

## SENATE SUMMARY

### MEETING OF JUNE 6, 2016

#### 1. **Report of the Chair**

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, welcomed the following new and re-elected Senators:

**New Faculty Senators:** Holly Andersen; Julian Christians; Bonnie Gray; Alexander Moens; Steeve Mongrain; Peter Ruben; Kay Wiese

**Re-elected Faculty Senators:** Dan Laitsch

**New Student Senators:** Jordan Binotto; Nadia Dale; Arr Farah; Richard Han; Weldon Haywood; Adebola Abayomi Ige; Blossom Malhan; Tatum Miller; Curtis Pooghkay; Gurbir Sekhon

**Re-elected Student Senators:** Iman Baharmand; Larissa Chen; Paul Hans; Jayme Lewthwaite; Barbara Szymczyk

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, also recognized and thanked some long-serving Senators: as of the meeting date Senator Driver has been a Senator for 20 years, including 17 years of continuous service; and not to be outdone, Senator Paul Percival will have been a Senator for 25 years, including 16 years continuously.

The Chair reported that SFU researchers received over \$8.9 million in the latest NSERC Discovery Grant Competition, and 6 SFU researchers are going to receive \$40,000 per year for 3 years in Discovery Accelerator Supplement allocations. Also, Meghan Winters of Health Sciences received a 2016 Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Scholar Award. Her project, Transforming Urban Form for Mobility: Intervention to Improve Population Health, aims to generate new evidence on the impact of population level interventions on mobility.

The Chair reported that the Surrey Board of Trade announced their Top 25 Under 25 Awards and eleven were SFU students from Business, Economics and Engineering who received awards for their innovations and their engagement with the Surrey community.

The Chair reported that he spoke at the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade and used the opportunity to talk about education and its role in the economy. It was argued that we tend to view post-secondary education's role as being there to fill jobs created in the economy for reasons unrelated to post-secondary education or research. We in the knowledge economy would do better if we made it our mission to educate our population to the greatest extent possible because it would draw new economic opportunities, creating social value that would enlarge our

economy and see education as a driver of the economy. This argument is bolstered by two studies: one study from the Conference Board of Canada suggested there is an education deficit in this province and we are not meeting our current labor market needs, let alone creating additional opportunities; the second study from the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade suggested that Greater Vancouver is undereducated in terms of university degrees relative to some of our main competitors - Seattle, San Francisco, and even Toronto.

The Chair noted some previous and upcoming events: the Annual Alumni AGM was held on May 26th at the Segal Graduate School and was very well attended. Our Alumni Association has done an excellent job of building the alumni base and it was a chance to shine a light on our 50th anniversary; our annual Athletic Scholarship Breakfast, which was held to raise funds for athletic scholarships, was held on May 30th. It featured a very good turnout at the Vancouver Convention Center with special guest John Herdman, who is the coach of Canada's women's soccer team; with Convocation coming up we have a Convocation Dialogue: Speaking with the Powerful about the Powerless with Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond and Izzeldin Abuelaish, two of our honorary degree recipients on Thursday afternoon from 4:30-6:00 organized by Burnaby Mountain College.

**2. Electoral Standing Committee (ESC) Annual Report (S.16-66)**

Senate received for information the Electoral Standing Committee Annual Report for 2015-2016.

**3. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Applied Sciences (S.16-69)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2017:

***a) School of Engineering Sciences***

- Program: Engineering Science, Biomedical Engineering Option Honours
- Program: Engineering Science, Computer Engineering Option Honours
- Program: Engineering Science, Electronics Engineering Option Honours
- Program: Engineering Science, Engineering Physics Option Honours
- Program: Engineering Science, Systems Option Honours
- Program: Engineering Science, Computer Engineering Option Major
- Program: Engineering Science, Electronics Engineering Option Major
- Program: Engineering Science, Systems Option Major

**4. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (S.16-70)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2017:

**a) School of Communication**

- Program: Communication Honours
- Program: Communication Major
- Program: Communication Extended Minor
- Program: Anthropology and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Business and Communication Joint Major
- Program: English and Communication Joint Major
- Program: IAT and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Sociology and Communication Joint Major
- Course (prerequisite): CMNS 331

**b) School of Interactive Art and Technology**

- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Honours (Bachelor of Arts)
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Major (Bachelor of Arts)
- Course (description): IAT 340
- Course (deletion): IAT 206

**c) School for the Contemporary Arts**

- Program: Theatre (Performance) Honours
- Program: Theatre (Performance) Major
- Program: Film Honours
- Program: Film Major
- Course (prerequisite): FPA 232, 236, 237, 247, 248, 289, 312, 314, 317, 349, 350, 389, 414, 420, 421, 425, 426, 489
- Course (credit, title, description): FPA 390
- Course (credit, title): FPA 393
- Course (title, prerequisite): FPA 430
- Course (title): FPA 432
- Course (new): FPA 381

**5. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Environment (S.16-71)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum revisions effective Spring 2017:

**a) Department of Archaeology**

- Course (title, description): ARCH 286
- Course (description): ARCH 433, 435
- Course (new): ARCH 323

**b) Department of Geography**

- Course (title, description): GEOG 100

**6. Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Faculty of Science (S.16-72)**

**a) Department Biological Sciences**

- Program: Biological Sciences Honours

- 7. Undergraduate Curriculum Program – Visiting Undergraduate Research Course (S.16-73)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following curriculum program effective Spring 2017:
  - Course (new): UGRAD 400
- 8. Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL) Annual Report (S.16-74)**  
Senate received for information the Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning Annual report for 2015-2016.
- 9. Senate Committee Elections (S.16-75)**  
Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for the Senate committees.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the July Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the June 2016 Senate documents <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-29130>

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