

SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF JULY 10, 2023

1. Report of the Provost

The Provost reported the following achievements by SFU community members:

- Health Sciences professors Donald MacPherson and Jeff Reading are among those being honoured with appointments as members of the Order of Canada. Donald is being recognized for his long-time advocacy of harm reduction and evidence-based approaches to drug policy reform. Jeff is being recognized for his contributions over the past two decades for advancing Indigenous health nationally and globally.
- Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology PhD student Stephanie Ross was named the 2022 recipient of the CAGS-ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award in the field of Engineering, Medical Sciences, and Natural Sciences for her research on muscle mass.
- Sarah Johnson, University Lecturer and Associate Dean – Faculty of Science, was awarded the 3M National Teaching Fellowship.
- The Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR) has awarded the 2023 CAHR - CANFAR Excellence in Research Award (Basic Sciences category) to Dr. Zabrina Brumme, Faculty of Health Sciences professor and laboratory director for the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS.
- Dr. Angela Kaida, Faculty of Health Sciences professor, has been appointed Scientific Director of the CIHR Institute of Gender and Health, effective January 1, 2023.
- Dr. Jonathan Moore, Faculty of Environment professor, received the Paz Buttedahl Career Achievement Award from the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of BC.
- Dr. Dan Laitsch has been named the new Dean of Education, effective September 1, 2023.
- The Community Capacity Building Certificate has been recognized by the Canadian Association for University Continuing Education (CAUCE) for program excellence. It received the 2023 award in the category of Non-Credit Programming Over 48 Hours, given annually by CAUCE to one university continuing education program in Canada.

The Provost outlined how SFU works with the government to secure funding and get program approval:

- The University currently works with Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills (aka Advanced Education).
- As a publicly funded institution, the Ministry provides funding for specific programs and essentially a block grant for a certain number of students. All programs offered by SFU must receive ministerial approval following a review by the Degree Quality Assessment Board, after it is approved by Senate.
- New or substantially different programs that do not require additional funding from government go through SFU's Senate processes and are submitted for approval without prior discussion with the ministry.

- Programs that are being considered for new funding are discussed at a high level with the Ministry and a business case is submitted for consideration by the Minister, or in the case of the tech seats, a request for seats is submitted.
- Sometimes the Ministry has additional funding and assigns SFU a limited number of extra seats, as was the case in the past few years with French teacher preparation.
- In limited cases, the Ministry will ask the University to develop a high-level business case for a substantial new program, which is submitted to the Minister, to the Caucus, and ultimately to Treasury Board. This is the case for the SFU medical school.
- With the Ministry and Treasury Board needing enough detail to determine the costing and whether the scope of the program meets their needs, is feasible, and whether it can be allocated funding by the Treasury Board.
- If the likelihood for funding looks positive, the normal steps of developing a detailed curriculum begins through the normal SFU processes, and once approved is submitted to DQAB, and then on to the Minister for final approval.
- SFU is at the initial stage, having been asked to develop the medical program and having scoped out what it would look like. Two features that made making the business case more challenging are the partnerships with First Nations Health Authority and Fraser Health.
- SFU also has to work with Advanced Education and the Ministry of Health for the medical school.

The Provost reported that the special program application to hire 15 tenure-track Black faculty has been approved by the Human Rights Commissioner in tandem with approving at least 15 Black staff special program designations. Appreciation was expressed to the organizers who brought this request forward to Senate, notably Gabe Liosis, Osob Mohammed, Balqees Jama, Giovanni HoSang, and Marie Haddad.

2. Revisions to Academic Dates – Spring 2024 Term (S.23-85)

Senate approved the revised the Spring 2024 term calendar, moving the first day of classes for the Spring 2024 term from Wednesday, January 3 to Monday, January 8; doing so will move the last day of class from Tuesday, April 9 to Friday, April 12, and the exam period from April 11-22 to April 13-24.

3. Academic Dates 2024-2025 (S.23-86)

Senate approved the schedule of academic dates for the Fall 2024, Spring 2025 and Summer 2025 terms.

4. Welcome Day (S.23-87)

Motion 1:

Senate approved the permanent move of Fall term Welcome Day to the day after Labour Day, prior to the first day of class, effective Fall 2023.

Motion 2:

Senate approved the modification to Summer term Welcome Day to May 6th in years where Welcome Day would fall on May 5th, the National MMIWG2S Awareness Day.

- 5. Special Joint Committee Policy R 20.01 and Procedures (Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Participants) (S.23-88)**
Senate approved the proposed changes to Policy R20.01 and v3 of the Standard Operating Procedures numbers 201, 202, and 302 issued by the N2/CAREB be approved effective from July 11, 2023 to January 30, 2024.
- 6. Beedie School of Business Accreditation Action Plan (S.23-89)**
Senate approved the Action Plan for the Beedie School of Business that resulted from its accreditation processes with the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD).
- 7. Full Program Proposal for the Engineering Science, Biomedical Engineering Option Major (S.23-90)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for the Engineering Science, Biomedical Engineering Option Major in the School of Engineering Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences.
- 8. Full Program Proposal for a Master of Engineering in Sustainable Energy Engineering (S.23-91)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the full program proposal for a Master of Engineering in Sustainable Energy Engineering from the Faculty of Applied Sciences effective Fall 2024.

 - Program: Master of Engineering in Sustainable Energy Engineering
 - Course (new): SEE 770, 771, 772, 773, 799
- 9. Revised Terms of Reference for the Ebco Eppich Chair in Computing Science (S.23-92)**
Senate approved the amended number of Chair appointments in the 2020 terms of reference for the Ebco Eppich Chair in Computing Science Endowment.
- 10. Request for Renewal Extension for the Institute for Black and African Diaspora Research and Engagement (S.23-93)**
Senate received Request for Renewal Extension for the Institute for Black and African Diaspora Research and Engagement for information.
- 11. Academic Concession (S.23-94)**
Senate approved the proposed calendar entry for Academic Concessions, effective Fall 2023.
- 12. End of the Pilot of the Elective Grading System (S.23-95)**
Senate received End of the Pilot of the Elective Grading System for information.

13. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.23-96)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Spring 2024:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Program: Software Systems Major (effective Fall 2023)

ii) Faculty of Environment

a) Archaeology

- Program: Archaeology Major (effective Fall 2024)
- Archaeology Honours (effective Fall 2024)
- Anthropology and Archaeology Joint Major (effective Fall 2024)
- Archaeology Minor (effective Fall 2024)
- Archaeology Extended Minor (effective Fall 2024)

b) Dean's Office

- Program: Environmental Literacy Certificate (effective Fall 2024)

c) School of Environmental Science

- Program: Environmental Science Major (effective Fall 2024)
- Program: Environmental Science Honours (effective Fall 2024)

d) Geography

- Program: Global Environmental Systems Major (effective Fall 2024)
- Program: Global Environmental Systems Honours (effective Fall 2024)
- Program: Human Geography Major
- Program: Human Geography Honours
- Program: Physical Geography Major
- Program: Physical Geography Honours

iii) Faculty of Science

a) Earth Sciences

- Program: Earth Sciences Minor (effective Fall 2024)

14. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.23-97)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposal, effective Spring 2024:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Course (new): CMPT 201

15. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.23-98)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Spring 2024:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Course (units): CMPT 295

b) School of Engineering Science

- Course (prerequisite): ENSC 499

c) School of Sustainable Energy Engineering

- Course (prerequisite): SEE 300

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Global Humanities

- Course (number, description, equivalency): HUM 433W, 445

iii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School for the Contemporary Arts

- Course (title): CA 247, 347 (effective Fall 2024)

iv) Faculty of Environment

a) Archaeology

- Course (prerequisite): ARCH 273

v) Faculty of Science

a) Earth Sciences

- Course (description, prerequisite): EASC 201, 421

16. Graduate General Regulation Changes - 1.4.5 Leave of Absence and 1.10.2 Classification of the Thesis (S.23-99)

Motion 1:

Withdrawn and referred back to SGSC.

Motion 2:

Senate approved revisions to Graduate General Regulation 1.10.2 Classification of Thesis.

17. Graduate Program Changes (S.23-100)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Spring 2024:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Engineering Science

- Program: Engineering Science MASc

ii) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Management Graduate Diploma

iii) Faculty of Science

a) Chemistry

- Program: Chemistry MSc

b) Earth Sciences

- Program: Earth Sciences PhD

c) Physics

- Program: Physics PhD

18. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.23-101)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Spring 2024:

i) Faculty of Science

a) Biological Sciences

- Course (new): BISC 805

b) Chemistry

- Course (new): CHEM 803

c) Earth Sciences

- Course (new): EASC 699

19 End of the Pilot of the Elective Grading System (S.23-102)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Spring 2024:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Engineering Science

- Course (description): ENSC 803

ii) Beedie School of Business

- Course (repeat): BUS 888

20. Senate Committee Elections (S.23-103)

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

21. Presidential Re-Appointment Review Committee

Senate received Presidential Re-Appointment Review Committee for information.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the September Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the July 2023 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-36114>.

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