



SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2024

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair thanked those who attended the recent faculty and staff town hall. Another tight budget cycle is anticipated, with changes in government policies, particularly those affecting international student enrollment and visa regulations, continuing to cause uncertainty. This is a challenging time countrywide, with Universities and Colleges across Canada navigating uncertainty and making difficult decisions. SFU is working with the provincial and federal governments to raise awareness of the impact of policy changes on the university and the university sector, and how that translates to the economy. Meetings have been held with Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, with Burnaby Member of Parliament Terry Beech, and with others in the post-secondary sector in British Columbia to advocate changes in terms of dealing with international students. It was noted that Anne Kang has returned as the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills and was recently at SFU touring the Burnaby campus.

The Chair thanked everyone who attended the Royal Society of Canada Celebration of Excellence & Engagement, hosted by SFU from November 7 to 9, 2024.

The Chair reported that SFU recently launched the Global Institute for Agritech (GIA), a multi-faculty research institute that aims to advance agritech research and facilitate collaboration with partners around the world. Consisting of 13 SFU researchers from across seven faculties and advisory council members from government, industry and the post-secondary sector, the GIA will tackle global agricultural challenges arising from climate change and find solutions to food security issues.

The Chair reported that an SFU delegation recently returned from Tanzania, to continue in the development of partnerships with post-secondary institutions in the region, including the Aga Khan University, University of Dar Es Salaam, Sokoine University of Agriculture and Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology. The delegation included VPRI Dugan O'Neil, FENV Dean Naomi Krogman and faculty members from five faculties. The delegation then travelled to Arusha to visit the Arusha Climate and Environment Research Centre (ACER) to plan research and educational activities at the ACER site.

The Chair reported that she, in her role as President, along with the Provost, are heading to India next week to participate in the annual Times Higher Education Innovation & Impact Summit.

2. GP19 – Employment Equity Policy Review (S.24-159)

Senate received GP19 – Employment Equity Policy Review for information.

3. Proposal for a Faculty of Graduate Studies and Terms of Reference for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Assembly (S.24-160)

Motion 1:

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the establishment of a Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective February 2025.

Motion 2:

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Terms of Reference for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Assembly, effective February 2025.

4. External Review Report and Action Plan for the Department of Chemistry (S.24-161)

Senate approved the Action Plan for the Department of Chemistry that resulted from its external review.

5. External Review Report and Action Plan for the Department of Linguistics (S.24-162)

Senate approved the Action Plan for the Department of Linguistics that resulted from its external review.

6. External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science (S.24-163)

Senate received the External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science for information.

7. Full Program Proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Global Management (S.24-164)

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Global Management within Beedie School of Business, effective Fall 2025.

- Course (new): BUS 732, 743
- Course (title): BUS 710
- Course (units): BUS 712
- Course (units, grading): BUS 725

8. Program Termination of the Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Specialty Major and Honours (S.24-165)

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Environmental Specialty Major and the Environmental Specialty Honours programs in the Department of Geography within the Faculty of Environment effective Fall 2025.

9. Program Termination of the Master of Science in Ecological Restoration (S.24-166)

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Master of Science in Ecological Restoration within the Faculty of Environment effective Summer 2025.

- Course (deletion): ECO 600, 611, 621, 622, 630, 640, 641, 645, 650

10. **Revocation of Program Changes to the Management of Technology MBA Program (S.24-167)**
Senate approved the revocation of the program changes to the Management of Technology MBA program (S.24-116) within the Beedie School of Business, effective immediately.

11. **Termination of the Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health and Addiction (S.24-168)**
Senate received Termination of the Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health and Addiction for information.

12. **Undergraduate Program Changes (S.24-169)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Summer 2025:

- Program: International Experiential Learning Certificate
- Program: International Experiential Learning Certificate (effective Spring 2026)
- Program: Business Major (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Business Honours (effective Fall 2025)
- Program: Corporate Environmental and Social Sustainability Certificate (effective Fall 2025)

13. **Undergraduate Course Changes (S.24-170)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Summer 2025:

- Course (description, prerequisite, equivalency): ENSC 254

- Course (equivalency): MSE 110

- Course (units, description, equivalency): SEE 402 (effective Fall 2025)

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): DIAL 390W, 391W, 392W, 393, 394, 395

- Course (description): FASS 222, 223, 224, 225

- Course (description): FREN 480

d) *Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies*

- Course (title, description, equivalency): GSWS 200, 205

e) *Indigenous Studies*

- Course (title, description): INDG 111 (**effective Fall 2025**)
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): INDG 301 (**effective Fall 2025**)
- Course (prerequisite): INDG 327, 363, 401, 402W, 403, 422, 433 (**effective Fall 2025**)

f) *Political Science*

- Course (description): POL 421W

g) *Sociology and Anthropology*

- Course (title, description): SA 257 (**effective Fall 2025**)
- Course (prerequisite): SA 355, 356W (**effective Fall 2025**)
- Course (description): SA 365

h) *School of Criminology*

- Course (description): CRIM 340, 486, 488
- Course (deletion): CRIM 432, 437

i) *School for International Studies*

- Course (title, description): IS 210
- Course (deletion): IS 265
- Course (deletion): LAS 312, 493

iii) Beedie School of Business

- Course (prerequisite): BUS 345, 373, 441

iv) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) *School for the Contemporary Arts*

- Course (description): CA 343
- Course (description, prerequisite): CA 316, 323, 416, 421
- Course (description, prerequisite, equivalency): CA 123, 161, 230, 231, 261, 321, 339, 361, 432, 461
- Course (equivalency): CA 117, 118, 122, 127, 129, 130, 135, 136, 137, 142, 149, 150, 160, 170, 171, 186, 217, 228W, 381, 386, 405, 408, 409, 457
- Course (prerequisite): CA 229, 269, 270, 271, 289, 305, 314, 329, 334, 349, 369, 370, 371, 389, 412W, 414, 420, 427, 428, 470, 471, 489
- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): CA 131, 210W, 220, 221, 232, 233, 235, 236, 238W, 260, 262, 263, 264, 265, 285, 318, 319W, 320, 324, 332, 338W, 360, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 374, 375, 390, 393, 426, 430, 460, 462, 485
- Course (description, units, prerequisite): CA 354
- Course (prerequisite): CA 359
- Course (deletion): CA 153, 250, 351, 352, 353, 453

v) **Faculty of Environment**

a) *School of Environmental Science*
- Course (prerequisite): EVSC 410

14. Removal of WQB Designations (S.24-171)

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

i) **Removal of WQB Designations**

- Course (W designation): POL 430W, 451W
- Course (Q designation): LING 282W
- Course (Q designation): POL 426W
- Course (B-Soc): POL 151
- Course (B-Hum): HUM 460

15. Graduate Minimum Funding Update (S.24-172)

Senate received Graduate Minimum Funding Update for information.

16. Senate Library Committee (SLC) Annual Report 2023/2024 (S.24-173)

Senate received the Senate Library Committee (SLC) Annual Report 2023/2024 for information.

17. Senate Committee Elections (S.24-174)

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

18. Academic Plan (2025-2030): Update and Draft Priorities Matrix (S.24-175)

Senate received Academic Plan (2025-2030): Update and Draft Priorities Matrix for information.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the February Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the December 2024 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-36901>.

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