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SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF MAY 16, 2022

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that Vice-President, Academic and Provost Catherine Dauvergne has decided to return to her teaching and research and will be taking a short leave before moving into the next stage of her academic and professional career. Catherine came to SFU at the beginning of the pandemic, providing extraordinary leadership during a difficult time. Appreciation was expressed on behalf of the entire University for her hard work, and especially for her commitment to advancing reconciliation at SFU and for her work bringing the SFU medical school to life. Professor Wade Parkhouse will assume responsibilities as Vice-President, Academic and Provost for the period of July 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023.

The Chair reported that moving forward, the executive team is committed to strengthening the role of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and the Board of Governors has provided direction to strengthen the Provost model. This will mean a reprioritization of the academic mission across the University, reviewing resource allocation, the VPA-Provost structure, and leadership roles in order to strengthen the Provost role and model at SFU.

The Chair reported that Dr. Yabome Gilpin-Jackson has been named as SFU's first Vice-President, People, Equity and Inclusion. In her first month as VPPEI, Yabome has been working to fill vacant senior positions and meeting with key stakeholders across the University and is also mapping out her approach to developing People and EDI strategies.

The Chair reported that SFU continues to work on the medical school and is encouraged by Minister Dix's commitment made during Question Period on March 29th: *With respect to the SFU medical school, it's a commitment in the government's four-year plan, and we intend to meet that commitment during this mandate.* Last week the University sent the first SFU Medical School submission to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training. The document includes the vision and pillars, curriculum development approach, partnerships, next steps and a preliminary estimate of operating costs. Initial letters of support have been received from ten organizations, including the First Nations Health Authority, Indigenous Physicians of Canada, DiverseCity, KPU, the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association, and the City of Surrey.

The Chair reported that after six weeks of community conversations through ThoughtExchange and a survey, Phase 1 of SFU: What'sNext? has officially concluded. During Phase 1, the University heard from more than 2,000 community members on topics like SFU's next bold move, the values and principles SFU should uphold, what SFU could stop doing to make room for renewed priorities, and more. SFU is in the process of hiring several graduate students with diverse lived experiences to process data from ThoughtExchange and help group that information into themes. The full report of Phase 1 will be available in the summer. Phase 2 will consist of round table conversations led by leaders from across the University. These conversations will begin to translate the big ideas heard in Phase 1 into what SFU's next steps mean for us as individuals and teams.

The Chair reported news about the recently established Indigenous Naming Committee, sponsored by VP External Relations Joanne Curry and led by committee member Ron Johnston, with Special Advisor Chris (Syeta'xtn) Lewis. The committee is picking up work related to ARC Call to Action #5: *Install Aboriginal signage, place names, translations of building names and path indicators at all three campuses*. Indigenous names honour and recognize the First Nations on whose unceded and traditional territories SFU campuses reside. Informed by existing Indigenous naming protocols and processes, the first phase of this work will focus on a campus-by-campus approach. Current projects include three campus names, three Indigenous student space names, the First Peoples' Gathering House and the Indigenous Curriculum Resource Centre.

The Chair reported that earlier this month, SFU welcomed back 3,000 alumni who had their convocation ceremonies virtually during COVID-19. As the University gears up for its regular June convocation, appreciation was expressed to all those who plan and execute these ceremonies.

2. **Student Discipline Matters Annual Report 2020-2021 (S.22-57)**
Senate received the Student Discipline Matters Annual Report 2020-2021 for information.
3. **Senate Appeals Board (SAB) Annual Report 2021 (S.22-58)**
Senate received the Senate Appeals Board (SAB) Annual Report 2021 for information.
4. **Revisions to Policy A 32.01 - Excellence in Teaching Awards (S.22-59)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors Revisions to Policy A 32.01 - Excellence in Teaching Awards.
5. **Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS) Annual Report 2020-2021 (S.22-60)**
Senate received the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (SCCS) Annual Report 2020-2021 for information.
6. **Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) Annual Report 2021 (S.22-61)**
Senate received the Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) Annual Report 2021 for information.
7. **Dissolution of the Centre for Tourism Policy and Research (S.22-62)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Centre for Tourism Policy and Research within the Faculty of Environment, effective Summer 2022.
8. **Undergraduate Program Changes (S.22-63)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Spring 2023:
 - i) **Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**
 - a) **School of Interactive Arts and Technology**
 - Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Second Degree BA
 - Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Second Degree BSc
 - Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Major BA
 - Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Major BSc

- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Honours BA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Honours BSc
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BA or BBA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BSc
- Program: Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology Joint Major BA
- Program: Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology Joint Major BSc

ii) Faculty of Education

- Program: Helping Ease Access for Returning Teachers (HEART) Practicum
- Program: Professional Development Program (PDP)
- Program: Professional Linking Program (PLP)
- Program: Professional Qualification Program (PQP)

iii) Faculty of Environment

a) Geography

- Program: Human Geography Major
- Program: Human Geography Honours
- Program: Global Environmental Systems Major
- Program: Global Environmental Systems Honours

iv) Faculty of Science

a) Earth Sciences

- Program: Earth Sciences Major
- Program: Earth Sciences Honours

b) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Honours
- Program: Certificate in Genomics

9. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.22-64)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposal, effective Spring 2023:

i) Faculty of Science

a) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

- Course (new): MBB 465

10. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.22-65)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Spring 2023:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Sustainable Energy Engineering

- Course (equivalency): SEE 100, 300

b) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering

- Course (equivalency): MSE 100, 300

c) School of Engineering Science

- Course (equivalency): ENSC 410, 411

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Political Science

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): POL 451

b) Psychology

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): PSYC 389

iii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) Publishing Program

- Course (units, equivalency): PUB 410 (effective Fall 2022)

b) School of Interactive Arts and Technology

- Course (prerequisite): IAT 167

iv) Faculty of Environment

a) Geography

- Course (prerequisite): GEOG 340

v) Faculty of Science

a) Earth Sciences

- Course (prerequisite): EASC 405
- Course (title, description): EASC 413

b) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

- Course (number, prerequisite, equivalency): MBB 243
- Course (description): MBB 322

11. Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL) Annual Report 2021-2022 (S.22-66)

Senate received the Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL) Annual Report 2021-2022 for information.

12. Graduate Program Changes (S.22-67)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Spring 2023:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Science

a) *Psychology*

- Program: Psychology MA

ii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) *School of Communication*

- Program: Communication MA

13. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.22-68)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Spring 2023:

i) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) *School of Communication*

- Course (new): CMNS 849

ii) Faculty of Environment

a) *School of Environmental Science*

- Course (new): EVSC 645, 660, 691

14. Senate Committee Elections (S.22-69)

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

15. Election Report to Senate (S.22-70)

Senate received the Election Report to Senate for information.

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-35412>.

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