

SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2026

1. Report of the Chair

The Chair welcomed several members of the Board of Governors, including Board Chair Carol Herbert and Deputy Chair Kamal Basra. They are sitting in on this meeting ahead of the Board-Senate retreat so that they can improve their understanding of how Senate operates. Senators were reminded that they are welcome to sit in on Open Board meetings as well.

On the subject of the post-secondary review, which was due to government by the end of March, the Chair reported that at this time there is little news to report. The Chair, in her role as President, did have an engagement with the Minister of Post-secondary Education on Friday, and she indicated that she has not yet received that report.

The Chair reported that Dugan O’Neil, Vice-President, Research and Innovation, has been reappointed for a second five-year term. The Chair thanked those who participated in the renewal process.

The Chair reported that at the end of March, SFU announced a major partnership with Queen’s University—an MOU to design and build a national, sovereign, secure and sustainable high-performance supercomputing system that will keep Canadian data and intellectual property in Canadian hands. This is part of SFU’s ongoing work to expand and scale up the Cedar Supercomputing Centre.

The Chair reported that SFU will have a major presence at the Web Summit, a major conference for the tech sector happening in Vancouver this May. The conference will showcase the work SFU is doing in AI, quantum, sustainability and more to a global audience.

The Chair reported that in March, SFU announced this year’s Honourary Degree Recipients. For June, the recipients include the Honourable Janet Austin, Gordon Ball, Ryan Beedie, Charmaine Crooks, Gloria Gutman and David Turpin. For October, our recipient will be Maria Klawe.

The Chair reported that SFU is looking to spend close to \$13.5M on the renewal of the Shrum Science Complex in the 26/27 fiscal year. Nearly \$5M of that funding will come from additional Routine Capital Allocation from the government. The top-up comes from the Ministry of Infrastructure, who recognize the state of the building and the urgency around it. This funding will go both to the design efforts for the new building and to the preparation of swing space that will house the Shrum Biology functions during the renovation period.

The Chair reported that SFU will be hosting the Universities Canada Annual Membership Meeting in Vancouver later this month, which brings together presidents from across Canada. It will also bring together provosts this round and is an opportunity to talk about issues top of mind, and it will be an opportunity to showcase SFU.

2. **Report of the Provost**
The Provost reported that at the last open session meeting of the Board of Governors, the 2026/2027 enrollment plan was approved, as was the budget for the 2026/2027 fiscal year.
3. **Senate Appeals Board (SAB) Annual Report 2025 (S.26-48)**
Senate received Senate Appeals Board (SAB) Annual Report 2025 for information.
4. **Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in Moving Image (S.26-49)**
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in Moving Image in the Office of the Dean within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Fall 2026.
5. **Establishment of the Roy Miki Centre for Contemporary Literature and Poetics (S.26-50)**
Motion 1:
Senate approved the establishment of the Centre for Contemporary Literature and Poetics within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for a five-year term.
Motion 2:
Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the naming of the Roy Miki Centre for Contemporary Literature & Poetics (RMCCLP) within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
6. **Revised Terms of Reference for the Salish Weave Chair in Indigenous Arts Practices and Pedagogies (S.26-51)**
Senate approved the revised Terms of Reference for the Salish Weave Chair in Indigenous Arts Practices and Pedagogies
7. **Suspension of Admission to the Bachelor of Education, First Degree Programs (S.26-52)**
Senate approved the suspension of admission to the following Bachelor of Education, First Degree programs within the Faculty of Education, effective Fall 2026:
 - Program: Education Major
 - Program: Education Honours
 - Program: Education, Two Minors or Extended Minors
8. **Suspension of Admission to the Psychology, Applied Behaviour Analysis Concentration Major (S.26-53)**
Senate approved the suspension of admission to the Psychology, Applied Behaviour Analysis Concentration Major in the Department of Psychology within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Spring 2027.
9. **Notice of External Reviews for 2026/27 (S.26-54)**
Senate received Notice of External Reviews for 2026/27 for information.

10. Changes to the English Language Admission Requirements (S.26-55)

Motion 1:

Senate approved, effective Fall 2026 the revision to the University's undergraduate English Language Requirements, accepting the new test, the LanguageCert Academic.

Motion 2:

Senate approved, effective Fall 2026, the revision to the University's undergraduate English language Requirements, by permanently allowing the DuoLingo test.

Motion 3:

Senate approved, effective Fall 2026, the revision to the University's undergraduate English language Requirements, updating the TOEFL requirement to reflect the new scoring system out of 6, with an overall score 4.5, with no part less than 4.0'.

11. Changes to the S10.01 Student Academic Integrity Policy (S.26-56)

Senate approved, effective Fall 2026, the changes to S10.01 Student Academic Integrity Policy as outlined in the appendix.

12. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.26-57)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Program: Computing Science Major
- Program: Computing Science Second Degree Major

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) School of Criminology

- Program: Legal Studies Certificate
- Program: Legal Studies Minor

b) History

- Program: History Major
- Program: History Honours

c) Indigenous Languages Program

- Program: Indigenous Languages Minor
- Program: Indigenous Language Proficiency Certificate
- Program: Indigenous Language Proficiency Diploma

d) School for International Studies

- Program: International Studies Certificate

e) *Economics, Linguistics, Philosophy, and Political Science*

- Program: Social Data Analytics Minor

f) *World Languages and Literatures*

- Program: World Literature Major

iii) *Beedie School of Business*

- Program: Business Major
- Program: Business Honours
- Program: Innovation and Entrepreneurship Certificate

iv) *Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology*

a) *Office of the Dean*

- Program: Sound Certificate

b) *School for the Contemporary Arts*

- Program: Theatre and Performance Major
- Program: Theatre and Performance Extended Minor

v) *Faculty of Environment*

a) *Archaeology*

- Program: Archaeology Major
- Program: Archaeology Honours

vi) *Faculty of Science*

a) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry*

- Program: Genomics Certificate
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Honours
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Minor
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Administration Joint Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Business Administration Joint Honours
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Computing Science Joint Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Computing Science Joint Honours
- Program: Chemistry and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Joint Major

b) *Statistics and Actuarial Science*

- Program: Statistics Major
- Program: Statistics Honours
- Program: Statistics Minor

13. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.26-58)

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

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) School of Criminology

- Course (new): CRIM 408, 411

b) History

- Course (new): HIST 180

c) Indigenous Languages Program

- Course (new): INLG 445

d) Labour Studies Program

- Course (new): LBST 302

e) School of Public Policy

- Course (new): PLCY 301, 302

ii) Faculty of Education

- Course (new): EDUC 453

14. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.26-59)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Course (prerequisite): CMPT 340, 361

b) School of Engineering Science

- Course (equivalency): ENSC 380

c) School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering

- Course (number, equivalency): MSE 280
- Course (prerequisite): MSE 413

d) School of Sustainable Energy Engineering

- Course (equivalency): SEE 225, 341
- Course (description): SEE 310
- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): SEE 331
- Course (prerequisite): SEE 464

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) School of Criminology

- Course (description): ALS 401, 402, 403, 404, 405

b) History

- Course (description): HIST 285, 390, 391, 485, 486

c) Indigenous Languages Program

- Course (prerequisite): INLG 130, 335, 458
- Course (title): INLG 233
- Course (title, prerequisite, equivalency): INLG 134
- Course (title, prerequisite, description, equivalency): INLG 234
- Course (equivalency): INLG 300
- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): INLG 433, 434
- Course (prerequisite, description): INLG 435

d) Labour Studies Program

- Course (prerequisite, description): LBST 202

e) Political Science

- Course (title, description, equivalency): POL 434W

f) Sociology and Anthropology

- Course (description): SA 325
- Course (title, description): SA 340

g) World Languages and Literatures

- Course (prerequisite): ITAL 360
- Course (prerequisite): JAPN 360
- Course (prerequisite): WL 300, 301W, 303, 304, 305W, 306, 307, 308, 309, 320, 330, 360

iii) Beedie School of Business

- Course (title): BUS 338, 450
- Course (title, units, prerequisite): BUS 477

iv) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School for the Contemporary Arts

- Course (title, description, prerequisite): CA 151, 152, 251, 252, 356
- Course (title, description, units): CA 254
- Course (prerequisite): CA 285, 350, 354, 355, 357W, 450, 451

v) **Faculty of Science**

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

- Course (prerequisite): BPK 408W

b) ***Chemistry***

- Course (description): CHEM 110, 115, 120, 121, 122, 236W, 266, 282, 283, 284, 286, 316, 332, 336, 360, 366W
- Course (title, description): CHEM 380
- Course (description): NUSC 341, 346

c) ***Mathematics***

- Course (prerequisite): MATH 100, 110, 150, 151, 190
- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): MATH 152

d) ***Molecular Biology and Biochemistry***

- Course (units): MBB 229, 308
- Course (prerequisite): MBB 231, 323

e) ***Statistics and Actuarial Science***

- Course (acronym, prerequisite): STAT 260
- Course (prerequisite): STAT 302, 305

15. **WQB Approvals and Removals (S.26-60)**

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

i) **New WQB Designations**

- Course (B-Hum): CHIN 330
- Course (B-Soc): GSWS 102
- Course (B-Soc): LBST 302
- Course (B-Soc): SD 100
- Course (B-Sci): INDG 232
- Course (B-Sci): ARCH 222
- Course (B-Sci): CHEM 373
- Course (Q designation): CHEM 180
- Course (Q designation): STAT 300W
- Course (W designation): IS 130

ii) **WQB Removals**

- Course (B-Hum): HIST 132, 212, 213, 373
- Course (B-Hum): POL 150
- Course (B-Hum): CA 216
- Course (B-Soc): COGS 100
- Course (B-Soc): CRIM 103
- Course (B-Soc): ECON 103

- Course (B-Soc): FREN 275
- Course (B-Soc): IS 105
- Course (B-Soc): LING 111, 190, 220
- Course (B-Soc): POL 210
- Course (B-Soc): GEOG 150
- Course (B-Sci): CMPT 115
- Course (B-Sci): ENSC 100W
- Course (B-Sci): COGS 110
- Course (B-Sci): GSWS 316
- Course (B-Sci): HIST 132
- Course (B-Sci): PHIL 105, 144
- Course (B-Sci): POL 150
- Course (B-Sci): ARCH 131
- Course (B-Sci): HSCI 100
- Course (B-Sci): BISC 373
- Course (B-Sci): BPK 141
- Course (B-Sci): CHEM 399
- Course (B-Sci): EASC 107
- Course (B-Sci): RISK 101
- Course (B-Sci): STAT 100
- Course (Q designation): CRIM 220
- Course (Q designation): LBST 202
- Course (Q designation): SA 255
- Course (Q designation): CA 347
- Course (Q designation): CMNS 201W
- Course (Q designation): GEOG 351, 355
- Course (Q designation): BPK 407
- Course (W designation): ECON 455W
- Course (W designation): HIST 425W
- Course (W designation): POL 452W
- Course (W designation): WL 305W
- Course (W designation): CA 210W, 312W, 412W
- Course (W designation): CMNS 253W
- Course (W designation): MATH 208W, 380W, 381W
- Course (W designation): STAT 300W
- Course (B-Hum): ENSC 100W
- Course (B-Hum): MSE 102
- Course (B-Hum): ENGL 113W
- Course (B-Hum): FREN 330
- Course (B-Hum): GSWS 316
- Course (B-Hum): HIST 101, 102W, 104, 106, 111, 115, 135, 185 220, 224, 225, 244, 249, 265, 275, 276, 277, 279, 285, 288, 304, 349, 460
- Course (B-Hum): HUM 276, 279, 303, 304
- Course (B-Hum): POL 121, 132
- Course (B-Hum): WL 105W, 201
- Course (B-Hum): CA 118, 236
- Course (B-Hum): CMNS 258
- Course (B-Hum): IAT 206W

- Course (B-Hum): EDUC 100W, 230, 250, 341
- Course (B-Hum): ENV 100
- Course (B-Hum): MBB 301
- Course (B-Soc): GSWS 316
- Course (B-Soc): GSWS 335W
- Course (B-Soc): HIST 111, 135, 185
- Course (B-Soc): IS 221
- Course (B-Soc): LBST 201, 308
- Course (B-Soc): POL 121
- Course (B-Soc): CA 127
- Course (B-Soc): PUB 448
- Course (B-Soc): EDUC 250
- Course (B-Soc): GEOG 102, 386
- Course (B-Soc): REM 281, 381
- Course (B-Soc): HSCI 140
- Course (B-Sci): CMPT 128
- Course (B-Sci): CMPT 165, 166, 320
- Course (B-Sci): ENSC 412
- Course (B-Sci): HIST 111
- Course (B-Sci): EDUC 454
- Course (B-Sci): GEOG 253
- Course (B-Sci): CHEM 191, 192
- Course (B-Sci): EASC 210
- Course (B-Sci): MBB 302
- Course (B-Sci): PHYS 192
- Course (B-Sci): SCI 192
- Course (B-Sci): MACM 101
- Course (Q designation): CMPT 102, 110, 128, 129, 166
- Course (Q designation): ECON 290, 291, 431
- Course (Q designation): FREN 417
- Course (Q designation): POL 434W
- Course (Q designation): CA 271, 324
- Course (Q designation): CMNS 325
- Course (Q designation): PUB 450
- Course (Q designation): EDUC 454
- Course (Q designation): GEOG 213
- Course (Q designation): BPK 343
- Course (Q designation): CHEM 109, 191, 192, 215, 316
- Course (Q designation): EASC 317, 416
- Course (Q designation): MATH 113, 130, 150, 197, 198, 208W, 232, 240, 242, 251, 252, 254, 260, 302, 303, 304, 308, 309, 314, 320, 322, 338, 342, 343, 345, 348, 360, 380W, 381W, 402W, 408, 418, 419, 424, 425, 440, 443, 445, 447, 448, 462, 467, 470, 480W
- Course (Q designation): MBB 343
- Course (Q designation): NUSC 341, 342, 344, 346
- Course (Q designation): PHYS 132, 133, 211, 233, 234, 255, 285, 313, 321, 326, 332W, 344, 346, 347, 365, 384, 385, 390, 395, 413, 415, 416, 421, 431, 433, 433W, 445, 455, 465, 484, 485, 490

- Course (Q designation): MACM 101, 201, 203, 204, 300, 401, 409, 416, 442
- Course (W designation): ENSC 100W
- Course (W designation): SEE 410W
- Course (W designation): ECON 409W, 426W, 450W, 452W, 454W
- Course (W designation): FREN 407W
- Course (W designation): GSWS 335W
- Course (W designation): HIST 102W, 330W, 345W, 368W, 374W, 442W, 443W, 444W, 447W, 455W, 462W, 463W, 471W, 473W
- Course (W designation): INDG 443W
- Course (W designation): POL 426W, 457W
- Course (W designation): CA 238W
- Course (W designation): CMNS 323W
- Course (W designation): EDUC 100W, 342W, 371W, 412W, 428W, 473W
- Course (W designation): MATH 402W
- Course (W designation): PHYS 433W
- Course (Q designation): CHEM 363, 367

16. Graduate General Regulations 1.8 Progress and Withdrawal (S.26-61)

Senate approved the revisions to Graduate General Regulation 1.8 Progress and Withdrawal, effective Fall 2026.

17. Graduate Program Changes (S.26-62)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Program: Computing Science MSc
- Program: Computing Science PhD

ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

- Program: Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies MA

b) Philosophy

- Program: Philosophy MA

c) Political Science

- Program: Political Science MA
- Program: Political Science PhD

d) Urban Studies Program

- Program: Urban Studies MURb

iii) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Business Administration MBA
- Program: Science and Technology Commercialization Graduate Certificate

iv) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School of Communication

- Program: Communication MA
- Program: Communication PhD

v) Faculty of Science

a) Chemistry

- Program: Chemistry PhD

18. Program Change: Education PhD (S.26-63)

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

- Program: Education PhD

19. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.26-64)

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

i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

a) School of Computing Science

- Course (new): CMPT 891

ii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School of Communication

- Course (new): CMNS 865, 870, 871

20. Graduate Course Changes (S.26-65)

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

i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

a) Political Science

- Course (title): POL 890, 891
- Course (units, description): POL 892

b) Urban Studies Program

- Course (units): URB 697

ii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School of Communication

- Course (title, description, prerequisite): CMNS 893
- Course (title, description): CMNS 897

iii) Faculty of Science

a) Chemistry

- Course (description): CHEM 803

21. Graduate Course Deletion (S.26-66)

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

i) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School of Communication

- Course (deletion): CMNS 896

22. Senate Committee Elections (S.26-67)

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

23. R60.01 Procedures Amendments (S.26-68)

Senate received R60.01 Procedures Amendments for information.

24. External Review of the SFU Senate – Summary and Next Steps (S.26-69)

Motion 1:

Senate received the External Review of the Simon Fraser University Senate final report, dated February 17, 2026.

Motion 2:

Senate approved that SCAR gather and compile feedback from senators on the External Review prior to May 31st, and bring back recommendations for next steps to a future meeting of Senate.

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 April 2026 Senate documents: <https://www.sfu.ca/senate/documents/years/2026/april.html>.

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