

SENATE SUMMARY

MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2021

1. **Report of the Chair**

The Chair reported that SFU will be adding a new executive position, Vice-President, People Equity and Inclusion to bring faculty and staff relations functions into a single portfolio and help shape a unified strategy and thereby create a more equitable and inclusive university. A search committee is in the process of being formed, governed by policy GP 29, and the SFU community will be invited to provide feedback on the position description. Also, a series of conversations have been initiated with groups of faculty, staff and students across the University on issues of equity, diversity and inclusion.

Noting an incident that occurred at the Burnaby campus on December 11th in which an alumnus was arrested, the Chair reported that an external review of that incident has been launched and consideration is being given to the ways in which the University can begin discussing safety and security on campus.

The Chair reported that SFU has received a \$34 million gift from the Uggla Family, the largest in SFU's history, with the aim to support equity deserving students.

The Chair reported that SFU had nine researchers among the new and renewed Canada Research Chairs, with areas of research ranging from preventing Alzheimer's disease through data science to improving the user experience in digital assistance through artificial intelligence.

A question was asked about the new Vice-President, People, Equity and Inclusion position not including students in its purview and if another position would be created to address this. Senate was informed that work needs to be done with students relating to equity, diversity and inclusion, and that the Associate Vice-President, Students and International is developing initiatives related to EDI within the student services portfolio, however, at this time, focus is being placed on employees of the university.

2. **Pathways Project Final Report (S.21-1)**

Senate received the Pathways Project Final Report for information.

3. **Revision to Academic Dates 2020/2021 – Convocation and Summer 2021 (S.21-2)**

Motion 1:

Senate approved the revisions to the June 2021 Convocation ceremony, to be moved from June 8, 9, 10, and 11 to June 24, 25, 28, and 29.

Motion 2:

Senate approved the revisions to the Summer 2021 term, that the first day of classes for the Summer 2021 term be moved from Monday, May 17 to Wednesday May 12.

4. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.21-3)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) *School of Computing Science*

- Program: Computing Science Major
- Program: Computing Science Honours
- Program: Geographic Information Science Major
- Program: Geographic Information Science Honours
- Program: Computing Science and Linguistics Joint Major
- Program: Information Systems in Business Administration and Computing Science Joint Major
- Program: Mathematics and Computing Science Joint Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Computing Science Joint Major
- Program: Mathematics and Computing Science Joint Honours
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Computing Science Joint Honours
- Program: Computing Science Minor
- Program: Computing Studies Certificate

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *English*

- Program: English Major
- Program: English and Communication Joint Major
- Program: English and French Literatures Joint Major
- Program: English and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: English and History Joint Major
- Program: English and Humanities Joint Major
- Program: English Minor
- Program: English Extended Minor
- Program: Creative Writing Minor
- Program: Performance Studies Certificate

5. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.21-4)

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

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *English*

- Course (new): ENGL 202, 204, 209, 210, 211, 213, 312, 341, 345, 355, 362, 411W, 413W, 414W, 433W, 437W, 443W, 493W

- ii) **Faculty of Science**
 - a) *Physics*
 - Course (new): PHYS 313
6. **Undergraduate Course Changes (S.21-5)**
 Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2021:
- i) **Faculty of Applied Sciences**
 - a) *School of Computing Science*
 - Course (description): CMPT 120
 - Course (description, prerequisite): CMPT 125
 - Course (prerequisite): CMPT 170, 225, 295
 - b) *School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering*
 - Course (equivalency): MSE 210, 211
 - ii) **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**
 - a) *English*
 - Course (deletion): ENGL 201, 203, 205, 206, 207, 208, 306, 311, 313, 315, 322, 327, 340, 342, 347, 349, 354, 357, 359, 380, 392, 404W, 407W, 410W, 416W, 420W, 427W, 434W, 435W, 438W, 440W, 447W, 449W, 457W, 468W, 487W
 - Course (number, prerequisite, equivalency): ENGL 212
 - Course (prerequisite): ENGL 214, 216, 300, 364, 371, 372, 374, 375, 376, 383, 385, 387, 398
 - Course (title, description, prerequisite): ENGL 304, 310, 320, 363, 400W
 - Course (number, title, description, prerequisite): ENGL 394
 - Course (title, description): ENGL 470W, 475W
 - Course (number): ENGL 441, 442
 - Course (number, title, description): ENGL 465W
 - Course (title): ENGL 472W
 - Course (prerequisite, description): ENGL 360
 - Course (title, description, prerequisite, equivalency): ENGL 330
 - Course (number, title, description, prerequisite, equivalency): ENGL 453W, 454W, 455W, 484W, 486W, 492W
 - iii) **Faculty of Science**
 - a) *Biological Sciences*
 - Course (prerequisite): BISC 435
 - b) *Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology*
 - Course (equivalency): BPK 143, 343

- Course (description, equivalency): BPK 326

c) Chemistry

- Course (description, prerequisite): CHEM 371

d) Earth Sciences

- Course (prerequisite): EASC 201, 205, 207

e) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

- Course (equivalency): MBB 328

f) Statistics and Actuarial Science

- Course (prerequisite): STAT 203, 240, 302, 305, 310, 311, 342, 403, 445, 452, 475, 485

7. Graduate Program Changes (S.21-6)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program change, effective Fall 2021:

i) Beedie School of Business

- Program: MSc in Finance

8. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.21-7)

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

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) School for International Studies

- Course (new): IS 833

ii) Beedie School of Business

- Course (new): BUS 798, 827, 828, 829, 861, 888, 889

9. Graduate Course Changes (S.21-8)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2021:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) School for International Studies

- Course (title): IS 801

ii) Beedie School of Business

- Course (title): BUS 870, 877
- Course (title, description): BUS 810, 823
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): BUS 802, 818
- Course (temporary withdrawal): BUS 809, 814, 857

iii) Faculty of Environment

a) School of Resource and Environmental Management

- Course (title): REM 650

10. Senate Committee Elections (S.21-9)

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

11. Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) Annual Report 2019/2020 (S.21-10)

Senate received the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) Annual Report 2019/2020 for information.

12. Pass/Fail Grading (S.21-11)

Senate received Pass/Fail Grading for information.

13. Pilot Undergraduate Grading Scheme Spring, Summer, and Fall 2021 Terms (S.21-12)

Senate approved a pilot to implement a new, temporary undergraduate grading system of Pass/Credit/No Credit (P/CR/NC) for the Spring, Summer, and Fall 2021 terms, and directs the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) to develop an implementation plan as soon as possible.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the March Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the January 2021 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-34636>.

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