



SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2025

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, welcomed Dr. Marvin Washington as the new Dean of the Beedie School of Business.

The Chair reported that last month, a team from SFU travelled to Ottawa for meetings with the federal government. More than 15 meetings were held over three days, centered mostly around SFU's innovation capabilities and the work to build AI sovereign compute capacity with the Cedar Supercomputing Centre.

The Chair reported that she, in her role as President, will be headed to Victoria in mid-October to continue liaising with the provincial government, most notably with new Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, the Honourable Jessie Sunner. The provincial government has indicated that they will be conducting a review of the post-secondary sector to try and find a solution to sustainability for the sector, which Minister Sunner will lead.

The Chair reported that the School of Medicine has formally received accreditation from the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS) and is on track to welcome its first students in 2026.

The Chair reported that Senator O'Neil's first term as Vice-President, Research and Innovation will end in July 2026. Per GP 29, a search committee will be struck in the near future. As Dugan is willing to stand for reappointment, the committee's role will be to evaluate his performance and make a recommendation. It was noted that there will be many avenues for the community to get involved and share their feedback.

The Chair reported that Senator Rassier is bringing forward the Academic Plan at Senate today, so thanks was extended to everyone for their engagement on the plan. The plan will be a critical part of setting SFU's path forward and ensuring that the academic mission is centered in everything done at SFU.

The Chair reminded Senate that Convocation is scheduled for later in the week and encouraged everyone to participate and attend if able.

2. Adjustments – Undergraduate Credentials (S.25-152)

Senate received Adjustments – Undergraduate Credentials for information.

3. School of Medicine Senate Membership (S.25-153)

Senate received School of Medicine Senate Membership for information.

4. **Name Change and Revised Terms of Reference for the Simons Foundation International Endowment and the Simons Chair in International Law and Human Security (S.25-154)**
Senate approved the revised Terms of Reference for the Simons Foundation International Endowment
5. **Suspension of Admission to the Teaching ESL Linguistics Certificate (S.25-155)**
Senate approved the suspension of admission to the Teaching ESL Linguistics Certificate in the Department of Linguistics within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Summer 2026.
6. **Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP) Annual Report 2024/2025 (S.25-156)**
Senate received Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP) Annual Report 2024/2025 For information.
7. **Guidelines for Students and Instructors in the Event of a Labour Dispute (S.25-157)**
Senate approved the attached revision to the “Guidelines for Students and Instructors in the Event of a Labour Dispute”.
8. **Undergraduate Program Changes (S.25-158)**
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Summer 2026:
 - i) **Beedie School of Business**
 - Program: Course Access Information and Grade Requirements
 - Program: Business Major
 - Program: Business Honours
 - ii) **Faculty of Science**
 - a) **Biological Sciences**
 - Program: Biological Sciences Major
 - Program: Biological Sciences Honours
 - b) **Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology**
 - Program: Behavioural Neuroscience Major (effective Fall 2026)
 - Program: Behavioural Neuroscience Honours (effective Fall 2026)
 - Program: Biomedical Physiology Major (effective Fall 2026)
 - Program: Biomedical Physiology Honours (effective Fall 2026)
 - Program: Kinesiology Major (effective Fall 2026)
 - Program: Kinesiology Honours (effective Fall 2026)

9. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.25-159)

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

i) Faculty of Science

a) *Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology*

- Course (new): BPK 449

10. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.25-160)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) *School of Engineering Science*

- Course (prerequisite): ENSC 225

b) *School of Mechatronics Systems Engineering*

- Course (prerequisite): MSE 310 (effective Fall 2026)

c) *School of Sustainable Energy Engineering*

- Course (equivalency): SEE 100
- Course (prerequisite): SEE 225, 251, 332, 351, 352

ii) Beedie School of Business

- Course (prerequisite): BUS 439, 462

iii) Faculty of Science

a) *Biological Sciences*

- Course (prerequisite): BISC 306, 308, 309, 313, 318, 360W, 407, 410, 412, 413, 420, 441

b) *Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology*

- Course (prerequisite): BPK 351 (effective Fall 2026)
- Course (title, prerequisite, equivalency): BPK 405 (effective Fall 2026)

c) *Earth Sciences*

- Course (equivalency): EASC 106 (effective Fall 2026)

d) *Mathematics*

- Course (deletion): MATH 160W, 178W

11. New WQB Approvals (S.25-161)

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

i) New WQB Designations

- Course (B-Hum): HIST 371
- Course (B-Hum): ITAL 360
- Course (B-Hum): JAPN 360
- Course (B-Hum): WL 360
- Course (B-Soc): GERO 302
- Course (B-Soc): ARCH 105
- Course (B-Soc): REM 357
- Course (Q designation): COGS 315
- Course (Q designation): PHIL 315
- Course (W designation): CMNS 457
- Course (W designation): SEE 402

ii) WQB Removals

- Course (B-Soc): ARCH 200 (**effective Fall 2026**)
- Course (B-Sci): BISC 111, 112 (**effective Fall 2026**)
- Course (B-Sci): BPK 142, 143 (**effective Fall 2026**)
- Course (Q designation): EDUC 222 (**effective Fall 2026**)
- Course (Q designation): BISC 421 (**effective Fall 2026**)
- Course (W designation): BPK 451W (**effective Fall 2026**)

12. Graduate General Regulation 1.3 Admissions (S.25-162)

Senate approved the revisions to Graduate General Regulation 1.3 Admissions, effective Summer 2026.

13. Graduate Program Changes (S.25-163)

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

i) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School for the Contemporary Arts

- Program: Fine Arts MFA

14. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.25-164)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposal, effective Summer 2026:

i) Beedie School of Business

- Course (new): BUS 731

15. Graduate Course Changes (S.25-165)

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

i) Beedie School of Business

- Course (title, description, equivalency): BUS 704

16. Senate Committee Elections (S.25-166)

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

17. SFU Academic Plan (2025-2030): Final Version (S.25-167)

Senate received SFU Academic Plan (2025-2030): Final Version for information.

18. SFU School of Medicine Discussion - Supporting Document (S.25-168)

Senate received SFU School of Medicine Discussion - Supporting Document for information.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the December Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the October 2025 Senate documents: <https://www.sfu.ca/senate/documents/years/2025/oct.html>.

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