

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

SUMMARY – BOARD OF GOVERNORS’ MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2019

Board Members present: F. Robin, Board Chair; A. Petter, President; T. Budd; M. Cordoba; J. Earthy; A. Hall; A. Khehra; M.C. Kropinski; C. Lewis; M. Mroz; J. Stewart; D. Williams

Regrets: A. Giardini, Chancellor; C. Gill; A. Kessler

OPEN SESSION

A. Finance and Administration

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- g. The President commented on the tragic news of the disappearance and death of Economics Professor Ramo Gençay following a university visit in Medellin Colombia. He acknowledged those within SFU, especially Chief Safety Officer Mark LaLonde, who worked tirelessly over the

Along with university responsibility in the area of refugees, social infrastructure will be SFU's area of leadership in the USRN; and,

- A new AGE-WELL National Innovation Hub, just unveiled at SFU's Surrey campus, will address aging challenges through digital technologies aimed at improving seniors' quality of life. The hub will benefit from \$3.5 million announced by Western Economic Diversification Canada. Launched in 2015, AGE-WELL is a pan-Canadian network that brings together researchers, older adults, caregivers, partner organizations and future leaders to accelerate the delivery of technology-based solutions that make a meaningful difference in the lives of Canadians.
- m. The Board received a report from Martin Pochurko, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, summarizing the major activities and initiatives in the departments within his portfolio as of January 2019. He drew the Board's attention to the following items:
- Corix has selected a contractor to install the underground heating distribution pipes for the Biomass Heating Plant on the Burnaby Campus. The work will begin in February and is expected to take until August 2019 to complete. There will be major traffic disruption on Tower and South Campus Roads and bus service will be re-routed.
 - Safety & Risk Services launched an emergency protocol campaign to better clarify emergency procedures among the community, including simplified messaging around the importance of calling 911. The campaign also included enhanced safety resources, among them updated emergency posters in all classrooms, updated decals for campus phones, a classrooms safety script, new emergency contact key tags and safety information postcards, and a new emergency webpage. The Board was also informed that Safety & Risk Services has recruited Tim Marron as the new Senior Director, Campus Public Safety.
- n. The Board reviewed the report from Peter Keller, Provost and Vice-President, Academic on a number of activities and developments in his portfolio, and Wade Parkhouse, Acting Vice-President, Academic highlighted the following matters:
- SFU is on track in its commitment to have educational goals for all programs by the summer of 2020. By the end of this academic year, 32 of 37 programs will have developed goals as part of the external review cycle. In addition, the AVP Learning and Teaching is leading a consultation process around establishing educational goals for each course, and will also build capacity for assessing student achievement towards meeting these goals. Consideration is also being given to drafting overarching educational goals for the University.
 - With respect to the work underway around enhancing the student experience, the MySSP program focuses on mental health and well-being by providing students with 24/7 access to counselling services in multiple languages. Since the September 2018 launch and through to the end of November 2018, the program has seen 786 cases and 2,207 app downloads.
 - SFU's new admission model for BC high school students has been changed effective Fall 2019. It allows individual programs to put emphasis on high school courses that are most relevant to their discipline; includes specific grade 11 and grade 12 courses which are strong indicators of first year success at SFU; and allows the University to include grade data across a wide spectrum of grade 11 and grade 12 courses.
 - New demand-based course scheduling software has been secured to better address the needs of students.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Finance and Administration

- a. The Board received for information a status report on the SFU Burnaby Campus Master Plan 2065.

- a. The Board received the President's Activities Report for November and December 2018.
- b. The Board received for information an updated 2019 semesterly schedule of SFU events.
- c. Other matters were discussed.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

- a. The Board re-elected Ms. Fiona Robin Chair of the Board for the period from the conclusion of