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SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2020

1. **Report of the Chair**

The Chair reported that efforts to meet the challenges resulting from COVID-19 are ongoing and continue to be guided by the advice and direction provided to the post-secondary sector by the Provincial Health Officer and by provincial health authorities. SFU is also communicating through *Universities Canada* with the federal government. Via this two-way interaction, SFU receives advice and direction from provincial health authorities, but also communicates some of the needs and concerns of the University, and also recommends actions to be taken. Efforts have been closely associated with other research universities through the *Research University Council of BC*. Acknowledgement was given to members of Senate and those throughout the University community for their efforts to adapt to this extraordinary and unfortunate environment. Concern was raised about the well-being of students, noting that many are suffering a sense of stress and dislocation due changes in teaching methodology, coupled with financial pressures resulting from lost job opportunities and uncertainty. In recognition of this, and in addition to existing support, the COVID-19 Student Support Fund has been launched to raise funds for the University on behalf of students experiencing difficulty. This week the Provincial Government announced \$145,000 in emergency funding towards student emergency assistance. Also, the SFSS has approved an emergency student fund of \$150,000. Considerable effort has been placed in communicating with both levels of government about the student situation and it has been reported that both the federal and provincial governments will announce initiatives around student employment and student financial aid. Work is being done with government to contribute equipment, supplies, advice, facilities and anything that can be used in the efforts to address COVID-19. In this respect, acknowledgement was offered to faculty members in support of COVID-19 efforts:

- Health Sciences Researcher Julia Smith is co-leading an international research team funded by the *Canadian Institute of Canadian Research* to identify gender related effects of COVID-19 and will also identify gaps in preparation and response measures, providing recommendations for those developing policy to improve public health responses.
- Physics professor Nancy Ford has organized a campus supply drive to collect critically needed gloves, face masks and other supplies to be donated to protect health care workers. Many faculty members are also providing expert commentary through main stream media and social media.
- Andrew Wister, Director of the SFU Gerontology Research Center, has provided suggestions for how we can protect and support elders at this time.
- Health Sciences professor Scott Lear has stepped up with a blogpost with how to stay healthy at home.
- Lieke ten Brummelhuis Associate Professor in Beedie School of Business, has provided information on things people can do to manage stress and stay focused while working remotely.

- Psychology professor Lara Aknin has shared recommendations on how to maintain resilience and remain happy during these challenging times.
- Business Professor David Hannah shared information on avoiding COVID-19 misinformation and practicing workplace compassion.
- Food Systems Planning researcher Tammara Soma has shared advice on staying healthy and how we can ensure food secured communities during self-isolation and social distancing.

The Chair reported that Laya Behbahani, PhD student in the School of Communication and Director of the Student Experience Initiative, has been appointed one of sixteen 2020 *Trudeau Foundation Scholars* and will engage in a three-year program of education and empowerment. Also, Denise Williams, CEO of the *First Nations Technology Council* and SFU alumnus and member of the SFU Board of Governors, has been named one of the mentors this year by the *Trudeau Foundation*.

The Chair reported that the difficult decision has been made to cancel the in-person June Convocation. Planning will instead focus on providing a vibrant online program to honor Spring 2020 graduates. Graduates will be offered the opportunity to take part in in-person convocation ceremonies in either October or June 2021, as there are plans to expand those ceremonies to accommodate increased numbers so that students will not be deprived of the opportunity to participate in convocation. It was noted that even though students will not convocate in June, they will graduate in June, subject to Senate approval.

Relating to Convocation, the Chair reported that honorary degree candidates have all been notified of the change in plans with respect to June. Their names were announced in conjunction with the announcement regarding convocation arrangements and candidates will be invited to participate in the June virtual convocation celebration, but will also be given an opportunity to attend to October or June 2021 convocation ceremonies. If someone is unable to attend either of those ceremonies, alternate arrangements will be sought, with the approval of Senate, for them to be granted their degrees at a different time.

The Chair reported on recent events:

- The Annual SFU Awards Dinner, which celebrates faculty, students and staff members who have achieved awards over the year, was held at the Diamond Alumni Club on March 5th.
- On March 10th, a luncheon was held to honor the 8 SFU faculty members recognized last year by the *Royal Society of Canada* and the 3 faculty members recognized by the *Canadian Academy of Engineering*.
- Also on March 10th, the Library held their annual Celebration of SFU Authors to mark the achievements of authors of monographs or chapters within monographs. There were 116 SFU faculty, staff, students, alumni and partners who accomplished books or book chapters this past year who were recognized at that event.

2. External Reviews for 2020-2021 (S.20-41)

Senate received External Reviews for 2020-2021 for information.

3. Establishment of the SFU Africa Research Centre (S.20-42)

Senate approved the establishment of the SFU Africa Research Centre as a research centre for a five year term

4. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.20-43)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2020:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Program: Computing Science Major
- Program: Computing Science Honours
- Program: Software Systems Major
- Program: Geographic Information Science Major
- Program: Geographic Information Science Honours
- Program: Computing Science Post Baccalaureate Diploma

b) School of Sustainable Energy Engineering

- Program: Sustainable Energy Engineering Major

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) English

- Program: English Major
- Program: English Honours
- Program: English and Communication Joint Major
- Program: English and French Literatures Joint Major
- Program: English and Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: English and History Joint Major
- Program: English and Humanities Joint Major
- Program: English Extended Minor
- Program: Performance Studies Certificate

b) Global Asia Program

- Program: Global Asia Minor

c) School for International Studies

- Program: International Studies Major
- Program: International Studies Honours
- Program: World Literature and International Studies Joint Major
- Program: International Studies Minor
- Program: International Studies Certificate

d) Linguistics

- Program: Linguistics Major
- Program: Computing Science and Linguistics Joint Major
- Program: First Nations Studies and Linguistics Joint Major

- Program: Linguistics and Anthropology Joint Major
- Program: Linguistics Minor
- Program: Linguistics Extended Minor

e) *Political Science*

- Program: Political Science Major
- Program: Political Science Extended Minor
- Program: Political Science Honours
- Program: African Studies Certificate

f) *Sociology and Anthropology*

- Program: Anthropology Major
- Program: Anthropology Honours
- Program: Anthropology Minor
- Program: Anthropology Extended Minor
- Program: Anthropology and Archaeology Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology and Criminology Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology and Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: Anthropology and Sociology Joint Major
- Program: Linguistics and Anthropology Joint Major
- Program: Sociology Major
- Program: Sociology Honours
- Program: Sociology Minor
- Program: Sociology Extended Minor
- Program: Sociology and Anthropology Joint Honours
- Program: Sociology and Communication Joint Major
- Program: Sociology and Criminology Joint Major
- Program: Sociology and Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Joint Major

iii) *Beedie School of Business*

- Program: Business Minor
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BSc
- Program: Innovation and Entrepreneurship Certificate
- Program: Business Analytics and Decision Making Certificate
- Program: Business Technology Management Certificate

iv) *Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology*

a) *School for the Contemporary Arts*

- Program: Art, Performance and Cinema Studies Major
- Program: Art, Performance and Cinema Studies Honours
- Program: Art, Performance and Cinema Studies Minor
- Program: Film Major
- Program: Film Honours
- Program: Film Extended Minor

- Program: Film and Video Studies Minor
- Program: Visual Art Major
- Program: Visual Art Honours

b) *Publishing Program*

- Program: Print and Digital Publishing Minor

v) Faculty of Environment

a) *School of Resource and Environmental Management*

- Program: Resource and Environmental Management Minor

vi) Faculty of Health Sciences

- Program: Health Sciences Major BA
- Program: Health Sciences Major BSc
- Program: Health Sciences Honours BA
- Program: Health Sciences Honours BSc
- Program: Philosophy and Health Sciences Joint Major
- Program: Health Sciences Minor
- Program: Labour Studies Major
- Program: Labour Studies Minor

vii) Faculty of Science

a) *Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology*

- Program: Biomedical Physiology Minor
- Program: Kinesiology Major
- Program: Kinesiology Honours
- Program: Kinesiology Minor
- Program: Kinesiology Post Baccalaureate Diploma

5. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.20-44)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Fall 2020:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) *School of Computing Science*

- Course (new): CMPT 494, 495

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *Cognitive Science Program*

- Course (new): COGS 315

b) School of Criminology

- Course (new): CRIM 326

c) School for International Studies

- Course (new): IS 325, 402

d) Linguistics

- Course (new): LING 450 (effective Spring 2021)

e) Sociology and Anthropology

- Course (new): SA 442, 443, 495

iii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School for the Contemporary Arts

- Course (new): CA 315

iv) Faculty of Health Sciences

- Course (new): HSCI 310, 418, 461, 462

6. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.20-45)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2020:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Course (title, description): CMPT 105W
- Course (prerequisite): CMPT 353

b) School of Engineering Science

- Course (prerequisite): ENSC 405W
- Course (equivalency): ENSC 411

c) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering

- Course (equivalency): MSE 300

d) School of Sustainable Energy Engineering

- Course (prerequisite): SEE 222

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) School of Criminology

- Course (deletion): CRIM 334

b) Economics

- Course (title, description, equivalency, prerequisite): ECON 433

c) *English*

- Course (prerequisite): ENGL 208, 212, 360, 372, 374, 392, 394, 453W, 454W, 457W, 492W

d) *School for International Studies*

- Course (description): IS 301, 350W

e) *Philosophy*

- Course (title, equivalency): PHIL 315

f) *Political Science*

- Course (deletion): POL 231

g) *Sociology and Anthropology*

- Course (number, title, description, equivalency): SA 100W
- Course (prerequisite): SA 203, 218, 231, 245, 260, 275
- Course (description, prerequisite): SA 210
- Course (deletion): SA 402 (effective Spring 2021)
- Course (units, description, prerequisite): SA 499

iii) *Beedie School of Business*

- Course (deletion): BUS 242

iv) *Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology*

a) *Publishing Program*

- Course (deletion): PUB 483
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): PUB 401

b) *School of Communication*

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): CMNS 247

c) *School for the Contemporary Arts*

- Course (prerequisite): CA 236

v) *Faculty of Education*

- Course (deletion): EDUC 402
- Course (deletion): EDPR 410, 411, 413, 414, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421

vi) *Faculty of Environment*

a) *School of Resource and Environmental Management*

- Course (description): PLAN 319
- Course (description): REM 319

vii) Faculty of Health Sciences

- Course (number, title, prerequisite, equivalency): HSCI 306
- Course (title): HSCI 427
- Course (prerequisite): HSCI 477, 482

viii) Faculty of Science

a) *Physics*

- Course (deletion): PHYS 130, 221

b) *Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology*

- Course (deletion): BPK 304, 313, 314, 382, 430, 458

7. Graduate Program Changes (S.20-46)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2020:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) *School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering*

- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering MASc
- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering PhD

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *Economics*

- Program: Economics PhD

b) *Psychology*

- Program: Psychology MA
- Program: Psychology PhD

c) *School of Public Policy*

- Program: Public Policy MPP

iii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) *School for the Contemporary Arts*

- Program: Contemporary Arts MA

b) *Publishing Program*

- Program: Publishing MPub

iv) Faculty of Education

- Program: Curriculum and Instruction MEd
- Program: Educational Leadership MA

- Program: Educational Leadership MEd

v) Faculty of Environment

a) *Ecological Restoration*

- Program: Ecological Restoration MSc

8. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.20-47)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposal, effective Fall 2020:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) *School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering*

- Course (new): MSE 804

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *Economics*

- Course (new): ECON 984

b) *School for International Studies*

- Course (new): IS 879

c) *School of Public Policy*

- Course (new): PLCY 835

iii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) *Publishing Program*

- Course (new): PUB 631, 638, 648, 655, 656

iv) Faculty of Education

- Course (new): EDUC 719, 889

9. Graduate Course Changes (S.20-48)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2020:

i) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) *School for the Contemporary Arts*

- Course (units): CA 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826
- Course (units, description): CA 827
- Course (units, title, description): CA 829

ii) Faculty of Education

- Course (units): EDUC 813, 817, 818
- Course (equivalency): EDUC 881

iii) Faculty of Health Sciences

- Course (grading basis): HSCI 880
- Course (component, grading basis): HSCI 990

iv) Faculty of Science

a) Physics

- Course (title, description, prerequisite): PHYS 847

10. Report on Open Access Policy (S.20-49)

Senate received the Report on Open Access Policy for information.

11. Senate Committee Elections (S.20-50)

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

12. Grading Practices and Deadlines under Public Health Emergency (S.20-51)

Senate received the Grading Practices and Deadlines under Public Health Emergency for information.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the June Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the April 2020 Senate documents:

<https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-34171>.

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