

## SENATE SUMMARY

### MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2021

#### 1. Report of the Chair

The Chair acknowledged the Tsleil-Waututh, Squamish, Kwikwetlem and Musqueam Nations on whose traditional territories we are privileged to gather this evening. The Chair thanked all in the SFU Community who participated in National Day for Truth and Reconciliation events across SFU's three campuses or in their own communities.

The Chair reported that the architectural renderings for the First Peoples' Gathering House were showcased to the SFU community in mid-September. This project represents SFU's ongoing commitment to reconciliation through the calls to action in the *Walk This Path With Us* report, specifically the commitment to foster safe and welcoming indigenous spaces on campus. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2022.

The Chair reported that she, in her role as President, participated in a naming ceremony organized by the Faculty of Education. This was a naming ceremony for Michelle Pidgeon, Associate Dean, Indigeneity and included members from the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam Nations.

The Chair reported that the first month of returning back to campus has gone well and thanks was offered to all those who participated in that process. The University continues to work with the public health authority and colleagues within the post-secondary sector to ensure the safety of faculty, staff and students. It was added that discussions are ongoing about validating vaccination status, which up to this point has been self-reported, and that more information about this will be forthcoming. At this time, more than 85% of the SFU Community have self-reported their vaccine status, with 97% reporting they are vaccinated.

The Chair reported that SFU has partnered with Teck to outfit campuses and student residences with bacteria-fighting antimicrobial copper patches on high-touch surfaces.

The Chair reported that SFU expanded its commitment to climate action last week by acknowledging the ongoing climate emergency. The University has joined the United Nations Race to Zero campaign and is currently ahead of schedule on achieving many of the targets and actions set out in the 2020 Sustainability Plan.

The Chair reported that in September, the School for Contemporary Arts welcomed its first cohort of six PhD students. This interdisciplinary and practice-based PhD in Contemporary Arts is the first of its kind in Western Canada and is academically significant because traditionally the highest level of academic achievement available for fine arts was a Master of Fine Arts.

The Chair reported that the President's Faculty Lectures began again on September 28th with a lecture by professor Wendy Chun on Discriminating Data. The next lecture will feature Tammara Soma, assistant professor at SFU's School of Resource and Environmental

Management and the research director of SFU's Food Systems Lab, on the topic Setting the Table for Food Justice: The Role of Community-Engaged Research.

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, recognized Faculty of Science Dean Paul Kench, who is leaving the University at the end of the year.

**2. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.21-105)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Summer 2022:

**i) Beedie School of Business**

- Program: Business Minor
- Program: Business Honours (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Business Major (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Honours (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Major (effective Fall 2022)
- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Business Double Degree Program Major (effective Fall 2022)

**ii) Faculty of Environment**

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

- Program: Resource and Environmental Management Major

**3. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.21-106)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Summer 2022:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

**a) School of Computing Science**

- Course (new): CMPT 210 (effective Fall 2022)
- Course (new): CMPT 272, 372

**ii) Beedie School of Business**

- Course (new): BUS 411 (effective Fall 2022)

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

**a) School for the Contemporary Arts**

- Course (new): CA 304, 307, 407 (effective Fall 2022)

**4. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.21-107)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Summer 2022:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

**a) School of Computing Science**

- Course (deletion): CMPT 127

**b) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering**

- Course (prerequisite): MSE 498

**c) School of Sustainable Energy Engineering**

- Course (prerequisite): SEE 464

**ii) Beedie School of Business**

- Course (title, description, prerequisite): BUS 417 (effective Fall 2022)

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

**a) School for the Contemporary Arts**

- Course (title, description): CA 306, 406 (effective Fall 2022)

**iv) Faculty of Environment**

**a) Geography**

- Course (title, description): GEOG 362, 362W

**5. Graduate Program Changes (S.21-108)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program change, effective Summer 2022:

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

**a) Psychology**

- Program: Psychology PhD

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

**a) School for the Contemporary Arts**

- Program: MA in Contemporary Arts
- Program: PhD in Contemporary Arts
- Program: Master of Fine Arts

**b) Centre for Digital Media**

- Program: Master of Digital Media

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

**6. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.21-109)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposal, effective Summer 2022:

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

- a) School for the Contemporary Arts*
  - Course (new): CA 830
- b) School of Interactive Arts and Technology*
  - Course (new): IAT 895, 896
- c) Publishing*
  - Course (new): PUB 900

**ii) Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies**

- Course (new): INS 887, 888

**7. Graduate Course Changes (S.21-110)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Summer 2022:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

- a) School of Computing Science*
  - Course (title, description): CMPT 727, 732, 733

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

- a) School for the Contemporary Arts*
  - Course (description): CA 821, 824, 826
  - Course (equivalency): CA827
  - Course (prerequisite): CA 822, 829
- b) School of Interactive Arts and Technology*
  - Course (prerequisite): IAT 848
  - Course (unit): IAT 897, 898
- c) Publishing*
  - Course (description): PUB 899
  - Course (deletion): PUB 898

**iii) Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Western Dean's Agreement**

- Course (grading): WDA 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806

**8. Senate Committee Elections (S.21-111)**

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 November Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the October 2021 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-35067>.

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