

## SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2020

### 1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported, as was noted earlier that day in a communication to SFU community members, the University was subject to a privacy breach that affected the personal information of faculty, staff, students and alumni associated with the University prior to June 20, 2019. The breach occurred when SFU's system was subjected to a ransomware attack on February 27th. The issue was discovered and corrected on February 28th. Although Computing ID passwords were within that information, they are encrypted and therefore the advice is that they likely have not been compromised but out of an abundance of caution, people are being cautioned to change their SFU Computing ID password and use the new password when connecting to SFU Wi-Fi and online applications. No SFU systems are currently exposed.

The Chair reported that Dugan O'Neil has been appointed Vice-President, Research and International pro tem for the period July 1st, 2020 to June 31st, 2021.

The Chair reported that SFU has signed an agreement with Langara College that paves the way for Indigenous students to more easily transfer from the college to SFU to complete their degree programs. It will become effective in September 2020 and is a part of SFU's commitment to make it possible for more Indigenous students to study at SFU.

The Chair reported that SFU and the *First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)* announced a ground-breaking agreement that increases indigenous determination for Health Research. The agreement provides the Health Authority research affiliate status with SFU, and furthers SFU's commitment to reconciliation and recognizes the right of First Nations to control all aspects of health research and data that impacts them.

The Chair reported that Education professor Daniele Moore has been named a *Knight in the Order Plumes Academiques* by the Government of France. This highly prestigious national order is bestowed on distinguished academics and figures in the world of culture and education recognizing their outstanding contribution in their field.

The Chair reported on recent research grant successes:

- Fiona Brinkman of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry received \$22,500 from the *Mitacs Accelerate Program*.
- Faranak Farzan of Mechatronics Systems Engineering received \$480,000 from the *Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR)*.
- Kate Salters of Health Sciences received \$340,000 from *CIHR*.
- David Vocadlo of Chemistry, Canada Research Chair in Chemical Biology, received \$120,000 from *F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd.*

- Ly Vu of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry received a grant of \$872,000 from *CIHR*, \$300,000 from the *Provincial Health Services Authority*, and \$125,000 USD from the *American Society of Hematology* for her research projects on leukemia.

The Chair reported that SFU is collaborating with *Women in High Performance Computing (WHPC)*, an international organization dedicated to promoting equality for women in the field of advanced computing, to host the inaugural *WHPC Summit* at SFU Vancouver. The Summit will bring together 350 leaders and innovators to celebrate the contributions, careers, and leadership of women in high performance computing, AI and Big Data.

The Chair reported that SFU and *Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)* will host a hackathon at SFU Vancouver during which students from both SFU and UBC will collaboratively explore solutions to real-world problems using publicly-available data.

The Chair reported that SFU Knowledge Mobilization Hub recently announced the appointment of Lupin Battersby as SFU's first knowledge mobilization officer. The Hub will support knowledge mobilization, the university-wide initiative focused on growing SFU's culture of sharing knowledge and transferring it to end users in our communities.

The Chair reported that SFU recently hosted Governor General of Canada Julie Payette and Lieutenant Governor of BC Janet Austin at the Surrey campus to engage with students and learn more about SFU's programming, projects and priorities.

The Chair reported that SFU recently renewed its collaborative agreement with Navitas, which operates Fraser International College (FIC), providing students with a pathway into SFU. This partnership is the largest international student pathway of its kind.

The Chair reported that the *Asia-Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE)*, acting on SFU's advice, made the difficult decision, in light of concerns relating to the spread of the Covid 19 virus, to postpone the *APAIE 2020 Conference and Exhibition* until 2021. The conference was scheduled for the end of March in Vancouver, but it became clear it would be irresponsible to risk the health and welfare of participants and the host community, along with the fact that increasing national and international travel restrictions were preventing many delegates in Asia from attending. Though a considerable amount of work has already gone into hosting this conference, the *APAIE* has allowed SFU to host in 2021.

The Chair reported that a decision has been made to cancel the Senate-Board of Governors Retreat planned for April 4th. There were a number of reasons for this decision, one of which related to the COVID-19 virus and the unexpected work taken on by the Vice-President, Academic portfolio to manage this serious and developing situation.

The Chair reported that SFU Public Square's eight annual Community Summit on *Overcoming Inequality: What Will it Take?* will be held April 1-9. It will confront social and economic inequalities and invite participants to consider strategies for creating a more equitable, just and prosperous society for all. Full details for Community Summit activities, including an event showcasing innovations in research, will be available online.

The Chair reported that the Library will host its annual Celebration of Authors on March 10th. This event celebrates SFU authors and recognizes their contributions to academic dialogue and knowledge mobilization. It was also noted that the President's Faculty Lecture Series continues on March 10th at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts with a talk by Paul Budra on *The Shakespeare Conspiracy*.

Regarding the data breach, a comment was made to clarify that what has been referred to as encrypted passwords is in fact hashed passwords, meaning that breaking a particular code would have to be done individually, password by password, rather than as group. Senate was informed that this is correct, however, it was advised that all users should change their passwords to be safe.

**2. Enrollment Plan 2020/2021; Undergraduate Admissions Targets for 2020/2021 (S.20-28)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors:

- the 2020/2021 Enrollment Plan attached as Appendix A to document titled For SENATE March 2, 2020.
- the 2020/2021 Proposed Domestic Undergraduate Admission Targets by Faculty and Basis of Admission -All Campuses (Headcount), as indicated in Table C1 in Appendix C.
- the 2020/2021 Proposed International Undergraduate Admission Targets by Faculty and Basis of Admission - All Campuses (Headcount), as indicated in Table C2 in Appendix C.

**3. External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the School for International Studies (S.20-29)**

Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the School for International Studies for information.

**4. External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Linguistics (S.20-30)**

Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Linguistics for information.

**5. Full Program Proposal for the Professional Kinesiology Certificate (S.20-31)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the full program proposal for the Professional Kinesiology Certificate in the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology within the Faculty of Science, effective Fall 2020.

**6. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.20-32)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2020:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

**a) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering**

- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering Major

**ii) Beedie School of Business**

- Program: Business and Economics Joint Major
- Program: Business Major
- Program: Business Honours

**iii) Faculty of Environment**

**a) School of Resource and Environmental Management**

- Program: Resource and Environmental Management Major
- Program: Resource and Environmental Management Honours

**7. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.20-33)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Fall 2020:

**i) Faculty of Environment**

**a) School of Resource and Environmental Management**

- Course (new): REM 207, 211, 225, 325, 334, 357, 388, 431

**b) School of Environmental Science**

- Course (new): EVSC 334

**8. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.20-34)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2020:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

**a) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering**

- Course (prerequisite): MSE 380, 421

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

**a) English**

- Course (B-Hum designation): ENGL 272 (effective Summer 2020)

**iii) Beedie School of Business**

- Course (prerequisite): BUS 489
- Course (units): BUS 490, 491, 495

**iv) Faculty of Environment**

**a) School of Resource and Environmental Management**

- Course (number, equivalency): ENV 320W, 452

- Course (title, description, prerequisite): REM 311
- Course (title, description): REM 356, 356W
- Course (prerequisite): REM 412, 423

**b) Geography**

- Course (prerequisite): GEOG 313
- Course (title): GEOG 215

**v) Faculty of Science**

**a) Physics**

- Course (Q designation): PHYS 416 (effective Summer 2020)

**9. Blended Courses (S.20-35)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the definition for Blended Courses.

**10. Program GPA (S.20-36)**

Senate approved changes to the Program GPA definition in the Academic Calendar to ensure the consistency of its calculation across all departments, as detailed in item S.20-36.

**11. Graduate Program Changes (S.20-37)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2020:

**i) Beedie School of Business**

- Program: Business MBA
- Program: Management of Technology MBA
- Program: Finance MSc

**12. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.20-38)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposal, effective Fall 2020:

**i) Beedie School of Business**

- Course (new): BUS 700

**13. Graduate Course Changes (S.20-39)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2020:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): CMPT 814, 823, 875

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

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): FREN 897, 999
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): PLCY 810, 811, 819, 820, 827
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): POL 843
- Course (deletion): ECON 817, 861
- Course (deletion): IS 805, 845, 865, 887
- Course (deletion): POL 825, 838, 839, 853, 895
- Course (deletion): PSYC 905
- Course (deletion): SA 874

**iii) Beedie School of Business**

- Course (title, description): BUS 741
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): BUS 602, 713
- Course (deletion): BUS 824, 867

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

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): DMED 510
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): IAT 833, 835, 842, 846
- Course (deletion): DMED 523
- Course (deletion): IAT 847, 898
- Course (deletion): MTEC 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 613

**v) Faculty of Education**

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): EDUC 760, 812, 828, 876, 882

**vi) Faculty of Environment**

**a) School of Resource and Environmental Management**

- Course (title, description): REM 631
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): REM 612, 647, 648, 651, 652, 656
- Course (deletion): REM 649

**vii) Faculty of Health Sciences**

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): HSCI 822, 823, 825, 829, 830, 839

**viii) Faculty of Science**

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): APMA 912
- Course (deletion): APMA 815, 816, 822, 902, 910, 921
- Course (deletion): MATH 882

**14. Senate Committee Elections (S.20-40 Revised)**

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

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the April Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the March 2020 Senate documents:

<https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-34120>.

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