

SENATE SUMMARY

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2022

1. **Report of the Chair**

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, welcomed Ujwal Kayande, who began his term as the new Dean of the Beedie School of Business on January 17th. Dr. Kayande was previously an associate dean and professor of marketing at the Melbourne Business School in Australia and was the founding director of the school's Centre for Business Analytics.

The Chair reported that on January 27th the Burnaby City Council voted to approve the Burnaby Mountain Gondola project Route 1 option, which creates a straight-line route from Production Way-University Station to SFU's Burnaby campus. The gondola proposal will now be considered for inclusion in the Mayors' Council next 10-year vision. This project marks an important infrastructure project for SFU, and thanks was offered to all those who advocated for the gondola.

The Chair reported that it is Multilingual Week at SFU and Senators are encouraged to check out the Center for Educational Excellence for seminars being hosted related to multilingualism.

The Chair reported that SFU's January return to in-person learning has gone smoothly, however some concerns have been raised by the University community. The return of campus activities has caused stress and anxiety and though some generalizations have been made about students not wanting to be on campus, it is believed that while these generalizations do represent individual opinions, they do not reflect the sentiment of the campus community as a whole. Some concern was expressed that the SFU community was not sufficiently consulted, and while not every issue can be addressed, assurance was given that the University administration has spent considerable time over the past few months meeting with different stakeholder groups. Thanks was given to public health officials, and while some data driven decisions are made at the population level that may not seem to be applicable at an individual level, data from health experts provides confidence as to the safety of the return to in-person learning. It was added that the University has heard from students about crowding in study spaces and that the SFSS is in discussions about the Student Union Building. Also, SFU will soon have access to rapid tests, and as per public health guidance and due to their limited supply, such tests should only be used with symptomatic individuals. Based on the guidance from the BC Center for Disease Control, the first shipment of rapid tests will be allocated to priority groups.

2. **SCAR Guideline Amendment (S.22-15)**

Senate failed to pass a motion to adopt the Principles on University Policies and the Involvement of Senate and approve the revised Section 3 of the guidelines of the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules.

3. **University Policies (S.22-16)**

Senate received University Policies for information.

4. **Updated Policy GP37 (S.22-17)**
Senate received Updated Policy GP37 for discussion.
5. **Full Program Proposal for a Master of Science in Professional Cybersecurity (S.22-18)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Master of Science in Professional Cybersecurity in the School of Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences, effective Spring 2023 or later.
6. **Full Program Proposal for a Master of Science in Professional Visual Computing (S.22-19)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Master of Science in Professional Visual Computing in the School of Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences, effective Spring 2023 or later.
7. **Strategic Research Plan Progress Report (S.22-20)**
Senate received the Strategic Research Plan Progress Report for information.
8. **Undergraduate Program Changes (S.22-21)**
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 Science**
 - a) **Biological Sciences**
 - Program: Biological Sciences Minor
 - b) **Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology**
 - Program: Behavioural Neuroscience Major
 - Program: Behavioural Neuroscience Honours
9. **Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.22-22)**
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 Environment**
 - a) **Geography**
 - Course (new): : GEOG 304 (effective Summer 2023)
10. **Undergraduate Course Changes (S.22-23)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course change, effective Fall 2022:
 - i) **Faculty of Science**
 - a) **Biological Sciences**
 - Course (prerequisite): BISC 205
 - b) **Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology**
 - Course (prerequisite): BPK 426

c) Chemistry

- Course (prerequisite): CHEM 380
- Course (description, prerequisite): CHEM 462
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): CHEM 123, 124, 363, 367, 382

11. Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) Annual Report 2020/2021 (S.22-24)

Senate received the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) Annual Report 2020/2021 for information.

12. Graduate Program Changes (S.22-25)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program change, effective Fall 2022:

i) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Master of Science in Finance

13. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.22-26)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Fall 2022:

i) Beedie School of Business

- Course (new): BUS 890, 891

14. Graduate Course Changes (S.22-27)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2022:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Course (units): CMPT 788

ii) Beedie School of Business

- Course (title): BUS 752

iii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School for the Contemporary Arts

- Course (title): CA 877, 883, 885, 887, 888, 889

15. Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) Annual Report 2021 (S.22-28)

Senate re received the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) Annual Report 2021 for information.

16. Senate Committee Elections (S.22-29)

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 March Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the February 2022 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-35238>.

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