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SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2025

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that the School of Medicine's Undergraduate Medical Education (UGME) accreditation application has been approved and the school has been granted *Candidate Status*. Site visits for the UGME program are scheduled for May and June 2025. In preparation for the site visits, SFU continues to make progress towards curriculum development, space planning and recruitment:

- A business plan has been submitted to the Ministry for the permanent home of the new School in Surrey.
- Recruitment for key leadership roles is progressing steadily, with roles such as Associate Dean of Accreditation, Assessment and Evaluation, Associate Dean, UGME and Associate Dean, Research either confirmed or close to completion.
- Active searches for several other leadership and administrative roles continue, and faculty recruitment is also advancing. The School intends to have made at least 100 formal clinical faculty appointments before the accreditation site visit in June.

The Chair reported that as part of international enrolment and revenue generation efforts, SFU continues to build its presence internationally. Part of this work includes reconnecting with alumni and partners around the world to keep SFU top of mind. In support of this, the Chair, in her role as President, is travelling to Hong Kong and Singapore later this month to reconnect with alumni, ambassadors, donors and academic partners in the area, as well as to support recruitment outreach with high school students who may be interested in attending SFU. Connections will also be made with high school counsellors and recruitment agents who support prospective students to share more about SFU.

The Chair reported that the B.C. Centre for Agritech Innovation (BCCAI) is investing in 19 new agritech projects and nine training programs aimed at strengthening the province's food production and job growth. The 19 new projects and nine training programs aim to help tackle critical challenges faced by food producers in B.C., including soil health, indoor agriculture, plant and animal health, Indigenous food sovereignty, and training opportunities. Together, they represent a total investment of \$15.5 million, including \$4.8 million from BCCAI, matched by industry contributions.

The Chair reported that SFU has been working hard on government advocacy efforts during this challenging time for the post-secondary sector and provided the following updates:

- Over the past seven months -- ever since Government Relations function moved to sit under the President's Office -- SFU's federal lobbying has gone up by 200% and is being increasingly invited to the table to share SFU's perspective.

- The Provost presented at a Parliamentary Committee on Citizenship and Immigration last year, and participated in a small-group closed roundtable with Minister Miller on February 19th.
- Engagements with the provincial government continue to be strong and are showing results, with an increased number of government representatives reaching out to SFU to host tours and events.
- With U.S. tariffs on the horizon, SFU continues working closely with external partners such as the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade and Business Council of B.C. to ensure that the sector's contributions are being captured in conversations about innovation and the economy.
- The Government Relations team has been developing some resources to support SFU faculty and staff looking to advocate with their elected representatives. An advocacy toolkit is now available on the government relations website. The toolkit shares information about how to set up a meeting with your MP or MLA, what to expect and how to best use your meeting time to support SFU's efforts.

2. Report of the Provost

The Provost reported that the 2025/26 budget has been submitted to the Board of Governors for approval at its March 27th meeting. It was added that there are plans to bring to Senate in the next few months multi-year budgets for the next four or five years. These projections will take into account some of the challenges facing the post-secondary sector.

3. Adjustments – Graduate and Undergraduate Credentials (S.25-41)

Senate received Adjustments – Graduate and Undergraduate Credentials for information

4. Enrollment Plan 2025-2026; Undergraduate Admission Targets for 2025/2026 (S.25-42)

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors:

- the SFU Enrolment Plan for fiscal year 2025/2026.
- the Proposed Domestic Undergraduate Admission Targets by Faculty and Basis of Admission --All Campuses (Headcount), for fiscal year 2025/2026.
- the Proposed International Undergraduate Admission Targets by Faculty and Basis of Admission --All Campuses (Headcount) for fiscal year 2025/2026

5. External Review Report and Action Plan for the Faculty of Education (S.25-43)

Senate approved the Action Plan for the Faculty of Education that resulted from its External Review.

6. Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Diploma in Big Data (S.25-44)

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Diploma in Big Data in the School of Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences, effective Fall 2025.

- Course (new): CMPT 790

- 7. Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Diploma in Cybersecurity (S.25-45)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Diploma in Cybersecurity in the School of Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences, effective Fall 2025.

 - Course (new): CMPT 792
- 8. Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Diploma in Visual Computing (S.25-46)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Diploma in Visual Computing in the School of Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences, effective Fall 2025.

 - Course (new): CMPT 791
- 9. Full Program Proposal for a Medical Humanities and Social Sciences Minor (S.25-47)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Medical Humanities and Social Sciences (MHSS) Minor within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

 - Course (new): MHSS 100, 300, 400
- 10. Suspension of Admission to the Semester in Dialogue Program (S.25-48)**
Senate approved the Suspension of Admission to the Semester in Dialogue program within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
- 11. Termination of the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Sustainable Development (S.25-49)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors, the Termination of the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Sustainable Development in the School of Resource and Environmental Management, Sustainable Development Program, within the Faculty of Environment.
- 12. External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Physics (S.25-50)**
Senate received External Review Mid-Cycle Report for the Department of Physics for information.
- 13. Post-Secondary Transfer Admission Requirement Changes to the Faculty of Science (S.25-51)**
Senate approved, effective Fall 2025, the changes to the Post-Secondary Transfer Admission requirements for the Faculty of Science.
- 14. Undergraduate Program Block Admission and Transfer Pathways (S.25-52)**
Senate approved, effective Fall 2025, the discontinuation of the Undergraduate Program Block Admission and Transfer Credit Pathways.

15. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.25-53)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) *School of Engineering Science*

- Program: Engineering Science, Biomedical Engineering Option Major (effective Summer 2025)
- Program: Engineering Science, Computer Engineering Option Major (effective Summer 2025)
- Program: Engineering Science, Electronics Engineering Option Major (effective Summer 2025)
- Program: Engineering Science, Systems Engineering Option Major (effective Summer 2025)
- Program: Engineering Science, Biomedical Engineering Option Honours (effective Summer 2025)
- Program: Engineering Science, Computer Engineering Option Honours (effective Summer 2025)
- Program: Engineering Science, Electronics Engineering Option Honours (effective Summer 2025)
- Program: Engineering Science, Engineering Physics Option Honours (effective Summer 2025)
- Program: Engineering Science, Systems Engineering Option Honours (effective Summer 2025)
- Program: Engineering Science Continuance GPA Requirement (effective Summer 2025)

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *Cognitive Science*

- Program: Cognitive Science Major
- Program: Cognitive Science Minor
- Program: Cognitive Science Honours

b) *Economics*

- Program: Economics Major
- Program: Economics Honours
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Major
- Program: Political Science and Economics Joint Major
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Honours

c) *School of Criminology*

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

d) *School of Public Policy*

- Program: Public Policy Minor

e) *World Languages and Literatures*

- Program: Italian Studies Minor

iii) *Beedie School of Business*

- Program: Business Honours
- Program: Business Major
- Program: Course Access Information and Grade Requirements

iv) *Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology*

a) *School for the Contemporary Arts*

- Program: Film Major
- Program: Film Honours
- Program: Film Extended Minor
- Program: Cinema Studies Minor
- Program: Art and Performance Studies Minor
- Program: Art, Performance and Cinema Studies Major
- Program: Art, Performance and Cinema Studies Honours

b) *School of Communication*

- Program: Communication Major
- Program: Communication Minor
- Program: Communication Extended Minor
- Program: Communication Second Degree

c) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology*

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

v) *Faculty of Environment*

a) *Archaeology*

- Program: Archaeology Minor
- Program: Archaeology Extended Minor

vi) Faculty of Science

a) *Biological Sciences*

- Program: Biological Sciences Major
- Program: Biological Sciences Honours

b) *Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology*

- Program: Kinesiology Major
- Program: Kinesiology Honours
- Program: Professional Kinesiology Certificate

c) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry*

- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Computing Science Joint Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Computing Science Joint Honours
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Honours

d) *Statistics and Actuarial Science*

- Program: Actuarial Science Major
- Program: Actuarial Science Honours

16. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.25-54)

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

i) Beedie School of Business

- Course (new): BUS 313, 412

ii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) *School for the Contemporary Arts*

- Course (new): CA 110

b) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology*

- Course (new): IAT 111, 420

iii) Faculty of Environment

a) *School of Resource and Environmental Management*

- Course (new): SD 100

iv) Faculty of Science

a) *Mathematics*

- Course (new): MATH 110

b) *Statistics and Actuarial Sciences*

- Course (new): ACMA 102, 412

17. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.25-55)

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

i) Beedie School of Business

- Course (deletion): BUS 413 (effective Spring 2026)
- Course (description, prerequisite): BUS 315

ii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) *School for the Contemporary Arts*

- Course (description): CA 117, 118, 135, 136, 137
- Course (description, prerequisite): CA 210W, 316, 414, 416
- Course (description, prerequisite, equivalency): CA 216, 318
- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): CA 217
- Course (deletion): CA 312
- Course (prerequisite): CA 314, 319W
- Course (description, equivalency): CA 315
- Course (title, description): CA 150

b) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology*

- Course (description, prerequisite): IAT 351
- Course (title, description): IAT 320, 452
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): IAT 336

iii) Faculty of Environment

a) *Archaeology*

- Course (units): ARCH 383

iv) Faculty of Science

a) *Mathematics*

- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): MATH 100
- Course (prerequisite): MATH 130, 150, 151, 154, 157

b) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry*

- Course (prerequisite): MBB 309W

c) *Physics*

- Course (prerequisite): PHYS 385, 395

d) *Statistics and Actuarial Science*

- Course (prerequisite): ACMA 101, 321

- Course (description, prerequisite): ACMA 201
- Course (number, title, description, prerequisite, equivalency): ACMA 301, 340, 401
- Course (equivalency): ACMA 421
- Course (deletion): ACMA 455, 465, 475

18. Removal of WQB Designations (S.25-56)

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): PHIL 421W, 451W, 455W
- Course (B-Soc): PHIL 121
- Course (B-Hum): PHIL 121, 131

19. Graduate Program Changes (S.25-57)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) *School of Sustainable Energy Engineering*

- Program: Sustainable Energy Engineering PhD

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *Psychology*

- Program: Psychology PhD

iii) Faculty of Science

a) *Biological Sciences*

- Program: Environmental Toxicology MET

20. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.25-58)

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

i) Faculty of Science

a) *Physics*

- Course (new): PHYS 813

21. Graduate Course Changes (S.25-59)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): CMPT 706, 721, 772, 780, 784, 787, 813, 815, 822, 828, 843
- Course (deletion): CMPT 712, 816

b) School of Engineering Science

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): ENSC 702, 703, 810, 852, 853, 861
- Course (deletion): ENSC 858

c) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): MSE 725, 794, 884, 900, 921, 922, 995

d) School of Sustainable Energy Engineering

- Course (description): SEE 897
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): SEE 821

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) School of Criminology

- Course (deletion): CRIM 880

b) Economics

- Course (deletion): ECON 839, 890

c) French

- Course (deletion): FREN 812, 821, 822

d) History

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): HIST 845

e) School for International Studies

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): IS 840, 888

f) Latin American Studies

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): LAS 898

g) Liberal Studies

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): LS 898, 990, 991

h) Linguistics

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): LING 805

i) *Political Science*

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): POL 812, 826, 829, 851

j) *Psychology*

- Course (prerequisite): PSYC 815, 836, 890, 897, 990
- Course (description, prerequisite): PSYC 892
- Course (deletion): PSYC 603, 907F
- Course (deletion): TRSS 710, 711, 720, 730, 742

k) *School of Public Policy*

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): PLCY 828

l) *Sociology and Anthropology*

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): SA 815, 835
- Course (deletion): SA 857

m) *Urban Studies Program*

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): URB 615
- Course (deletion): URB 625, 680, 699

iii) *Beedie School of Business*

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): BUS 563, 564, 565, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 591, 616, 618, 633, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 643, 644, 646, 691, 723, 740, 780, 981

iv) *Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology*

a) *Digital Media*

- Course (deletion): DMED 510

b) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology*

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): IAT 856
- Course (deletion): IAT 800, 810, 812, 832, 834, 854

v) *Faculty of Education*

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): EDPR 549, 550, 552, 554, 555, 557, 558, 559, 560, 566, 569, 570, 576, 579, 580, 587, 590, 591, 592, 593, 596, 598, 599
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): EDUC 725, 726, 728, 729, 730, 815, 894

vi) *Faculty of Environment*

a) *Geography*

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): GEOG 611

b) School of Resource and Environmental Management

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): REM 606, 614, 655, 802
- Course (deletion): REM 651, 656
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): SD 801

vii) Faculty of Health Sciences

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): HSCI 807, 808, 847
- Course (deletion): HSCI 822, 823, 824, 825, 830, 838, 839

viii) Faculty of Science

a) Biological Sciences

- Course (acronym, equivalency): BISC 834
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): BISC 658, 807, 820, 841, 852, 854
- Course (deletion): BISC 839, 846

b) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): BPK 831, 840, 851, 870

c) Chemistry

- Course (deletion): CHEM 744, 754

d) Earth Sciences

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): EASC 602, 603, 604, 606, 607, 621, 625

e) Mathematics

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): MATH 878

f) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): MBB 724, 761
- Course (temporarily withdrawn): ONC 548

g) Physics

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): PHYS 833, 863

h) Statistics and Actuarial Science

- Course (temporarily withdrawn): STAT 641, 832, 842, 857

22. Senate Committee Elections (S.25-60)

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

23. Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) Annual Report 2023-2024 (S.25-61)

Senate received the Senate Policy Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SPCSAB) Annual Report 2023-2024 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 March 2025 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-37049>.

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