

## SENATE SUMMARY

### MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2024

#### 1. Report of the Chair

The Chair acknowledged that February is Black History Month, and this year, SFU has adopted the theme *Building Connections for Black Flourishing* in alignment with its commitment to the Scarborough Charter.

As per an announcement last week by Board of Governors Chair Angie Lamarsh, the Chair reported that she has been reappointed for another five-year term as SFU's president and vice-chancellor.

The Chair thanked Board and Senate members who attended the recent Board-Senate retreat. The session featured breakout exercises to discuss how Board and Senate should collaborate. Out of that discussion came some proposed rules for strengthening collegial governance, including:

- Operate for the greater good of the university.
- Seek to understand – consult, listen, trust each other.
- Drive to a decision – structured interactions, solid data, ask hard questions, challenge the status quo.
- Establish effective structures – engage early, improve communication.

Discussion also centered on ways for Board and Senate to connect around the approval process for the SFU Medical School. Given that both Board and Senate have separate roles to play regarding the approval process, and not wanting to duplicate or undermine these structures, the respective chair of each governance body is proposing that two members of the Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP) be designated to join the budget working group of the Board to engage in a discussion related to the medical school so that key concerns can be discussed prior to the approval process.

The Chair reported that the Board of Governors seeks to develop new terms of reference for itself. The Board currently has its terms of reference embedded in a policy, and as such, movement is afoot to remove the Board's terms of reference from a policy and have it determine its own procedures, much like Senate does. There is a requirement through Policy B. 10.00 for the community to be consulted, and given this, the repeal of policy B 10.02 (Terms of Reference for Board Standing Committees) will be coming out into the broader community in the future.

The Chair thanked those who attended the Faculty and Staff Town Hall last week to hear an update on the budget from Vice-President, Finance, Martin Pochurko, and Vice-President, Academic, Dilson Rassier. The University is working closely with the provincial government to understand what the international visa cap will look like for SFU and to make sure letters get sent out to international students.

The Chair reported that work is ongoing to welcome the Royal Society to SFU in November for the 2024 Celebration of Excellence and Engagement. A planning committee has been struck, led by Dugan O’Neil, Vice-President, Research & International.

2. **Strategic Research Plan Progress Report for Year 2023 and Year 2024 Goals (S.24-15)**  
Senate received Strategic Research Plan Progress Report for Year 2023 and Year 2024 Goals for information.
3. **Proposed Policy R70.01 - SFU Excellence in Research Awards (S.24-16)**  
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors Proposed Policy R70.01 - SFU Excellence in Research Awards.
4. **Senate Review Committee Membership (S.24-17)**  
Senate received Senate Review Committee Membership for information.
5. **Undergraduate Program Changes (S.24-18)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2024:
  - i) **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**
    - a) ***School of Criminology***
      - Program: Sociology and Criminology Joint Major
      - Program: Criminology and Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Joint Major
      - Program: Anthropology and Criminology Joint Major
      - Program: Legal Studies Minor
      - Program: Legal Studies Certificate
    - b) ***French***
      - Program: French Major
      - Program: English and French Literatures Joint Major
      - Program: French and Global Humanities Joint Major
      - Program: French, History and Politics Joint Major
      - Program: French Language Proficiency Certificate
      - Program: French Honours
    - c) ***Global Humanities***
      - Program: Global Humanities Major
    - d) ***Labour Studies Program***
      - Program: Labour Studies Certificate in Workplace Rights Certificate
      - Program: Labour Studies Major
    - e) ***School of Public Policy***
      - Program: Public Policy Minor

**f) *Psychology***

- Program: Criminology and Psychology Joint Major

**g) *Sociology and Anthropology***

- Program: Anthropology Major
- Program: Social Justice Certificate
- Program: Social Policy Issues Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- Program: Sociology Major

**h) *World Languages and Literatures***

- Program: Japanese Studies Certificate

**ii) Faculty of Education**

- Program: Teacher Education (PDP) Professional Development Program
- Program: Teacher Education (PLP) Professional Linking Program

**iii) Faculty of Environment**

**a) *Geography***

- Program: Physical Geography Minor

**6. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.24-19)**

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

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

**a) *French***

- Course (new): FREN 101, 102, 201, 202

**b) *Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies***

- Course (new): GSWS 212

**c) *Labour Studies Program***

- Course (new): LBST 320

**d) *Sociology and Anthropology***

- Course (new): SA 493, 494

**ii) Faculty of Environment**

**a) *School of Environmental Science***

- Course (new): EVSC 206, 410

**7. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.24-20)**

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

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

**a) Economics**

- Course (equivalency): ECON 280
- Course (prerequisite): ECON 290, 291

**b) French**

- Course (deletions): FREN 120, 121, 122, 210, 211, 212, 215, 217, 221, 222
- Course (title, prerequisite): FREN 245, 275, 300, 301W

**c) Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies**

- Course (deletion): GSWS 201
- Course (title, description, equivalency): GSWS 312

**d) Global Humanities**

- Course (description): HUM 202, 204, 240, 305, 320, 325, 332, 387

**e) Psychology**

- Course (prerequisite): PSYC 210

**f) Sociology and Anthropology**

- Course (deletions): SA 203, 319, 323, 328, 329, 330, 332, 420
- Course (title): SA 322, 364
- Course (title, description): SA 363
- Course (prerequisite): SA 450
- Course (title, prerequisite): SA 451
- Course (title, description, prerequisite changes for SA 495)

**ii) Beedie School of Business**

- Course (prerequisite): BUS 373, 406, 443, 449, 450, 475, 476, 477, 489
- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): BUS 453

**iii) Faculty of Environment**

**a) Geography**

- Course (deletion): GEOG 411
- Course (description): GEOG 310 (effective Summer 2024)

**8. Graduate General Regulation 1.8.1 - Progress Evaluation (S.24-21)**

Senate approved revisions to Graduate General Regulation 1.8.1 - Progress Evaluation.

**9. Graduate Program Changes (S.24-22)**

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

**i) Beedie school of Business**

- Program: Executive MBA
- Program: MBA

**ii) Faculty of Science**

**a) *Earth Sciences***

- Program: Earth Sciences MSc

**10. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.24-23)**

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

**i) Beedie School of Business**

- Course (new): BUS 694, 695

**11. Graduate Course Changes (S.24-24)**

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

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

**a) *Political Science***

- Course (equivalency): POL 855

**12. Graduate Course Reinstatements (S.24-25)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course reinstatements:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

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

- Course (reinstatement): CMPT 713 (effective Fall 2021)
- Course (reinstatement): CMPT 863 (effective Fall 2021)

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

**a) *Psychology***

- Course (reinstatement): PSYC 807F (effective Fall 2021)
- Course (reinstatement): PSYC 809 (effective Spring 2021)

**iii) Faculty of Education**

- Course (reinstatement): EDUC 828 (effective Summer 2021)

**iv) Faculty of Science**

**a) Physics**

- Course (reinstatement): PHYS 846 (effective Spring 2022)

**13. Senate Committee Elections (S.24-26 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 2022/2023 (S.24-27)**

Senate received the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) Annual Report 2022/2023 for information.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the March Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the February 2024 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-36481>.

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