SENATE SUMMARY
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2019

1. **Report of the Chair**

   The Chair reported that on November 1st, the Province announced $73 million financing for the construction of the Phase 2 of the SFU Residence expansion plan. Phase 2, a $104 million project, will include a new residence with units for 369 undergraduate students and an addition to the dining commons that will expand the current 256 seat facility to one that can accommodate up to 800 students. Phase 2, when combined with Phase 1, will provide accommodation for 850 undergraduate students. Not only will this provide much-needed student housing, but it will also relieve pressure on the regions housing market for the benefit of renters.

   The Chair reported that over the last year research income has risen from $142 million in 2018 to $161 million in 2019. It was noted that research income stood at $103 million in 2014, meaning there has been an approximately 60% increase in research income over a five year period.

   The Chair reported on recent research successes:

   - BMO recently pledged $2 million to further the work of the *First Nations Health Authority Chair in Heart Health and Wellness*, which is an initiative of the health authority, St. Paul's Hospital, and SFU. Jeff Reading of Health Sciences is the chair holder, and funds will support research and design features to promote and embed Indigenous health and wellness in the new St. Paul's Hospital.
   - Three SFU projects have received funding totaling $475,000 from *NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada) Collaborative Research and Development Grants*. The projects are led by Applied Sciences researchers Erik Kjeang, Woo Soo Kim, and Kamal Gupta.
   - Travis Salway of Health Sciences has received a *Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Scholar Career Award* of $450,000 for his project *Adapting B.C's Healthcare System for Equitable and Tailored Service Provision to Sexual and Gender Minorities*.

   The Chair reported that the *Public Knowledge Project* (*PKP*), directed by John Willinsky of SFU's Publishing Program, received an *Open Publishing Lifetime Contribution* award from the US-based *Coko Foundation*. Also, Marianne Ignace of Linguistics and First Nations Studies has won one of five *SSHRC* (*Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council*) *Impact Awards*, which celebrate the best ideas and research about people, thought, behavior and culture. The *Partnership Award*, which she will receive at a ceremony in the *National Arts Centre* later this year, recognizes her intellectual leadership and community co-

operation, and the impact she has had beyond the social sciences research community.

The Chair reported on research initiatives:

- The *Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute,* located at SFU after having moved from the University of Toronto, in partnership with SFU's Big Data Initiative and *Stats Canada*, held a national datathon competition that attracted students from SFU, Carlton, Concordia, MacEwan, and the University of New Brunswick.
- SFU Big Data Initiative representatives also attended *Connect 2019*, a data and digital transformation that engaged over 700 provincial public servants.
- SFU's Big Data Visionaries series explored the opportunities and risks of big data in the healthcare industry and its impact on health care providers and user's privacy.

The Chair reported that he, in his role as President, led a delegation to Mexico and Colombia to attend the *Conference of the Americas on International Education* (*CAIE*), which brought together higher education institutions, educational organizations and government representatives from throughout the Americas. Along with giving a presentation as part of a plenary panel on *Engaged Universities: Innovation and Development*, meetings were held with diplomatic and university partners to advance existing partnerships and to explore new areas for collaboration. The mission also provided an opportunity to promote *APAIE* 2020, the annual *Asia Pacific Association for International Education* conference that SFU will host in March of 2020.

The Chair reported that SFU recently welcomed two new scholars under the *Scholars at Risk* program. That program offers temporary academic positions to scholars facing threats such as imprisonment or censorship in their home countries. The scholars have asked not to be identified publicly as scholars at risk for personal safety reasons.

2. **Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications 2018/19 (S.19-104)**
    Senate received the Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications 2018/19 for information.

3. **Centres and Institutes Annual Report 2018/19 (S.19-105)**
    Senate received the Centres and Institutes Annual Report 2018/19 for information.

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4. **Undergraduate Program Changes (S.19-106)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Summer 2020:

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

    a) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology*
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Honours BA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Major BA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Honours BSc
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Major BSc
- Program: Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology Joint Major BSc
- Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology Joint Major BA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BA or BBA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BSc
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Second Degree BA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Second Degree BSc

5. **Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.19-107)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposal, effective Summer 2020:

i) **Faculty of Science**

    a) *Physics*
- Course (new): PHYS 416

6. **Undergraduate Course Changes (S.19-108)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Summer 2020:

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

    a) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology*
- Course (prerequisite): IAT 233, 267, 344, 351, 352, 355, 359, 410, 432

    b) *Publishing Program*
- Course (prerequisite): PUB 201
- Course (title): PUB 210W

7. **Graduate Program Changes (S.19-109)**
   Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Summer 2020:

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

      a) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology*
      - Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Accelerated MA
      - Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Accelerated MSc

8. **Graduate General Regulation (GGR) Revisions (S.19-110)**
   Senate approved revisions to GGR 1.8.2 (Review of Unsatisfactory Progress).

9. **Senate Committee Elections (S.19-111)**
   Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for Senate committees.

10. **Honour Roll Program – Revised Terms of Reference (S.19-112)**
    Senate received the Honour Roll Program – Revised Terms of Reference for information.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the December Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the November 2019 Senate documents: https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-33880.

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