

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

SUMMARY – BOARD OF GOVERNORS’ MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2018

Board Members present: J. Kim, Board Chair; A. Giardini, Chancellor; A. Petter, President; M. Cordoba; J. Dhesa; J. Eathy; J. Francis; A. Kessler; Lewis; M. Mroz; F. Robin; J. Stewart; D. Williams; O. Zihlmann

OPEN SESSION

A. Finance and Administration

a. The Board noted for information SFU’s confirmation to the Ministry of Advanced Education of the University’s third quarter budget forecast for 2017/18.

B. University Relations

a. The Board approved the following action recommended by Senate December 4, 2017:

x The Full Program Proposal for the Social Justice in Education Minor Program within the Faculty of Education, effective Summer 2018.

b. The Board approved the following action recommended by Senate January 8, 2018:

x The Program name change from Asia Canada to Global Asia within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2018.

c. The Board received for information the 2016/17 Centre and Institute reports presented to Senate on January 8, 2018.

d. Fundraising Progress Reports: The Board noted year-to-date progress reports as follows:

	Fundraising Progress Report For Information 2017/2018 Year to Date
To October 31, 2017	

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- x The agreement with the investor for the first phase of the Student Residence Renewal and Expansion Master Plan at SFU Burnaby has been signed and is now with the Ministry for final approval.
 - x With respect to the Stadium project, President Petter was instrumental in moving this forward with students. The project's final design and \$10 million contribution toward its cost has now been approved by the Board of the Simon Fraser Student Society
 - x In SFU's two annual credit reviews, the University retained Issuer Rating and Senior Unsecured Debt rating for both DBRS (AA) and Moody's (Aa1), both of which are amongst the highest of Canadian comprehensive university peers.
 - x The University took over operations of the Higher Grounds coffee shop at SFU Burnaby, which was previously operated by the Simon Fraser Student Society. It opened on January 2, 2018 and is currently being run by Renaissance Coffee. M. Pochurko commented briefly on its owner, Parminder Parhar, who is a longtime, generous supporter of SFU students.
 - x Following an RIP process, Nemesis Coffee, a local business located in the Charles Chang Innovation Centre, has continued to receive accolades for its coffee and food offerings in 2017 as winner of the Top Brunch Spot in Vancouver by the Vancouver Coffee Snob and a Sprudgie Award Finalist for top new coffee shop in the world.
- o. The Board reviewed the report from Peter Keller, Provost and President, Academic on a number of activities and developments in his portfolio, and highlighted the following matters
- x The next phase of the Academic Planning process is well underway, with the Faculties and their academic units preparing their own academic plans informed by the draft Five Year Academic Plan (2018-2023) and its guiding document. Later in the year, their plans will be combined into the overarching 2018-2023 Academic Plan.
 - x He informed the Board that the following individuals have recently been appointed in the area of equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI):
 - o Ms. Kim Hart, Special Advisor to the Provost on Equity and Diversity;
 - o Political Science Professor Genevieve Alf Johnson, Senior Advisor to the Provost's Office on Faculty Diversity, Inclusion and Engagement;
 - o Dr. Larry Axelrod, Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Faculty Relations;
 - o Ms. Theresa Burley, who played a key role in preparing SFU's Canada Research Chair Program Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan;
 - o Ms. Heather Williams from Student Services.

This group will work collaboratively to complement, reinforce, and build on the EDI initiatives already underway at SFU and be informed by the work being championed by multiple cross University groups, to develop an equity, diversity, and inclusion action plan and to dialogue and engage with the University community.
 - x The Student Experience Initiative is well into Phase Two that is dealing with idea generation and direction setting. Some initiatives have already entered the implementation phase.
 - x It is expected that by the end of the spring 2018 term, the searches that are underway for a Dean and Associate Provost, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, a Dean of Science, and Provost and Associate Vice President, Teaching and Learning will have concluded. The search process for a new Dean of Lifelong Learning has just begun.

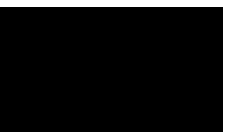
CLOSED SESSION

- A. Finance and Analytics

- b. The Board approved a contract award for the provision of janitorial services for a five year term commencing May 1, 2018, with the potential for two renewal terms of two years each for a total possible term of nine years.
- c. The Board received for information a Capital Projects and Planning Program Status Report January 2018.
- d. The draft minutes and excerpts from the report of the Investment Advisory Committee meeting of December 15, 2017 were received by the Board for information.
- e. Other matters were discussed.

B. University Relations

- a. The Board received fundraising progress report for the months ending October and November 2017..



The Board approved:

- x An Enhanced Early Retirement, Archives and Records Management, effective 30 Jun 18
- d. The Board received for information the 2017 Annual Report of the Human Resources Committee.
- D. Other
 - a. The Board received the President's Activity Report for November and December 2017.
 - b. The Board received for information an updated 2018 semester schedule of SFU events.
 - c. The Board engaged in a discussion with Joy Johnson, President, Research and International, around Operationalizing the Strategic Research Plan 2016.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

- a. The Board elected Ms. Fiona Robinson Chair of the Board for the period from the conclusion of the January 25, 2018 Board meeting to the conclusion of the January 2019 Board meeting.
- b. The Board elected Mr. Chris Lewis Deputy Chair of the Board for the period from the conclusion of the January 25, 2018 Board meeting to the conclusion of the January 2019 Board meeting.

The next Board of Governors meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at the Halpern Centre, Room 126, SFU Burnaby.