

**MEMO**

Date: October 2021

To: Senate

From: Julia Denholm, Dean, Lifelong Learning

Re: **2020/2021 Senate Committee on Continuing Studies Annual Report to Senate**

For Senate's information, please find enclosed the 2020/2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies.

Within Lifelong Learning, the Continuing Studies area offers over two dozen programs and hundreds of courses to learners on virtually every continent. We partner with numerous associations to align our programming with professional certifications that meet learners' goals throughout their careers.

The flexibility we offer has never been more essential than this past year. Before the pandemic, 31 per cent of our courses were online. In 2020/2021, we delivered all of our more than 600 course sections via online learning, and saw dramatic increases in enrollment for career and professional programs.

The Senate Committee on Continuing Studies is responsible to review all non-credit certificates and diplomas offered by the University. On behalf of the University, I would like to thank the members of the committee for supporting this important work.

As our [SFU Lifelong Learning Community report for 2020/2021](#) highlights, your support helps to empower learners, build communities and extend the reach of SFU within Canada and around the world.

Julia Denholm, PhD
Chair, Senate Committee on Continuing Studies
Dean, Lifelong Learning

Simon Fraser University

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies Annual Report to Senate for 2020/2021

Composition and Mandate

The current membership of the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS) is the Dean of Lifelong Learning (chair), Dean of Libraries, two faculty members, two at-large members, one convocation member and one student (see Appendix A). The SCCS meets twice each calendar year (fall and spring) and is responsible to advise Senate on policy with respect to the overall development of the University's non-credit certificates and diplomas. The Committee also reviews and approves proposals for non-credit certificates and non-credit diplomas, which includes the establishment of, changes to, and discontinuance of non-credit certificates and non-credit diplomas. The SCCS reports its activities annually to Senate.

Actions of the SCCS in Academic Year 2020/2021

The Senate Committee on Continuing Studies met on October 22, 2020 and May 6, 2021

At the Fall 2020 meeting the Committee

- approved Leadership Essentials Certificate
- ratified the Annual Report to Senate for 2019/2020
- received for information suspension of the Community Data Science and Urban Design Certificates
- approved 347 non-credit certificate and diploma graduates

At the Spring 2021 meeting the Committee:

- approved revisions to the Human Resources Management Certificate Program
- approved 425 non-credit certificate and diploma graduates

Total enrollments in Lifelong Learning's credit and non-credit courses are provided in Appendix B.

Appendix A

Senate Committee on Continuing Studies, 2020-2021 Members

Julia Denholm, Dean, Lifelong Learning (Chair)
Gwen Bird, Library
Peter Hall, Senator (at-large)
Lara Campbell, Faculty Member
Lyn Bartram, Faculty Senator
Abdul Zahir, Member of the University Community (at-large)
Matt Martell, Convocation Senator
Winfield Chen, Student
Pooria Arab, Student (Alternate)

Appendix B
Lifelong Learning Enrollment, Fiscal Year 2020/2021

PROGRAM	FEE-BASED REGISTRATIONS	FREE and SPONSORED REGISTRATIONS
CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS	6,553	-
CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM	718	2,618
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE PROGRAM	226	-
INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION PROGRAM	322	266
LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY BUILDING PROGRAMS	1,552	4,153
LIBERAL ARTS AND 55+ PROGRAMS	1,659	3,010
PHILOSOPHERS' CAFÉ*	-	-
SFU NOW (NIGHTS or WEEKENDS)**	795	-
TOTAL CREDIT AND NON-CREDIT ENROLLMENT	12,775	10,047

*Suspended due to Covid-19

**Moved to FASS effective September 1, 2020