

PRESIDENT & VICE-CHANCELLOR

MAY 2024

To the SFU Board of Governors:

This continues to be a dynamic and challenging time at SFU.

We know that workforce adjustment planning has been difficult for our community, and our current priority is ensuring that students, faculty and staff are supported and informed during this time of change.

We are making difficult choices in the current moment to set SFU up for a strong and sustainable financial future. I am grateful to the entire community for their understanding and for working collaboratively and supporting each other.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

University budget

To address continued budgetary challenges, the university is proactively implementing additional strategic measures to reduce ongoing costs. One of the strategic measures that was introduced is the Voluntary Employment Separation Program (Termination by Expression of Interest). The voluntary employment separation program was designed to meet the budgetary and operational

ADVANCING STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

strategic priorities.

Several key examples are highlighted below.

Uphold Truth & Reconciliation

I was honoured to attend the second annual Honouring Indigenous Students Powwow this year, organized by the First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association and supported by units across the university. It was a wonderful day full of food, music and dancing in support of Indigenous students at SFU.

The annual Indigenous Student Centre Honouring Feast for Indigenous graduands will be held on Monday, June 10 at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. Approximately 400 Indigenous graduands and their families are anticipated to attend to celebrate the achievements of Indigenous students at SFU. While the event is now too large to hold on an SFU campus, we look forward to holding future feasts in the House once the building opens.

Engage in Global Challenges

This April, the Vice-

learn from SFU researchers about their work and how they are making a difference for B.C., covering timely topics including the [overdose emergency](#), [Indigenous Governing Principles](#), [sustainable housing](#), [transformative justice](#) and more.

Transform the SFU Experience

Student Services and faculty recruiters collaborated on two #KnowYourSFU events to