

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

SUMMARY – BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 202

Board Members present: J. Stewart, Board Chair; J. Johnson, President; M. Cordoba; A. Hall; C. Hanna; A. Kessler; C. Lewis; M. Lombardi; P. Martin; D. Williams; J. Young

Regrets: T. Vrooman, Chancellor; C. Gildersleve; A. Gunn

OPEN SESSION

A. Finance and Administration [There were no open

- x Engagement in a series of conversations with groups of faculty, staff and students across the University on issues of EDI to gain insight for the purposes of enhancing the University's strategic direction; and
 - x The arrest of an SFU alumnus on December 11, 2020 at SFU Burnaby, which caused considerable community concern and led to the development of a ~~planned~~ response.
- g. Externally, President Johnson had a number of meetings with:
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Simon Fraser University was provided to the Board for information, and author Dr. Michelle Pidgeon joined the meeting to present a summary. Dr. Dauvergne thanked Dr. Pidgeon and all those involved in the research supporting the Pathways Report. The next step in this work is the implementation phase, with the first meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Finance and Administration

- a. The Board reviewed a 2021/22 budget update, as a follow-up to the discussion at the September and November 2020 Board meetings. The review included the written and oral feedback to and concerns expressed regarding the budget, and SFU's responses in each of the four major themes identified during the two additional budget and finance consultations held in November 2020. SFU must address multiple challenges in building the budget for 2021/22 and beyond. These challenges include enrolments, and the continuing exceptional costs related to COVID-19 amidst the backdrop of affordability for students. While being mindful of immediate student need, SFU's obligation is to manage and plan for the long-term health of the institution and its future students. Management continues to work with the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) on the issues of affordability and tuition concerns. The continuing effects of COVID remain in question as the 2021/22 fiscal year begins. Board was reminded that further budget updates will be provided at the Board's Budget Information Session on March 3, 2021, prior to the submission of the 2022 budget for Board approval on March 18, 2021.
- b. The Board was informed that SFU will not proceed with the expanded PIVOT 2002 program as approved in the September 2020 stated agreement between the University and Employment and Social Development Canada (EDSC).
- c. The Board approved the Stormwater Management System Covenant negotiated between SFU, Corix, and the City of Burnaby to reduce runoff volumes and enhance water quality with respect to the Corix Biomass heating system on SFU lands serving both SFU Burnaby and UniverCity.
- d. The Board received for information a Capital Projects and Planning Program Status Report January 2021.
- e. The draft minutes and excerpts from the report of the Investment Advisory Committee meeting of December 3, 2020 were received by the Board for information.

B. University Relations

- a. The Board received fundraising progress report for the months ending October and November 2020.
- b. The Board reviewed the written report of Joanne Curry, Acting Vice-President, Advancement and Alumni Engagement on the recent activities, developments and achievements in each of the areas within the portfolio.
- c. The Board reviewed the report from Joanne Curry, Vice-President, External Relations on key issues in Government Relations and Communications & Marketing.

C. Human Resources

- a. The Board received for information the 20 Annual Report of the Human Resources Committee.

D. Other

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