

SENATE SUMMARY

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

1. **Report of the Chair**

The Chair welcomed Anke Kessler as a new Faculty Senator and Gord Myers in his new position as Associate Vice-President Academic.

It was reported that the Higher Education Strategy Associates ranked different research universities by performance in two categories (i.e. Social Science and Humanities, Science and Engineering) and SFU was rated in the top ten in both categories.

SFU was admitted this summer into full membership in the NCAA which means that SFU athletes can now compete right across the NCAA, rather than just regionally. This will provide greater opportunity for competition and should build more awareness and support for the Clan within the university. As well, home games are now available to watch on the SFU website.

The SFU vision continues to be utilized in various ways and will be reflected in a community engagement plan that will be going out for consultation in the next few months. The opening of the SFU Public Square will be happening at the Orpheum on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 and all were encouraged to attend. The first annual summit will be around the theme of isolation and disconnection in the urban environment. The Vancouver Sun will be running a series of ten articles associated with the SFU Public Square. The Public Square has also gained support from organizations like the City of Vancouver which has requested that SFU host and facilitates dialogues on their behalf.

2. **Terms of Reference for the Ryan Beedie Chair in Finance (S.12-124)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Terms of Reference for the Ryan Beedie Chair in Finance.

3. **Terms of Reference for the Keith Beedie Chair in Innovation and Entrepreneurship (S.12-125)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Terms of Reference for the Keith Beedie Chair in Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

4. **Dissolution of the Certificate in Family Studies (S.12-126)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Certificate in Family Studies in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Summer 2013.

5. **External Review Update for the Faculty of Education (S.12-127)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on University Priorities reviewed the External Review Update Report for the Faculty of Education.
6. **External Review Update for the Department of Psychology (S.12-128)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on University Priorities reviewed the External Review Update Report for the Department of Psychology within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
7. **Missed Class Guidelines (S.12-129)**
Senate referred the Missed Class guidelines back to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies for further consideration based on the advice that was given at Senate.
8. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences and Faculty of Environment (S.12-130)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2013:
 - a) **Engineering Science/Environment**
 - Courses (new): ENV 412/ENSC 412 (cross-listed)
 - Courses (B-Sci/B-Soc): ENSC 412, ENV 412
9. **Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.12-131)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2013:
 - a) **French**
 - Program: Upper Division requirement changes to Major
 - Program: Upper Division requirement changes to French and Humanities Joint Major
 - Program: Change to French and Education Certificate
 - Courses (prerequisite): FREN 407W, FREN 320, FREN 321, FREN 322, FREN 416, FREN 417
 - Course (description): FREN 215
 - Course (deletion): FREN 407
 - Courses (reinstated): FREN 185, FREN 285
 - b) **Gerontology**
 - Course (new): GERO 450
 - Course (deletion): GERO 400

c) Explorations Program

- Program: Changes to Explorations in the Arts and Social Sciences Certificate
- Courses (new): EXPL 135, EXPL 235
- Course (title, description, learning outcomes): EXPL 110
- Courses (deletion): EXPL 140, EXPL 330

d) School of International Studies

- Program: Upper Division requirement changes to Major
- Program: Program requirement changes to Honours

e) Latin American Studies Program

- Program: Program requirement changes to Latin American Studies Co-operative Education
- Program: Deletion of the Latin American Studies Field School
- Courses (deletion): LAS 100, LAS 402, LAS 404

10. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.12-132)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2013:

a) Interactive Arts and Technology

- Course (new): IAT 110
- Courses (deletion): TECH 101, TECH 101W, TECH 114, TECH 124

11. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Health Sciences (S.12-133)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2013:

a) Health Sciences

- Course (new): HSCI 345
- Course (B-Sci/Soc): HSCI 130

12. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (S.12-134)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2012:

a) Liberal Studies

- Course (reinstated): LS 998

- 13. Graduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.12-135)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2012:
- a) Chemistry*
 - Course (reinstated): CHEM 744
 - b) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry*
 - Courses (reinstated): MBB 730, MBB 833, MBB 863
- 14. Senate Committee Elections (S.12-136)**
Senate received a summary from the Senate Nominating Committee of nominations received and outstanding vacancies for positions on Senate committees that are elected by Senate.
- 15. Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Reports (S.12-137)**
Senate received the 2011/12 Grades Report, and the 2011 Undergraduate Student Survey (UGSS) Report for information.
- 16. NWCCU Accreditation – Year One Self Evaluation Report (S.12-138)**
Senate received the NWCCU Accreditation – Year One Self Evaluation Report for information.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the next Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the September Senate documents at <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-18173>.

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