

## SENATE SUMMARY

### MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

#### 1. **Report of the Chair**

The Chair acknowledged the recent passing of Ali Dastmalchian, Dean of the Beedie School of Business. Ali will be deeply missed by the SFU community and by his colleagues around the world. Condolences have been extended to his family and the University will be looking for ways to honour his remembrance and the important work he did.

The Chair reported that SFU is in the midst of its month of welcome to students, with activities taking place to welcome students in the faculties and also through Student Services. It was noted that it's important, especially in these times, to provide students with creative opportunities to engage with the University and to engage with one another.

The Chair, in her role as President, noted that it's an honour to serve as SFU's tenth president and recognized that it's a challenging time to take on the presidency. Thanks was offered to faculty, staff, and students for the incredible work done over the past months. Though it is common for a new president to embark on a strategic planning process, it was noted that now is not the time to do so. Focus should be given to taking care of the University and ensuring the continuance of offering high quality programs. As such, the Chair identified the following priorities in the coming months:

- To ensure that SFU is a resilient and adaptive institution that can thrive despite challenges and be able to recognize the opportunities that lie ahead.
- To ensure SFU students are provided with a positive, healthy and exciting environment in which to learn and thrive.
- To deliver on the recommendations of the Aboriginal Reconciliation Council's report and to ensure that SFU is a place where indigenous people can flourish.
- To focus on equity, diversity, inclusion, and antiracism to ensure that SFU is a community where all feel welcome, safe and accepted.

#### 2. **Annual Financial Report (S.19-93)**

Senate received the Annual Financial Report for information.

#### 3. **Revision to Academic Dates 2020/2021 (S.20-92)**

Senate approved the revised schedule of academic dates for the Fall 2020, moving the Fall 2020 Convocation ceremony from October 8 & 9, 2020 to October 22 & 23, 2020.

#### 4. **Full Program Proposals for Indigenous Business Leadership Programs (S.20-94)**

##### **Motion 1:**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the full program proposal for a Graduate Diploma in Business Administration in Indigenous Business Leadership within the Beedie School of Business, effective Fall 2021.

- Course (new): BUS 608, 614, 622, 626, 630, 657

**Motion 2:**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the full program proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Business Administration in Indigenous Business Leadership within the Beedie School of Business, effective Fall 2021.

- Course (new): BUS 608, 614, 622

**Motion 3:**

Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the full program proposal for a Indigenous Business Leadership Executive Master of Business Administration within the Beedie School of Business, effective Fall 2021.

- Course (new): BUS 608, 614, 622, 626, 630, 657, 665, 668, 672, 679, 683, 687, 692; 697

**5. Name Change of First Nations Programs (S.20-95)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the following program name changes

- First Nations Studies Major
- Archaeology and First Nations Studies Joint Major
- First Nations Studies and Linguistics Joint Major
- First Nations Studies Minor
- First Nations Studies Research Certificate
- First Nations Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- First Nations Studies Co-operative Education Program

to:

- Indigenous Studies Major
- Archaeology and Indigenous Studies Joint Major
- Indigenous Studies and Linguistics Joint Major
- Indigenous Studies Minor
- Indigenous Studies Research Certificate
- Indigenous Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- Indigenous Studies Co-operative Education Program

within the Department of Indigenous Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Summer 2021.

## 6. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.20-96)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Summer 2021:

### i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

#### a) *Indigenous Studies*

- Program: First Nations Studies Major
- Program: Archaeology and First Nations Studies Joint Major
- Program: First Nations Studies and Linguistics Joint Major
- Program: First Nations Studies Minor
- Program: First Nations Studies Research Certificate
- Program: First Nations Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- Program: First Nations Studies Co-operative Education Program

### ii) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Business Major
- Program: Business Honours
- Program: Business and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Business and Geography Joint Major
- Program: Business, Philosophy and the Law Joint Major
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major (BA/BBA and BSc)
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Administration Joint Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Administration Joint Honours
- Program: Information Systems in Business Administration and Computing Science Joint Major
- Program: Sustainable Business Joint Major

### iii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

#### a) *School of Communication*

- Program: Communication Major
- Program: Communication Honours
- Program: Anthropology and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Business and Communication Joint Major
- Program: English and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology Joint Major BA
- Program: Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology Joint Major BSc
- Program: Sociology and Communication Joint Major

**7. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.20-97)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Summer 2021:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

**a) School of Sustainable Energy Engineering**

- Course (new): SEE 464

**ii) Faculty of Environment**

**a) Archaeology**

- Course (new): ARCH 271 (effective Fall 2021)

**8. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.20-98)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Summer 2021:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

**a) School of Engineering Science**

- Course (equivalency): ENSC 220, 225
- Course (description): ENSC 254

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

**a) Semester in Dialogue**

- Course (equivalency): DIAL 390W, 391W, 392W

**iii) Beedie School of Business**

- Course (prerequisite): BUS 336

**iv) Faculty of Environment**

**a) Archaeology**

- Course (title): ARCH 226
- Course (units): ARCH 273, 348, 349, 377, 385, 388, 390
- Course (prerequisite): ARCH 285, 431, 433, 434, 435, 479, 480, 485
- Course (number, equivalency): ARCH 372
- Course (description): ARCH 373
- Course (units, description): ARCH 442
- Course (title, units, description): ARCH 452

**b) Geography**

- Course (B-Sci designation): GEOG 118

- 9. Withdrawal Deadline Changes for 2020/2021 (S.20-99)**  
Senate received the Withdrawal Deadline Changes for 2020/2021 for information.
- 10. Graduate Program Changes (S.20-100)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program change, effective Summer 2021:
- i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**
- a) *Sociology and Anthropology***
- Program: Anthropology MA
  - Program: Sociology MA
- 11. Graduate Course Changes (S.20-101)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course change, effective Summer 2021:
- i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**
- a) *School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering***
- Course (units, description, prerequisite): MSE 995
- 12. Senate Committee Elections (S.20-102 Revised)**  
Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for Senate committees.
- 13. President's and Dean's Honour Roll - Revised Terms of Reference (S.20-103)**  
Senate received the President's and Dean's Honour Roll - Revised Terms of Reference for information.
- 14. Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Report: 2019/20 Grades Report (S.20-104)**  
Senate received the 2019/20 Grades Report for information.
- 15. Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Report: 2019 Undergraduate Student Survey (UGSS) Report**  
Senate received the 2019 Undergraduate Student Survey (UGSS) Report 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 September 2020 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-34464>.

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