



SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF MAY 20, 2025

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that Dr. Marvin Washington will join SFU as Dean of the Beedie School of Business starting October 1, 2025. Dr. Washington is currently the College Dean and Vice-Provost for the College of Social Sciences and Humanities at the University of Alberta, where he oversees the faculties of Arts, Education, Business and Law.

The Chair reported that following federal election, SFU's Government Relations team is conducting a number of outreach activities to connect with new and returning MPs and Cabinet Ministers, as well as to determine how SFU can continue to be a top advocate for the post-secondary sector under a federal Liberal minority government. It was added that the Chair, in her role as President, is headed to Victoria for meetings with MLAs later this month, and trips to Victoria and Ottawa are being planned for the fall.

On the subject of consultation and the Faculty and Staff Dashboard, the Chair reminded Senate that the Dashboard contains a section for engagements and consultations. For example, there are currently ongoing policy reviews for GP40 - Disability Accommodation in the Workplace, GP47 - Bullying and Harassment Policy, and GP18 - Human Rights Policy. Senators are encouraged to get involved and share their thoughts to help shape policy and governance.

The Chair reported that SFU International, Institutional Strategic Awards and Research Services launched a Horizon Europe Engagement Fund (HEEF) to support SFU researchers seeking to establish and/or join a consortium towards the submission of a Horizon Europe application. This is part of a broader strategy to promote SFU participation in Horizon Europe, Europe's largest and best resources research funding program. There are 24 researchers in the pipeline so far and four have received HEEF funding.

The Chair reported that a number of Senators were in attendance at the opening of Fire Station 8 on Burnaby Mountain last month. The opening highlights the partnership between SFU and the City of Burnaby, and is supported by \$30 million in federal funding.

The Chair reminded Senate that Convocation is coming up at the beginning of June. Senators were encouraged to either volunteer or spread the word to enlist volunteers.

2. Report of the Provost

The Provost had nothing to report.

3. Candidates – Graduate Credentials (S.25-85)

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.

4. Candidates – Undergraduate Credentials (S.25-86)

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.

5. Research Ethics Board (REB) Annual Report 2023/2024 (S.25-87)

Senate received the Research Ethics Board (REB) Annual Report 2023/2024 for information.

6. Student Discipline Matters Annual Report 2023-2024 (S.25-88)

Senate received the Student Discipline Matters Annual Report 2023-2024 for information.

7. Membership Changes to Senate Committee on International Activities (S.25-89)

Senate approved membership changes to the Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA).

8. Membership Changes to Senate Graduate Studies Committee (S.25-90)

Senate approved membership changes to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC).

9. GP40 – Disability Accommodation in the Workplace Policy Review (S.25-91)

Senate received GP40 – Disability Accommodation in the Workplace Policy Review for information.

10. External Review Deferral for the School of Public Policy (S.25-92)

Senate received External Review Deferral for the School of Public Policy for information.

11. Termination of the African Research Centre (S.25-93)

Senate received Termination of the African Research Centre for information.

12. Guidelines for Students and Instructors in the Event of a Labour Dispute (S.25-94)

Senate approved the revised “Guidelines for Students and Instructors in the Event of a Labour Dispute” as set out in S.25-94.

13. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.25-95)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Spring 2026:

i) Faculty of Science

a) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

- Program: Behavioural Neuroscience Major
- Program: Behavioural Neuroscience Honours

b) Physics

- Program: Chemical Physics Major (effective Fall 2026)
- Program: Chemical Physics Honours (effective Fall 2026)

14. **Undergraduate Program Changes (S.25-96)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Spring 2026:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) *School of Criminology*

- Program: Criminology Major
- Program: Criminology Minor
- Program: Legal Studies Minor
- Program: Police Studies Minor
- Program: Criminology Honours
- Program: Criminology Extended Minor
- Program: Anthropology and Criminology Joint Major
- Program: Criminology and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Joint Major
- Program: Criminology and Psychology Joint Major
- Program: Sociology and Criminology Joint Major
- Program: Correctional Studies Certificate
- Program: Criminology General Certificate
- Program: Forensic Studies Certificate
- Program: Legal Studies Certificate
- Program: Legal Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- Program: Police Studies Certificate

b) *Office of the Dean*

- Changes to Credentials Offered sections of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Faculty-level calendar entries:
 - o Program: Bachelor of Arts
 - o Program: Bachelor of Arts as a Second Degree
 - o Program: Bachelor of Arts Concurrent Degrees
 - o Program: Bachelor of General Studies
 - o Program: Bachelor of Science
 - o Program: Co-operative Education (Bachelor of Arts)
- Changes to Policies section of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Faculty-level calendar entry

c) *Global Asia Program*

- Program: Global Asia Minor

d) *Global Humanities*

- Program: Global Humanities Major
- Program: Religious Studies Certificate
- Program: Medieval and Renaissance Studies Certificate

e) *Philosophy*

- Program: Ethics Certificate

f) Sociology and Anthropology

- Program: Anthropology and Sociology Joint Major

ii) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Corporate Environmental and Social Sustainability Certificate
- Program: Business Major
- Program: Business Honours

iii) Faculty of Environment

a) School of Environmental Science

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

15. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.25-97)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Spring 2026:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Engineering Science

- Course (new): TEKX 102, 103

ii) Faculty of Environment

a) Archaeology

- Course (new): ARCH 222

16. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.25-98)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Spring 2026:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Economics

- Course (new): ECON 332

b) French

- Course (new): FREN 351

c) Global Humanities

- Course (new): HUM 306, 347, 356

d) History

- Course (new): HIST 138

17. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.25-99)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Spring 2026:

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering

- Course (equivalency): MSE 111, 413

b) School of Sustainable Energy Engineering

- Course (description, prerequisite): SEE 475, 476, 477

ii) Faculty of Science

a) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

- Course (prerequisite): BPK 207

18. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.25-100)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Spring 2026:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) School of Criminology

- Course (title): CRIM 210, 310, 316, 350, 352, 419, 454, 460

b) Economics

- Course (prerequisite): ECON 220W, 331, 333, 334, 335, 362, 370, 390
- Course (equivalency): ECON 280
- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): ECON 329

c) French

- Course (equivalency): FREN 101

d) Global Humanities

- Course (prerequisite): HUM 330

e) Sociology and Anthropology

- Course (title, description): SA 200W, 255, 340
- Course (title): SA 275, 302W, 371, 386, 396
- Course (deletion) of SA 360, 460, 498

f) World Languages and Literatures

- Course (description, prerequisite): CHIN 190, 191, 290, 291

ii) **Beedie School of Business**

- Course (prerequisite): BUS 315
- Course (equivalency): BUS 455

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

a) ***School of Communication***

- Course (title, description, prerequisite): CMNS 428

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

- Course (prerequisite): IAT 201, 202, 206W, 208, 210, 222, 233, 235, 238, 244, 265, 267

iv) **Faculty of Science**

a) ***Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology***

- Course (description): BPK 342 (**effective Fall 2026**)

b) ***Molecular Biology and Biochemistry***

- Course (prerequisite): MBB 308, 309W, 432

19. New WQB Designations (S.25-101)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new WQB designations, effective Spring 2026:

i) **New WQB Designations**

- Course (B-Hum): MHSS 100
- Course (B-Hum): IAT 244
- Course (B-Hum, B-Soc): URB 413
- Course (B-Soc): SA 218
- Course (B-Soc): URB 467
- Course (B-Soc): CMNS 240
- Course (B-Soc): IAT 111
- Course (B-Sci): TEKX 102, 103

ii) **WQB Removals**

- Course (W designation): EASC 310W, 315W

20. Graduate Program Changes (S.25-102)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program change, effective Spring 2026:

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) School for International Studies

- Program: International Studies MA

ii) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Finance MSc

21. Graduate Course Changes (S.25-103)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course change, effective Spring 2026:

i) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School of Interactive Arts and Technology

- Course (title, description, prerequisite): DMED 520

22. Senate Committee Elections (S.25-104)

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

23. Additional Credentials Initiative: Progress and Next Steps (S.25-105)

Senate received Additional Credentials Initiative: Progress and Next Steps for information.

24. Briefing Note: SFU Human Rights Policy (GP 18) and Bullying and Harassment Policy (GP 47) Reviews (S.25-106)

Senate received Briefing Note: SFU Human Rights Policy (GP 18) and Bullying and Harassment Policy (GP 47) Reviews for information.

25. Election Report to Senate 2025 (S.25-107)

Senate received Election Report to Senate 2025 for information.

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 May 2025 Senate documents: <https://www.sfu.ca/senate/documents/years/2025/may.html>.

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