

## SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2022

### 1. Report of the Chair/Report of the Provost

The chair reported that on September 12<sup>th</sup> Nobel Peace Prize laureate, SFU Honorary Degree recipient and journalist Maria Ressa gave a talk for SFU Public Square on the spread of disinformation and the role social media plays in creating isolation and undermining social cohesion. Also, on September 15<sup>th</sup> Angela Davis and Gina Dent presented on their new book *Abolition. Feminism. Now.* which recognizes the narratives that have helped to define abolition and feminism in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Chair thanked all those who participated in the annual Terry Fox Run, held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. 2022 marked the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope, with SFU surpassing its goal by raising more than \$14,000 for cancer research.

The chair reported that Vice-President, People, Equity and Inclusion, Dr Yabome Gilpin-Jackson, has been working on an Equity Compass, which will provide a concise summary of equity themes and focus areas that will guide efforts across the University. The Equity Compass builds on information gathered over the past several years including surveys, engagements, needs and opportunities.

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- The University surpassed its domestic new students' enrolment by 11%.
- Overall, enrolment is .4% above compared to last year.
- Full-time students have increased by 3.1%, while part-time students have decreased by 2.3%.
- New international students are 11% below target.
- AFTEs have shown a modest increase of .4%.
- Co-op enrolment is down 9.5%.
- The University expects to be 4% above for domestic undergraduate enrolments.

The Provost reported that the Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB) should be rendering its decision shortly on the Master of Science in Professional Cybersecurity and the Master of Science in Professional Visual Computing.

The Provost reported that over the past few years SFU has been working on an agritech program and it is anticipated that such a program will be coming from the School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering in the Faculty of Applied Sciences shortly. It is also expected to have an agritech program in the Faculty of Science in about three years.

The Provost reported that there have been discussions about Co-op FAN and FAL becoming integrated credit rather than added credit where appropriate. Though steps must be taken for academic quality assurance, it is expected that this will be coming to Senate within this academic year.

The Provost reported that SCUS is following up a discussion from last May to look at course accessibility and reducing the complexity of programs to ensure that students have courses that are accessible.

The Provost reported that the Provincial Government is looking to allocate 2900 new tech seats across 25 postsecondary institutions next summer. The University will continue to work with the government to make sure a reasonable number of those seats are allocated to SFU.

The Provost reported that the University has been working with the student societies to hear from more students about their priorities for this year and coming years as part of SFU's tuition consultation process.

2. **Establishment of the Visual & Interactive Computing Institute (VINCI) Revised (S.22-88)**  
Senate approved the establishment of the Visual & Interactive Computing Institute (VINCI) as an institute for a five-year term.

3. **Undergraduate Program Changes (S.22-94)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Summer 2023:

- i) **Faculty of Applied Sciences**

- a) ***School of Computing Science***

- Program: Computing Science Major
- Program: Computing Science Honours
- Program: Computing Science Dual Degree Program
- Program: Computing Science Second Degree
- Program: Computing Science and Linguistics Joint Major
- Program: Information Systems in Business Administration and Computing Science Joint Major
- Program: Computing Science Minor
- Program: Computing Studies Certificate

- b) ***School of Engineering Science***

- Program: Engineering Science, Computer Engineering Option Major (effective Fall 2023)
- Program: Engineering Science, Electronics Engineering Option Major (effective Fall 2023)
- Program: Engineering Science, Systems Engineering Option Major (effective Fall 2023)
- Program: Engineering Science, Biomedical Engineering Option Honours (effective Fall 2023)
- Program: Engineering Science, Computer Engineering Option Honours (effective Fall 2023)
- Program: Engineering Science, Electronics Engineering Option Honours (effective Fall 2023)
- Program: Engineering Science, Engineering Physics Option Honours (effective Fall 2023)

- Program: Engineering Science, Systems Engineering Option Honours (effective Fall 2023)
- Program: Computer and Electronics Design Minor (effective Fall 2023)
- Program: Engineering Science Second Degree (effective Fall 2023)

**ii) Beedie School of Business**

- Program: Admission requirement changes to major and joint major programs (effective Fall 2024)
- Program: Business and Communication Joint Major (effective Fall 2024)
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Major (effective Fall 2024)
- Program: Business and Geography Joint Major (effective Fall 2024)
- Program: Business and Psychology Joint Major (effective Fall 2024)
- Program: Business, Philosophy and the Law Joint Major (effective Fall 2024)
- Program: Information Systems in Business Administration and Computing Science Joint Major (effective Fall 2024)
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BA or BBA (effective Fall 2024)
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BSc (effective Fall 2024)
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Administration Joint Major (effective Fall 2024)
- Program: Sustainable Business Joint Major (effective Fall 2024)
- Program: Sustainable Business Joint Major (effective Fall 2023)

**iii) Faculty of Science**

**a) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry***

- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Major (effective Fall 2023)
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Honours (effective Fall 2023)

**4. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.22-95)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Summer 2023:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

**a) *School of Computing Science***

- Course (new): CMPT 493

**ii) Faculty of Science**

**a) *Mathematics***

- Course (new): FAN X91
- Course (new): FAN X92

**b) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry***

- Course (new): MBB 445

**5. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.22-96)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Summer 2023:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

**a) School of Sustainable Energy Engineering**

- Course (equivalency): SEE 241
- Course (prerequisite): SEE 325, 464

**b) School of Engineering Science**

- Course (prerequisite): ENSC 220

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

**a) School of Interactive Arts and Technology**

- Course (equivalency): IAT 106

**iii) Faculty of Environment**

**a) Geography**

- Course (prerequisite): GEOG 241, 365

**iv) Faculty of Science**

**a) Mathematics**

- Course (equivalency): FAN X99
- Course (description): MATH 302, 303, 304 (effective Fall 2023)
- Course (prerequisite): MATH 343, 345, 443, 467, 470 (effective Fall 2023)

**6. Faculty of Applied Sciences Admission Requirements from a BC High School (S.22-97)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved Faculty of Applied Sciences Admission Requirements from a BC High School.

**7. Graduate Program Changes (S.22-98)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program change, effective Summer 2023:

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

**a) Economics**

- Program: Economics MA

**b) French**

- Program: French MA

*c) Psychology*

- Program: Psychology MA
- Program: Psychology PhD

**8. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.22-99)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposal, effective Summer 2023:

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

*a) Urban Studies Program*

- Course (new): URB 692

**9. Graduate Course Changes (S.22-100)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Summer 2023:

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

*a) Psychology*

- Course (prerequisite): PSYC 806, 807A, 807B, 807E, 807F, 809, 880

**10. Senate Committee Elections (S.22-101 Revised)**

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 December Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the October 2022 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-35628>.

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