



## SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF MAY 21, 2024

### 1. Report of the Chair

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, expressed appreciation to the following Senators, whose term of office expire on May 31, 2024: Leanne Barlow; Priyanka Dhesa; Tyler D'Silva; Reema Faris; Alexander Hodaly; Mussaab Manzer; Reese Muntean; Amanda Nahmias; Todd Nelson; Michael Parent; Elspeth Pratt; Laura Rincon; Amani Sawan; Michèle Schmidt; Igor Shinkar; Harkirat Singh Walia; Quang Vuong; Natalia Zuluaga.

The Chair acknowledged that SFU continues to face challenges due to budgetary shortfalls, and in response, made the decision to eliminate 86 positions. The University also concluded a voluntary separation program last week. Thanks was expressed to members of the SFU community for their efforts to mitigate the impact of these loses, and it was noted that the university has done its best to minimize the impact on teaching, learning and research.

The Chair reported that several leadership searches continue to progress, including searches for the Dean of the Beedie School of Business and the Dean of the Medical School. Doctor Jeremy Schneider has been appointed Dean pro tem in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

On the federal budget, the Chair reported that the 2024 budget contained significant investments in research and graduate student support. SFU and post-secondary institutions across the country continue to meet with government and share the contributions that universities make to provincial and federal economies through research, innovation, skills, training and knowledge mobilization.

The Chair reported that in April, she attended, in her role as President, the annual Universities Canada membership meeting to hear from colleagues across the country. This meeting included presidents from 97 universities and top discussion items included budget challenges and the importance of freedom of expression on university campuses

### 2. Candidates – Graduate Credentials (S.24-65)

Senate approved the awarding of the graduate credentials as recommended by the Dean of Graduate Studies. Further, that the Dean of Graduate Studies and the University Registrar be empowered to make any required amendments to the list of students who have met the requirements for their credential.

### 3. Candidates – Undergraduate Credentials (S.24-66)

Senate approved the awarding of undergraduate credentials as recommended by the Deans of the Faculties. Further, that the respective Dean and the University Registrar be empowered to make any required amendments to the list of students who have met the requirements for their credential.

4. **Student Discipline Matters Annual Report 2022-2023 World (S.24-67)**  
Senate received Student Discipline Matters Annual Report 2022-2023 for information.
5. **External Senate Review Committee Interim Report #1 (S.24-68)**  
Senate received Senate Review Committee Interim Report #1 for information.
6. **Establishment of the School of Medicine at SFU (S.24-69)\***  
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the establishment of the School of Medicine as a Faculty at SFU.

\*Document will be posted at a later date.

7. **Full Program Proposal for the Medical Doctor (MD) Program (S.24-70)\***  
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the full program proposal for the Medical Doctor (MD) program within the School of Medicine with the requirement that the draft course proposals in Appendix 8.2 are required to receive full approval of Senate at a later date.

\*Document will be posted at a later date.

8. **Reconstitution and Renewal of the Institute for Black and African Diaspora Research and Engagement (IBADRE) (S.24-71)**  
Senate received Reconstitution and Renewal of the Institute for Black and African Diaspora Research and Engagement (IBADRE) for information.

7. **Undergraduate Program Changes (S.24-72)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2024:

**i) Faculty of Environment**

- a) School of Resource and Environmental Management**
  - Program: Resource and Environmental Management Major

8. **Undergraduate Course Changes (S.24-73)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2024:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

- a) School of Engineering Science**
  - Course (units, description): ENSC 204

**ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

- a) Psychology**
  - Course (title, description): PSYC 386

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 May 2024 Senate documents:  
<https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-36636>.

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