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## SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

### 1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported the following updates on the School of Medicine:

- In July the Provincial government announced an additional \$60M in operational and space funding.
- Appointment announcements were made regarding Dr. David J. Price as founding dean and Christine Burnell as executive director, operations.
- A major step was recently taken towards accreditation with submission of the Data Collection Instrument (DCI) and Medical School Self-Study to the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools. The next step is a final DCI submission on September 15th.

The Chair reported that with the Vice-President-External stepping down, she, in her role as President, has taken on a more active role in government relations to ensure that all levels of government understand the importance funding universities. It was also noted that the Chair, in her role as President, and Senator O'Neil, in his role as Vice-President, Research, will be traveling to Ottawa in a few weeks to share funding priorities with the federal government and to advocate for SFU and the post-secondary sector in general.

The Chair reported that SFU continues to face budget challenges. Restrictions from the federal government continue to have an impact on enrolment and on the perception of Canada as a welcoming place for international students.

The Chair reported that Martin Pochurko, Vice-President Finance and Administration, has announced his decision to retire from SFU, effective February 7, 2025. A search committee is being formed with the intention of filling the role prior to his departure to ensure a smooth transition.

The Chair reported that SFU received \$6.6M in federal support for two new hubs—the Climate-Smart Data Collaboration Centre and the Agricultural Genomics in Action Centre—funded through Genome Canada. An additional \$9.2M was provided by provincial governments, businesses and research partners. The new centres will advance genomics-based agriculture and food system innovations to help Canadian agriculture industry innovate, cut its carbon footprint and boost sustainable food systems.

The Chair recognized this year's Distinguished SFU Professors: Genevieve LeBaron, Daniel Leznoff, Anne Salomon, Glen Tibbits and Andrew Wister.

The Chair recognized three SFU scholars named to the Royal Society of Canada (RSC) as Fellows this year: Leith Davis, David Vocadlo and Nicholas Dulvy. It was also noted that SFU will host the RSC 2024 Celebration of Excellence and Engagement from November 7 to 9, 2024.

The Chair welcomed Paul Kingsbury to Senate, in his new role as Associate Vice-President, Learning and Teaching pro tem.

**2. Candidates - Graduate Credentials (S.24-109)**

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.24-110)**

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. Amendment of Policy A32.03 - Distinguished SFU Professor (S.24-111)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Amendment of Policy A32.03 - Distinguished SFU Professor.

**5. Proposed Public Interest Disclosure Policy (S.24-112)**

Senate received Proposed Public Interest Disclosure Policy for information.

**6. Amendment to GP20 - Endowment Management Policy (S.24-113)**

Senate received Amendment to GP20 - Endowment Management Policy for information.

**7. External Review Report for the Library (S.24-114)**

Senate approved the Action Plan for the Library that resulted from its external review.

**8. Naming and Terms of Reference for the Legacy for Airway Health Chair in Health Communication (S.24-115)**

Senate approved the Terms of Reference for the Legacy for Airway Health Chair in Health Communication.

**9. Program Changes to the MBA, MOT MBA, and GDBA (S.24-116)**

Senate approved the program changes for the Master of Business Administration MBA, the Management of Technology MBA, and the Graduate Diploma in Business Administration within the Beedie School of Business effective Fall 2025.

**10. Suspension of Admission to the Philosophy Double Minor (S.24-117)**

Senate received Suspension of Admission to the Philosophy Double Minor for information.

**11. High School Admission Requirement Changes - Faculty of Communication Art, and Technology (S.24-118)**

Senate approved referring item S.24-118 (High School Admission Requirement Changes - Faculty of Communication Art, and Technology) back to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies.

**12. Removal of the Language 11 (second language) Requirement (S.24-119)**

Senate approved the removal of the Language 11 (second language) requirement from the undergraduate admission criteria, effective Summer 2025.

**13. Undergraduate WQB Designations (S.24-120)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following WQB designations, effective Summer 2025:

**i) University Curriculum and Institutional Liaison**

**a) Breadth-Humanities**

- Course (B-Hum): ARAB 100, 110
- Course (B-Hum): GRK 100, 111
- Course (B-Hum): HUM 151, 161, 318, 319, 333W, 335, 359, 387
- Course (B-Hum): PERS 100, 110
- Course (B-Hum): PUNJ 100, 110

**b) Breadth-Science**

- Course (B-Sci): PHYS 125, 126

**14. Revised Calendar Definitions (S.24-121)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved revised calendar definitions.

**15. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.24-122)**

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

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

**a) Political Science/French**

- Program: French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs French and Francophone Studies Major with a Political Science Extended Minor
- Program: French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs Political Science Major with a French and Francophone Studies Minor

**ii) Beedie School of Business**

- Program: Business Major (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Business Honours (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Business and Communication Joint Major (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Major (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Business and Psychology Joint Major (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Business, Philosophy and the Law Joint Major (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Geo Business Joint Major (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BA or BBA (effective Fall 2025)

- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BSc (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Sustainable Business Joint Major (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Honours (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Business Double Degree (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Information Systems in Business Administration and Computing Science Joint Major (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Business Foundation Pathways (effective Fall 2025)

### iii) Faculty of Environment

#### a) *School of Environmental Science*

- Program: Environmental Science Major
- Program: Environmental Science Honours

#### b) *Geography*

- Program: Physical Geography Honours

### iv) Faculty of Science

#### a) *Mathematics*

- Program: Mathematics Major

## 16. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.24-123)

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

### i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

#### a) *School of Sustainable Energy Engineering*

- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): SEE 221
- Course (prerequisite, description): SEE 222
- Course (prerequisite): SEE 310

### ii) Beedie School of Business

- Course (prerequisite): BUS 336, 473, 474
- Course (prerequisite, description, equivalency): BUS 489
- Course (prerequisite): BUS 401 (effective Fall 2025)

### iii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

#### a) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology*

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): IAT 455

**iv) Faculty of Science**

**a) Chemistry**

- Course (equivalency): CHEM 110, 111

**b) Mathematics**

- Course (prerequisite): MACM 204
- Course (prerequisite): MATH 360, 468 (effective Spring 2025)

**17. Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL) Annual Report 2023/2024 (S.24-124)**

Senate received the Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning (SCUTL) Annual Report 2023/2024 for information.

**18. Graduate General Regulation 1.3.10 Admission as a Non-degree Student (S.24-125)**

Senate approved revisions to Graduate General Regulation 1.3.10 Admission as a Non-degree Student.

**19. Graduate Program Changes (S.24-126)**

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

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

**a) School of Public Policy**

- Program: Master of Public Policy MPP

**ii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**

**a) School of Interactive Arts and Technology**

- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology MA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology MSc
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology PhD

**iii) Faculty of Environment**

**a) Archaeology**

- Program: Archaeology MA
- Program: Archaeology PhD

**20. Graduate Course Changes (S.24-127)**

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

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

**a) *School of Public Policy***

- Course (description): PLCY 805
- Course (units): PLCY 809

**21. Senate Committee Elections (S.24-128 Revised)**

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

**22. Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Report: 2023/24 Grades Report (S.24-129)**

Senate received Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Report: 2023/24 Grades Report for information.

**23. Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Report: 2023 Undergraduate Student Survey (UGSS) Report (S.24-130)**

Senate received Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Report: 2023 Undergraduate Student Survey (UGSS) Report for information.

**24. Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Report: Effect of COVID/Grading Policies on Grades/Performance (S.24-131)**

Senate received Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) Report: Effect of COVID/Grading Policies on Grades/Performance for information.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the October Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the September 2024 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-36798>.

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