

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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**A. Finance and Administration**

- a. The Board received for information a report regarding fall 2019 enrolment data for international (CAUBO) synopsis of the *University Investment Survey on Endowment Funds* 2018. A summarized version of the survey also went to the members of the Investment Committee. [see below – Responsible Investment Committee]

**B. University Relations**

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

To September 30, 2019	\$13,333,214

- b.

- c. The Board approved the following action recommended by Senate on October 7, 2019:
  - The establishment of the Department of World Languages and Literatures within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

**C. Governance and Nominating**

- a. The Board approved the recommendation of the appointment of Ms. Catherine Heath as Trustee of the Pension Plan for Members of the Academic Staff as University Representative, replacing Jonathan Stewart effective immediately for an indefinite term.
- b. The Board approved the recommendation of the re-

- Presenting the Chancellor's Distinguished Service Award to Bill Cunningham in recognition of his outstanding service and commitment to the University (he has served on the SFU Alumni Association Board of Directors and the SFU Board of Governors, acting as Board

- Asia Mission: In November, A. Petter led a mission to Hong Kong, Singapore and Shanghai to build academic relationships, pursue philanthropic opportunities and reconnect with alumni and friends. While the ability of the delegation to meet with university partners and others in Hong Kong was disrupted by recent events (most SFU students have returned back to Canada), the delegation did manage to visit one university and participate in the annual Terry Fox run which is organized by SFU Alumni. In both Singapore and Shanghai, SFU met with university partners and enjoyed highly successful alumni and friends receptions. The mission also provided an opportunity to meet with consular officials at all three locations and to promote APAIE 2020, the annual Asia Pacific Association for International Education conference that SFU will host in March of 2020, where over 2500 attendees are expected.
- e. Board Chair F. Robin congratulated Chancellor Giardini on recently being named, once again, to *VanMag's 2019 Power 50 List*.
- f. The Report of the Vice-President, Research and International on key activities in her office as well as recent research achiev -0.crev -0.cre0l 8 -0.cre0l6(e (i)v)12.9 (i)8ae7 (i)-4.v542.8 the6 (12.92lh(e.)Tj 0 T

i. A main motion for the Board to approve, in principle, a new standing committee – Budget Consultation Committee – was referred to the Governance and Nominating Committee for review, with instructions to report back at the January 2020 Board meeting.

j. A main motion that henceforth every year the Vice-President, Finance and Administration shall present a preliminary budget to the Board in November and again in January, prior to its official introduction in March, was referred to the Finance and Administration Committee for review, with instructions to report back at the January 2020 Board meeting.

k. The Board heard a report from undergraduate student governor Ali Versi regarding the financial burden for students around the costs associated with printing and other student fees beyond tuition. This raised the larger and important issue of student affordability and the Board noted one of the positive outcomes of the budget consultation process was an ongoing discussion with undergraduate and graduate student representatives, more generally around affordability and what can be done to address that issue, of which printing is a part. The reality of affordability transcends the University and to the extent the University trying to address these issues and to find solutions, it is hoped that SFU will continue collaborating with others in the province and within the post-secondary sector.

