



SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2024

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that during the Open session of the May 23rd Board of Governors meeting, the Board unanimously approved the establishment of the School of Medicine as a faculty at SFU and the full program proposal for the Medical Doctor program. Thanks was extended to the School of Medicine team, to Senators who participated in the joint Board-Senate committee and to all Senators for their engagement on this topic. Now that internal approvals have been concluded, the school is shifting its focus towards the accreditation process, concluding the hiring of the founding dean and preparing to welcome medical students in 2026.

The Chair reported that on May 31st, the Honourable Terry Beech, the Honourable Josie Osborne, and partners visited the Burnaby campus to launch the SFU Clean Hydrogen Hub. The Clean Hydrogen Hub will provide on-site hydrogen production and serve as a testbed for emerging hydrogen-energy technologies. SFU received funding support for the hub from the federal government, provincial government, industry, the City of Burnaby and more. It will be led by SFU chemistry professor Steven Holdcroft.

The Chair reported that last week, it was announced that SFU received \$80 million in funding from the Province of B.C., the Digital Research Alliance of Canada and additional partners to upgrade Supercomputer Cedar, SFU's supercomputing facility. This investment will enable SFU to create a new system that replaces and upgrades the existing Cedar supercomputer, which is nearing the end of its life.

The Chair reported that a new research group based at SFU has received \$14.6M in federal funding to help support public confidence in and access to vaccines, in preparation for future pandemics. The Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) Consortium is co-led by Kelley Lee, professor in SFU's Faculty of Health Sciences. The Consortium will bring together expertise in epidemiology, anthropology, communications, political science, history, law, philosophy, sociology and other fields. The team will work together to understand perspectives, attitudes and needs towards immune-based innovations.

Noting the approval of the establishment of the School of Medicine as a faculty by the Board of Governors, a question was asked regarding if there is an effective date attached to the establishment. Senate was informed that the establishment is effective immediately.

2. Adjustments – Graduate and Undergraduate Credentials (S.24-74)

Senate received Adjustments – Graduate and Undergraduate Credentials for information.

3. Academic Dates 2025-2027 (S.24-75)

Senate approved the schedule of academic dates for Fall 2025 to Summer 2027 terms.

4. **Amendment of Policy A32.03 - Distinguished SFU Professor (S.24-76)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Amendment of Policy A32.03 - Distinguished SFU Professor.
5. **Proposed Amendments to Policy B10.00 (Policy on University Policies and Procedures) (S.24-77)**
Senate received Proposed Amendments to Policy B10.00 (Policy on University Policies and Procedures) for information.
6. **Full Program Proposal for a Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Science (S.24-78)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Science within the Faculty of Environment, effective Fall 2025.
 - Course (new): EVSC 801, 896, 898
7. **Full Program Proposal for a Master of Science in Environmental Science (S.24-79)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Master of Science in Environmental Science within the Faculty of Environment, effective Fall 2025.
 - Course (new): EVSC 601, 608, 610, 698
8. **Naming and Terms of Reference for the Libero Ero Chair in Climate Sustainability and Action (S.24-80)**
Senate approved the Terms of Reference for the Libero Ero Chair in Climate Sustainability and Action.
9. **Program Name Change from Master of Arts in French to Master of Arts in Global French and Francophone Studies (S.24-81)**
Senate approved the program name change from Master of Arts in French to Master of Arts in Global French and Francophone Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences effective Fall 2024.
10. **Terms of Reference for the Aquatic Research Cooperative Institute Endowment (S.24-82)**
Senate approved the Terms of Reference for Aquatic Research Cooperative Institute Endowment.
11. **Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP) Annual Report 2023/2024 (S.24-83)**
Senate received the Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP) Annual Report 2023/2024 for information.
12. **Name Change for the First Nations Language Centre (S.24-84)**
Senate received Name Change for the First Nations Language Centre for information.
13. **Notice of External Reviews for 2024/25 (S.24-85)**
Senate received Notice of External Reviews for 2024/25 for information.

14. Elective Grading System Update (S.24-86)

Senate received Elective Grading System Update for information.

15. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.24-87)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Spring 2025:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Sustainable Energy Engineering

- Program: Sustainable Energy Engineering Major
- Program: Sustainable Energy Engineering Honours

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) School of Criminology

- Program: Police Studies Certificate
- Program: Police Studies Minor
- Program: Legal Studies Certificate

b) School of Public Policy

- Program: Public Policy Minor

iii) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Course Access Information and Grade Requirements

iv) Faculty of Education

- Program: French Education Minor

v) Faculty of Environment

a) Geography

- Program: Climate Change and Society Minor
- Program: Geo Business Joint Major
- Program: Global Environmental Systems Major
- Program: Global Environmental Systems Honours
- Program: Human Geography Major
- Program: Human Geography Honours
- Program: Physical Geography Major
- Program: Physical Geography Honours
- Program: Human Geography Major (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Human Geography Honours (effective Fall 2025)

vi) Faculty of Science

a) *Physics*

- Program: Physics Major (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Physics Honours (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Applied Physics Major (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Applied Physics Honours (effective Fall 2025)

16. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.24-88)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Spring 2025:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *Political Science*

- Course (new): POL 353

b) *Sociology and Anthropology*

- Course (new): SA 216

17. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.24-89)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Spring 2025:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) *School of Computing Science*

- Course (prerequisite): CMPT 403, 431, 433, 454, 471, 479

b) *School of Engineering Science*

- Course (prerequisite): ENSC 428

c) *School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering*

- Course (prerequisite): MSE 405W

d) *School of Sustainable Energy Engineering*

- Course (description): SEE 324

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *Office of the Dean*

- Course (equivalency): FASS 223, 224, 225

b) *English*

- Course (description): ENGL 204

c) Psychology

- Course (B-Soc designation): PSYC 106 (**effective Fall 2025**)
- Course (B-Sci designation, W designation): PSYC 109W (**effective Fall 2025**)
- Course (Q designation): PSYC 201W (**effective Fall 2025**)
- Course (B-Soc designation): PSYC 260 (**effective Fall 2025**)
- Course (Q designation): PSYC 410 (**effective Fall 2025**)
- Course (Q designation): PSYC 411 (**effective Fall 2025**)

iii) Beedie School of Business

- Course (prerequisite): BUS 203
- Course (title, description): BUS 466

iv) Faculty of Environment

a) Archaeology

- Course (number, units): ARCH 485

18. Generative Artificial Intelligence Policy Motion (S.24-90)

Senate approved to initiate a process to develop policy regarding the use of generative artificial intelligence by instructors and students in teaching and learning at Simon Fraser University.

19. Graduate Program Changes (S.24-91)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Spring 2025:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Science

a) Economics

- Program: Economics MA

b) Philosophy

- Program: Philosophy PhD

ii) Faculty of Science

a) Chemistry

- Program: Chemistry MSc
- Program: Chemistry PhD

20. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.24-92)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Spring 2025:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Engineering Science

- Course (new): ENSC 812, 871, 875, 884
- Course (new): ENSC 845 (effective Fall 2025)

b) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering

- Course (new): MSE 753
- Course (new): MSE 754 (effective Summer 2025)

21. Graduate Course Changes (S.24-93)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Spring 2025:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Engineering Science

- Course (title, prerequisite, corequisite): ENSC 805
- Course (prerequisite): ENSC 813

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Economics

- Course (title, description, prerequisite): ECON 818
- Course (description, equivalency): ECON 826
- Course (description): ECON 842, 855, 860
- Course (description, prerequisite): ECON 881
- Course (description): ECON 891
- Course (title): ECON 802
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): ECON 803, 804
- Course (title, description, prerequisite, equivalent): ECON 808
- Course (title, description, equivalency): ECON 809
- Course (title, description): ECON 837, 838

b) School of Public Policy

- Course (title, description): PLCY 805
- Course (title): PLCY 806

iii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) Digital Media

- Course (prerequisite): DMED 521, 522

22. Senate Committee Elections (S.24-94)

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

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the September Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the June 2024 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-36678>.

If you have any questions regarding this summary, please contact Steven Noel, Senate Assistant, at senate@sfu.ca.

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