the full program proposal for the Social Justice in Education Minor Program within the Faculty of Education, effective Summer 2018.

**4. External Review of the Department of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies (S.17-105)**

Senate approved the Action Plan for the Department of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies that resulted from its External Review.

**5. External Review of the Department of History (S.17-106)**

Senate approved the Action Plan for the Department of History that resulted from its External Review.

- 6. External Review of the Department of Philosophy (S.17-107)**  
That Senate approve the Action Plan for the Department of Philosophy that resulted from its External Review.
- 7. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.17-108)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Summer 2018:
  - i) Beedie School of Business**
    - Course (prerequisite): BUS 303, 311, 312, 314, 315, 316, 318, 320, 321, 322, 336, 338, 340, 341, 342, 343, 345, 346, 347, 360W, 361, 362, 371, 374, 381, 393, 394, 395, 396 (effective Fall 2018)
  - ii) Faculty of Environment**
    - a) Archaeology**
      - Course (prerequisite): ARCH 312, 313
- 8. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.17-109)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposal, effective Fall 2018:
  - i) Faculty of Environment**
    - a) Geography**
      - Course (new): GEOG 150
- 9. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.17-110)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Summer 2018:
  - i) Beedie School of Business**
    - Program: Business Major (effective Fall 2018)
    - Program: Business Honours (effective Fall 2018)
    - Program: Business Minor (effective Fall 2018)
  - ii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**
    - Program: Double Minor
      - a) School of Interactive Arts and Technology**
        - Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Major BA
        - Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Major BSc

- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Honours BA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Honours BSc
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Second Degree BA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Second Degree BSc

**b) School of Communication**

- Program: Communication Honours

**iii) Faculty of Science**

**a) Mathematics**

- Program: Mathematics Major
- Program: Mathematics Honours
- Program: Applied Mathematics Major
- Program: Applied Mathematics Honours
- Program: Operations Research Major
- Program: Operations Research Honours

**10. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.17-111)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Summer 2018:

**i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

**a) School of Criminology**

- Course (deletion): CRIM 465

**b) Centre for Hellenic Studies**

- Course (deletion): HS 437 (effective Fall 2018)
- Course (prerequisite): HS 312, 313

**c) History**

- Course (prerequisite): HIST 373
- Course (description): HIST 376, 494

**d) School for International Studies**

- Course (deletion): IS 408, 418
- Course (prerequisite): IS 313W
- Course (number, prerequisite): IS 412
- Course (title): IS 428

**e) Labour Studies**

- Course (title, description, prerequisite): LBST 301W (effective Fall 2018)
- Course (description, prerequisite, B-Soc designation): LBST 310 (effective Fall 2018)
- Course (description, equivalency): LBST 330 (effective Fall 2018)

**f) Political Science**

- Course (title, description): POL 312
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): POL 426W
- Course (W designations): POL 405, 416, 421, 451

**g) Psychology**

- Course (prerequisite): PSYC 493, 494, 495

**ii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**

**a) School of Communication**

- Course (prerequisite): CMNS 443, 445

**iii) Faculty of Health Sciences**

- Course (deletion): HSCI 371, 399, 499
- Course (prerequisite): HSCI 408, 481, 483, 484, 485, 486
- Course (description): HSCI 441

**iv) Faculty of Science**

**a) Earth Sciences**

- Course (Q designation): EASC 305

**b) Physics**

- Course (description, prerequisite): PHYS 100

**c) Statistics and Actuarial Science**

- Course (number, prerequisite): STAT 101
- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): STAT 180, 201, 203
- Course (prerequisite): STAT 240
- Course (description): STAT 302, 305, 403

**11. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.17-112)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Summer 2018:

**i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

**a) School of Criminology**

- Course (new): CRIM 423

**b) Economics**

- Course (new): ECON 433

**c) Centre for Hellenic Studies**

- Course (new): HS 201 (effective Fall 2018)

**d) School for International Studies**

- Course (new): IS 305, 307, 323, 355, 423

**e) Labour Studies**

- Course (new): LBST 331, 431 (effective Fall 2018)
- Course (new): LBST 202, 312 (effective Fall 2018)

**f) Political Science**

- Course (new): POL 318

**ii) Faculty of Science**

**a) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry**

- Course (new): MBB 243

**12. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.17-113)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Summer 2018:

**i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

**a) English**

- Program: English Minor
- Program: Creative Writing Certificate

**b) First Nations Studies**

- Program: Archaeology and First Nations Studies Joint Major

**c) School for International Studies**

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

**d) Labour Studies**

- Program: Labour Studies Major (effective Fall 2018)
- Program: Labour Studies Minor (effective Fall 2018)
- Program: Labour Studies Certificate (effective Fall 2018)

**e) Psychology**

- Program: Psychology Major
- Program: Psychology Honours
- Program: Psychology Minor
- Program: Psychology Extended Minor
- Program: Criminology and Psychology Joint Major
- Program: Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies and Psychology Joint Major

- Program: Business and Psychology Joint Major
- Program: Psychology with Applied Behaviour Analysis Concentration Major
- Program: Behavioural Neuroscience Major
- Program: Psychology with Applied Behaviour Analysis Concentration Honours

## ii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

### a) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology*

- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Major BSc
- Program: Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology Joint Major BA
- Program: Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology Joint Major BSc
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BA or BBA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BSc

## iii) Faculty of Health Sciences

- Program: Health Sciences Minor

## iv) Faculty of Science

### a) *Earth Science*

- Program: Earth Science Major (effective Fall 2018)
- Program: Earth Science Honours (effective Fall 2018)

### b) *Statistics and Actuarial Science*

- Program: Statistics Major
- Program: Statistics Honours
- Program: Statistics Minor
- Program: Actuarial Science Major
- Program: Actuarial Science Honours

### c) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry*

- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Major (effective Fall 2018)
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Honours (effective Fall 2018)

### **13. Graduate Course Changes (S.17-114)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Summer 2018:

#### **i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

- Course (deletion): CMPT 505, 601, 602, 725, 730, 731, 755, 760, 821, 842, 852
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): CMPT 765, 781, 826
- Course (deletion): ENSC 806, 834, 855, 856, 857, 883
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): ENSC 832
- Course (deletion): MSE 870

#### **ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

- Course (deletion): CRIM 821

#### **iii) Beedie School of Business**

- Course (grading): BUS 877, 878
- Course (deletion): BUS 507, 512, 527, 528, 536, 543, 604, 688, 701, 815, 817, 863, 868
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): BUS 875

#### **iv) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**

- Course (deletion): CMNS 805
- Course (deletion): IAT 845
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): IAT 844, 847, 861, 862

#### **v) Faculty of Environment**

- Course (deletion): ENV 650
- Course (deletion): GEOG 626, 641, 644, 645, 656, 666, 685
- Course (deletion): REM 609, 632, 633, 636, 645, 671, 672

#### **vi) Faculty of Health Sciences**

- Course (deletion): HSCI 828, 848, 851, 868
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): HSCI 726, 777, 858

#### **vii) Faculty of Science**

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): BPK 804, 810, 821, 825, 835
- Course (reinstatement): EASC 621
- Course (title, description): EASC 603
- Course (deletion): EASC 614, 618
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): EASC 615



- Course (deletion): MATH 601, 602, 605, 738, 826, 836, 893, 897
- Course (deletion): MBB 506, 611, 612, 613, 802, 811, 812, 813, 824, 825, 827, 828, 831, 832, 834
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): MBB 737, 742, 835
- Course (deletion): STAT 883

**14. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.17-115)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Summer 2018:

**i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

- Course (new): ECON 985, 986, 987, 988

**ii) Faculty of Education**

- Course (new): EDUC 934, 935

**15. Graduate Program Changes (S.17-116)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Summer 2018:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

- Program: Professional MSc in Computer Science

**ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

- Program: Economics MA
- Program: Economics PhD
- Program: Political Science MA
- Program: Political Science PhD

**iii) Beedie School of Business**

- Program: Management of Technology MBA

**iv) Faculty of Education**

- Program: Education Technology and Learning Design MEd

**16. Senate Library Committee Annual Report 2016-2017 (S.17-117)**

Senate received for information the Senate Library Committee Annual Report 2016-2017.

**17. Election Report to Senate (S.17-118)**

Senate received for information a summary of the results of the student election to Senate and the Board of Governors, the convocation election to Senate, and the faculty election to Senate.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the January Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the December 2017 Senate documents <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-32055>

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