SENATE SUMMARY
MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2022

1. **Report of the Chair**
   The Chair reported that January marks the beginning of another unusual term due to the pandemic, but plans are in place to continue the operation of the University while placing the safety of faculty staff and students at the forefront of decision making. SFU continues to work closely with Public Health and a decision was made to begin the Spring term online, with the exception of labs and other courses requiring a face-to-face component. The shift to online is temporary, and at this time the University is expecting to return to in-person teaching on January 24th. It was noted that SFU had a safe return to campus in the fall and that there are layers of protection in place to ensure that the return to campus will be as safe as possible.

   The Chair reported that on January 5th SFU announced Dr. Yabome Gilpin-Jackson as SFU's first Vice-President, People, Equity and Inclusion. Dr. Gilpin-Jackson has deep connections to the SFU community as both an alumnus and an adjunct faculty member, is a leader in organizational development and people practices, and has expertise in equity, diversity and inclusion, and in transformational change. Dr. Gilpin-Jackson officially begins her role as Vice-President on April 15, 2022, but has already started the on-boarding process.

   The Chair reported that the President's Faculty Lecture resumes on January 25th with a lecture by Taco Niet of the School of Sustainable Energy Engineering. The topic will be *Just Climate Policies* and how evidence-based modelling tools are essential for making climate policy decisions grounded in justice and equity. This will be followed by a lecture on February 2nd by Vaibhav Saria of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies on how the complex history of health care in India has led to a valorization of care providers' work during COVID-19, but also to increased violence against them.

   The Chair reported that SFU is working on planning the development of a new strategic plan and has met with a number of individuals and groups to seek advice on how to best approach an inclusive consultation with SFU's communities. Consideration is being given to delivering training on decolonizing practices for the executive and advisory team and to adding faculty members to the advisory team to ensure that the academic mission of the University is a major focus of the work.

   The Chair reported that SFU has again experienced transit difficulties due to recent snowfall and that the construction of a gondola would provide a difference-making rapid transit option. The Chair, in her role as President, will be meeting with the Burnaby Mayor and Council on January 11th in a closed session with TransLink, with a vote on the gondola expected by the Council later in January.

2. **Revisions to GP 23 (S.22-1)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors revisions to GP 23.

3. **Updated Policy R20.02 (S.22-2)**
Senate received Updated Policy R20.02 for information.

4. **Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) Annual Report 2019 (S.22-3)**
Senate received the Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) Annual Report 2019 for information.

5. **Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) Annual Report 2020 (S.22-4)**
Senate received the Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) Annual Report 2020 for information.

6. **Undergraduate Program Changes (S.22-5)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2022:

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

- Program: all BA programs

ii) **Beedie School of Business**

- Program: Business and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Major
- Program: Business and Geography Joint Major
- Program: Business and Psychology Joint Major
- Program: Business, Philosophy and the Law Joint Major
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major (BA or BUS)
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major (BSc)
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Honours
- Program: Information Systems in Business Administration and Computing Science Joint Major

iii) **Faculty of Environment**

a) *Geography*
- Program: Geographic Information Science Certificate

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7.   Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.22-6)
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposal, effective Fall 2022:

i)   Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) Publishing Program
- Course (new): PUB 410

8.   Undergraduate Course Changes (S.22-7)
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2022:

i)   Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science
- Course (prerequisite): CMPT 305, 353 (effective Spring 2023)
- Course (prerequisite): CMPT 307, 308, 379, 404, 461, 475

b) School of Engineering Science
- Course (description, prerequisite): ENSC 416

ii)   Beedie School of Business

- Course (prerequisite): BUS 462, 466
- Course (description, prerequisite): BUS 465

iii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School of Communication
- Course (description): CMNS 353, 431, 453

b) School of Interactive Arts and Technology
- Course (equivalency): IAT 359

iv)   Faculty of Environment

a) School of Resource and Environmental Management
- Course (B-Soc designation): REM 350 (effective Summer 2022)

9.   Graduate General Regulation (GGR) Revisions: GGR 1.5.2 (Competency Grading Basis) (S.22-8)
Senate approved revisions to GGR 1.5.2 (Competency Grading Basis).

- Course (grading): BISC 892
- Course (grading): BPK 897
- Course (grading): BUS 728, 796, 797, 880, 993

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- Course (grading): CMNS 893, 894, 895, 8CC, 8DD
- Course (grading): CRIM 890
- Course (grading): ECO 600
- Course (grading): EDUC 927, 928
- Course (grading): ENGL 892, 893, 894
- Course (grading): EXCH 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996
- Course (grading): FREN 896
- Course (grading): GRAD 700, 850
- Course (grading): GSWS 811, 812, 997
- Course (grading): HIST 860, 861, 862
- Course (grading): HSCI 886
- Course (grading): INS 898
- Course (grading): NEUR 802
- Course (grading): ONC 510
- Course (grading): PHYS 801
- Course (grading): PLCY 850
- Course (grading): POL 896
- Course (grading): PUB 899
- Course (grading): SA 897
- Course (grading): SEE 898, 899

10. Graduate Program Changes (S.22-9)
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program change, effective Fall 2022:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *Centre for Digital Media*
- Program: Master of Arts in International Studies

11. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.22-10)
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Fall 2022:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *School for International Studies*
- Course (new): IS 823, 839

b) *Liberal Studies Program*
- Course (new): LS 816, 820

c) *Urban Studies Program*
- Course (new): URB 613, 627

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12. Graduate Course Changes (S.22-11)
Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course change, effective Fall 2022:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) School for International Studies
- Course (unit, grade): IS 886

13. Senate Committee Elections (S.22-12 Revised)
Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for Senate committees.

14. **Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) Annual Report 2020/2021 (S.22-13)**
Senate received the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) Annual Report 2020/2021 for information.

15. Proposed Updates to the Board of Governors Election Rules (S.22-14)
Senate received Proposed Updates to the Board of Governors Election Rules for information.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the February Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the January 2022 Senate documents: https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-35178.

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