

SENATE SUMMARY

MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2018

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported on recent research grant successes:

- Computing Science professor Richard Zhang secured a \$3 million commitment from *Huawei Canada* to set up the *Huawei-SFU Visual Computing Joint Lab* with the aim of developing novel concepts and techniques in visual computing and machine learning.
- Mechatronics professor Siamak Arzanpour has been awarded \$150,000 dollars from the *Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research* for a 2-year project on *An Advanced Wearable Robotic Exoskeleton for Assisting People with Lower Limb Disability*.
- Engineering professor Marinko Sarunic has been awarded \$150,000 from the *Michael Smith Foundation* for a 2-year project on *Cellular Resolution Clinical Retinal Imaging*.
- Mechatronics professor Farid Golnaraghi has been awarded a \$132,500 from the *Michael Smith Foundation* for a project on *Assessment of breast cancer and response to systematic therapy before surgery using diffuse optical imaging technology*.

The Chair reported that five SFU faculty members were admitted to *the Royal Society of Canada (RSC) Fellowship and College* in September. *RSC Fellows* include Fiona Brinkman (professor of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry), Richard Lockhard (professor of Statistics and Actuarial Sciences), and Jin-me Yoon (professor in the School of Contemporary Arts). *RSC College* members include Hugo Cardoso (professor of Archaeology) and Deanna Reder (professor of Indigenous Literature).

The Chair reported that the SFU Alumni Association awarded four outstanding alumni awards to:

- Peter Akman, BA '99, Toronto Bureau Reporter for CTV National News.
- Betsy Gibbons, EMBA '87, BA '68, charter alumni, former Chair of the *Health Employers Association*, member of the *Public Sector Employers' Council of B.C.*, and director of the *Kay Meek Centre*.
- Ryan Beedie, BBA '91, President of the *Beedie Development Group*.
- Steven Holdcroft, PhD '87, SFU professor, and *Canada Research Chair in Electrochemical Materials*.

The Chair reported that SFU celebrated the official opening of the SFU *Image Tech Lab* on September 18th. Located at *Surrey Memorial Hospital*, this is a first of its kind research facility in Western Canada, combining MI and MEG brain imaging capacities. Also, *KEY*, SFU's Big Data Initiative, hosted a week

workshops from September 24-27, providing instruction and hands-on experience to participating SFU community members.

The Chair reported on recent and upcoming events:

- Fall Convocation takes place on October 4th and 5th, with honorary degrees being awarded to primatologist Jane Goodall and psychology professor Alison Gopnik.
- During Convocation week, the *Chancellor's Distinguished Service Award* will be conferred on Barry McDonald in recognition of his service to the University as a member of the Board of Governors, the chair of the SFU Foundation, the chair of the SFU Community Trust Board and member of SFU's 50th Anniversary Campaign Cabinet.
- On October 19th SFU and UBC will bestow joint honorary Doctor of Laws degrees on His Highness the Aga Khan. The degrees recognize His Highness' lifelong philanthropic and humanitarian contributions.
- The *President's Dream Colloquium* got underway on September 13th with a public lecture on fake news by UW professor Jevin West. Mario Pinto, former SFU Vice-President, Research and *NSERC* President is lecturing this evening on *Knowledge sharing and social reasonability*, while on October 10th John Borrows, *UVic Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law* will be speaking on *Collaborating with indigenous communities in research*.
- SFU Childcare celebrated its 50th Anniversary on September 21st.
- *Terry Fox Day* was celebrated on September 28th at all three campuses and raised over \$20,000.

A question was asked about the University's opinion on the funding of research by *Huawei*. Senate was informed that many Universities across Canada have accepted *Huawei* research funding and that when this matter came before the Board of Governors, a serious look was given to the nature of the research. The controversy tends to be focused on areas around IP rights and around research that may have security implications. The determination was that in this case, neither of those concerns arose and that this was going to significantly advance the cause of research in the areas of visual computing and machine learning and that the concerns that might have applied to other Huawei research initiatives did not apply here. It was added that the funding is software oriented research, and is highly collaborative with generous IP provisions.

2. Graduate Program Changes (S.18-94)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Summer 2019:

i) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School for the Contemporary Arts

- Program: Comparative Media Arts MA

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- Program: Fine Arts MFA

ii) Faculty of Education

- Program: Educational Practice MEd

3. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.18-95)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Summer 2019:

i) Faculty of Education

- Course (new): EDUC 718

4. Graduate Course Changes (S.18-96)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Summer 2019:

i) Faculty of Education

- Course (title, description, prerequisite): EDUC 807
- Course (description): EDUC 885

5. Senate Committee Elections (S.18-97 Revised)

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

6. Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Report – 2017 Undergraduate Student Survey (UGSS) Report (S.18-98)

Senate received the 2017 Undergraduate Student Survey (UGSS) Report for information.

7. Revisions to Code of Academic Integrity and Good Conduct (S.18-99)

a) Senate approved revisions to policies:

- S 10.01 - Student Academic Integrity Policy (formerly titled Code of Academic Integrity and Good Conduct, S 10.01 and portions of Principles and Procedures for Student Discipline, S10.02)
- S 10.02 - University Board on Student Discipline (formerly numbered S10.03)
- S 10.03 - Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (formerly numbered S 10.04)

Subject to approval from the Simon Fraser University Board of Governors, these revised policies would take effect on January 1, 2019.

- b) Senate received the revised Student Conduct Policy (Policy number to be determined) and its associated Procedures and Schedules for information

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the November Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the June 2018 Senate documents <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-33147>

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