

SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2022

1. Report of the Chair

The Vice-Chair reported that on March 22nd SFU launched SFU: What's Next? Community consultation began with a series of questions on ThoughtExchange, in which community members were able to share their thoughts anonymously and rate those of others. Feedback from the ThoughtExchange questions and upcoming engagements, which will include roundtables, town halls, and pop-up engagements, will be used to shape SFU's vision, priorities, and commitments for the next five years and beyond. For the next few weeks key questions are focused on what SFU moments make you most proud and on what differences do you think SFU should make in the world? The next set of questions preparing to be launched focus on what does Canada's engaged university mean to you today and on what values or principles should SFU uphold? So far, SFU: What's Next? has seen high participation from students and staff, but not from faculty, so faculty are encouraged to get involved.

The Vice-Chair reported that in February, SFU received a one-time shipment of rapid antigen tests from the Provincial Health Authority. All SFU students, faculty and staff currently attending campus in-person, including all frontline food service, janitorial and secretarial contractors, are eligible for one of the kits, which contains 5 tests.

The Vice-Chair reported that SFU continues to work on implementing recommendations of the *Looking Forward... Indigenous Pathways To and Through Simon Fraser University* report. The Pathways report made several recommendations around transforming SFU's Indigenous University Preparation Program (IUPP) into a key pathway for indigenous high school students. The University continues to work on those recommendations to include sustained institutional support for the program and to address the need for more indigenous faculty and staff engagement in recruitment and admissions. Based on those recommendations, it can be reported that IUPP will have dedicated ongoing funding beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 and a team is at work on key elements of the program design.

The Vice-Chair reported that Susan O'Neill, Dean of Education, will be leaving SFU to take a position as the Head of Learning and Leadership in the Faculty of Education and Society at University College London. Gratitude was expressed for her years of service to SFU. She will step down from SFU as of April 30th, 2022, with former Dean Kris Magnusson acting as Dean pro tem until a new Dean is recruited.

The Vice-Chair reported that Tanya Bubela's term as Dean of Health Sciences has been renewed for another five years, effective September 1, 2022.

The Vice-Chair reported that SFU recently announced the 2021 winners of the Excellence in Teaching Awards. Awards went to Diana Cukierman, university lecturer in the School of

Computing Science, Sarah Walshaw, senior lecturer in the Department of History, and Nadine Wicks, senior lecturer, Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology.

2. **Revisions to GP37 - Conflict of Interest (S.22-41)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors Revisions to GP37 - Conflict of Interest.
3. **Revisions to GP39 - Working Alone or In Isolation (S.22-42)**
Senate received Revisions to GP39 - Working Alone or In Isolation for information.
4. **External Reviews for 2022-2023 (S.22-43)**
Senate received External Reviews for 2022-2023 for information.
5. **External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology (S.22-44)**
Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology for information.
6. **External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Economics (S.22-45)**
Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Economics for information.
7. **External Review Mid-Cycle Report School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering (S.22-46)**
Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering for information.
8. **Course Units Definition (S.22-47)**
Senate approved the following interpretation of a unit:

Units (formerly known as credits) should reflect student workload, including both time in classes (or synchronous online activities), and other aspects of academic effort. Each unit would generally comprise 2-3 hours of the combination of in-class and self-study time per week on average, such that a 3-unit course would generally comprise 6-9 hours per week on average, or approximately 78-117 hours over 13 weeks*.

Courses with laboratories or a significant experiential learning component may require additional student work and should be expected to require some additional time. It must be recognized that learners vary in the self-study time needed for their courses.

*courses that do not follow typical term dates complete the same number of hours in fewer weeks.

9. **Undergraduate Program Changes (S.22-48)**
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 Applied Sciences**
 - a) *School of Computing Science*
 - Program: Computing Science Major

- Program: Computing Science Honours
- Program: Computing Science Second Degree Major
- Program: Computing Studies Certificate
- Program: Computing Science Minor
- Program: Computing Science Dual Degree Program Major
- Program: Geographic Information Science Major
- Program: Geographic Information Science Honours
- Program: Computing Science and Linguistics Joint Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Computing Science Joint Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Computing Science Joint Honours
- Program: Software Systems Major

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *Criminology*

- Program: Criminology Minor
- Program: Criminology Extended Minor
- Program: Police Studies Minor
- Program: Police Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- Program: Certificate in Police Studies
- Program: Legal Studies Minor
- Program: Legal Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- Program: Legal Studies Certificate

b) *Economics*

- Program: Economics Major
- Program: Economics Honours
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Major
- Program: Political Science and Economics Joint Major
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Honours
- Program: Economics Minor
- Program: Economics Extended Minor

c) *Indigenous Studies*

- Program: Indigenous Studies Research Certificate (effective Spring 2023)

d) *School for International Studies*

- Program: International Studies Certificate (effective Spring 2023)
- Program: International Studies Major (effective Spring 2023)
- Program: International Studies Minor (effective Spring 2023)
- Program: International Studies Honours (effective Spring 2023)
- Program: World Literature and International Studies Joint Major (effective Spring 2023)
- Program: International Studies Major
- Program: International Studies Honours

e) *Philosophy*

- Program: Philosophy Major
- Program: Philosophy Honours

- Program: Business, Philosophy and the Law Joint Major
- Program: Philosophy and Health Sciences Joint Major
- Program: Philosophy and Global Humanities Joint Major
- Program: Philosophy Minor
- Program: Philosophy Double Minor
- Program: Philosophy Extended Minor

iii) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Business Honours
- Program: Business Major
- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Business Double Degree Program Major
- Program: Business and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Business and Geography Joint Major
- Program: Business and Psychology Joint Major
- Program: Business, Philosophy and the Law Joint Major
- Program: Information Systems in Business Administration and Computing Science Joint Major
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BA or BBA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BSc
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Administration Joint Major
- Program: Sustainable Business Joint Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Administration Joint Honours
- Program: Business Minor
- Program: Business Foundation Program
- Admission requirement changes to the Bachelor of Business Administration

iv) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School of Communication

- Program: Communication Honours
- Program: Communication Major
- Program: Communication Second Degree

v) Faculty of Environment

- Program: Sustainable Business Joint Major

vi) Faculty of Science

a) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

- Program: Occupational Ergonomics Certificate

b) Statistics and Actuarial Science

- Program: Statistics Major
- Program: Statistics Honours

10. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.22-49)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Engineering Science

- Course (new): ENSC 151

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Economics

- Course (new): ECON 113, 115

b) School for International Studies

- Course (new): IS 365, 465 (effective Spring 2023)

c) Urban Studies Program

- Course (new): URB 463

d) World Languages and Literatures

- Course (new): WL 360

11. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.22-50)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Engineering Science

- Course (prerequisite): ENSC 413

b) School of Sustainable Energy Engineering

- Course (title): SEE 352

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Criminology

- Course (description, equivalency): CRIM 340
- Course (description, equivalency, prerequisite): CRIM 441

b) Economics

- Course (prerequisite): ECON 201, 222, 260, 280, 290, 291, 310, 329, 333, 334, 342, 345, 354, 355W, 362, 370, 372, 390

c) Indigenous Studies

- Course (title, prerequisite, description): INDG 327
- Course (prerequisite): INDG 333
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): INDG 401

- Course (equivalency): INDG 410
- d) *School for International Studies***
 - Course (description, prerequisite): IS 428
- e) *Philosophy***
 - Course (prerequisite): PHIL 320, 321, 322, 326, 327, 328, 329
- f) *Political Science***
 - Course (description): POL 451W
- g) *Psychology***
 - Course (temporarily withdrawn): PSYC 389
- iii) Beedie School of Business**
 - Course (prerequisite): BUS 207, 468
- iv) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**
 - a) *School of Communication***
 - Course (temporarily withdrawn): CMNS 323W
- v) Faculty of Environment**
 - a) *Geography***
 - Course (deletion): GEOG 322, 322W, 428
- vi) Faculty of Health Sciences**
 - Course (title, description): HSCI 338
 - Course (prerequisite): HSCI 440, 475
- vii) Faculty of Science**
 - a) *Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology***
 - Course (prerequisite): BPK 417
 - b) *Mathematics***
 - Course (title, prerequisite, description): MATH 154
 - Course (title, description): MATH 155
 - c) *Statistics and Actuarial Science***
 - Course (prerequisite): STAT 240, 260, 261, 302, 305, 310, 311

12. **Capstone Unit Standardization (S.22-51)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the standardization of capstone courses within their respective academic units.

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

- Course (units): ARCH 899
- Course (units): BISC 656, 899
- Course (units): BUS 992
- Course (units): CA 899
- Course (units): CHEM 899
- Course (units): CMNS 898, 899
- Course (units): CMPT 897, 898, 899
- Course (units): CRIM 898, 899
- Course (units): ECON 990, 991, 999
- Course (units): EDUC 881, 886, 898, 899
- Course (units): ENGL 882, 891, 899
- Course (units): ENSC 899
- Course (units): FREN 898
- Course (units): GERO 898, 998
- Course (units): GSWS 898, 998
- Course (units): HSCI 887, 990
- Course (units): HUM 803
- Course (units): IAT 899
- Course (units): IS 898
- Course (units): LING 898, 899
- Course (units): MATH 898, 899
- Course (units): MBB 899
- Course (units): MSE 899
- Course (units): PHIL 898, 998
- Course (units): POL 892, 898, 899
- Course (units): PSYC 898, 899
- Course (units): REM 699
- Course (units): SA 898, 899
- Course (units): STAT 898

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

- Program: Applied and Computational Mathematics MSc
- Program: Applied and Computational Mathematics PhD
- Program: Archaeology PhD
- Program: Arts Education MA
- Program: Arts Education PhD
- Program: Biological Sciences PhD
- Program: Business Administration PhD

- Program: Contemporary Arts PhD
- Program: Communication PhD
- Program: Computing Science PhD
- Program: Counselling Psychology MA
- Program: Criminology MA
- Program: Criminology PhD
- Program: Economics MA
- Program: Economics PhD
- Program: EdD
- Program: Education Individual Program MA
- Program: Education Individual Program MEd
- Program: Educational Leadership MA
- Program: Educational Psychology MA
- Program: Educational Psychology PhD
- Program: Educational Technology and Learning Design MA
- Program: Educational Technology and Learning Design PhD
- Program: Educational Theory and Practice PhD
- Program: English MATE
- Program: Environmental Toxicology MET
- Program: Gerontology MA
- Program: Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies MA
- Program: Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies PhD
- Program: Health Sciences MSc
- Program: Health Sciences PhD
- Program: Humanities MA
- Program: International Studies MA
- Program: Languages, Cultures and Literacies PhD
- Program: Linguistics MA
- Program: Linguistics PhD
- Program: Mathematics PhD
- Program: Mathematics Education PhD
- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering PhD
- Program: Philosophy MA
- Program: Political Science MA
- Program: Resource and Environmental Management MRM
- Program: Secondary Mathematics Education MSc
- Program: Sociology MA
- Program: Sociology PhD
- Program: Statistics MSc
- Program: TEAL - Teaching English as an Additional Language (TESL/TEFL) MA

13. Graduate Program Changes (S.22-52)

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

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Science

a) Gerontology

- Program: Gerontology MA

b) School of Public Policy

- Program: Public Policy MPP

ii) Faculty of Environment

a) School of Resource and Environmental Management

- Program: Resource and Environmental Management MRM (Planning)

14. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.22-53)

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

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Urban Studies Program

- Course (new): URB 663

15. Graduate Course Changes (S.22-54)

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

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Gerontology

- Course (units): GERO 899

ii) Faculty of Science

a) Biological Sciences

- Course (grading): BISC 800, 831, 832, 833

b) Statistics and Actuarial Science

- Course (prerequisites): STAT 641, 642, 645, 652, 675, 685

16. Senate Committee Elections (S.22-55)

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

17. Proposed Updates to the Board of Governors Election Rules (S.22-56)

Senate approved updates to the Board Election Rules attached to S.22-56 as Appendix 1.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the May Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the April 2022 Senate documents:

<https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-35375>.

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