Board Members present: J. Kim, Board Chair; A. Giardini, Chancellor; A. Petter, President; M. Cordoba; J. Dhesa; J. Earthy; J. Francis; A. Kessler; C. 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 on December 4, 2017:
   • 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 on January 8, 2018:
   • 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 report 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         | $17,223,149 |
   | To November 30, 2017        | $18,696,117 |

There were no new Terms of Reference requiring the approval of the Board.

C. Governance and Nominating

a. The Board approved that Jonathan Stewart be appointed as Trustee of the Pension Plan for Members of the Academic Staff as University Representative replacing Brent Sutton, effective January 18, 2018 for an indefinite term.

D. Other

a. J. Kim, Board Chair, reported that on December 1, 2017 she attended the 2017 Warren Gill Lecture delivered by Dr. David Hulchanski. The title of Dr. Hulchanski’s lecture was “What is happening to my neighbourhood? The socio-spatial restructuring of Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal, 1970 to 2015.”
b. J. Kim informed the Board that on December 8, 2017 she welcomed Korean Consul General Gunn Kim and a small delegation from the Consulate to SFU Burnaby. A number of faculty members with connections to Korea met with the delegation and participated in a tour of 4D Labs led by Dr. Neil Branda, Professor, Department of Chemistry, and Tier 1 Canada Research Chair.

c. The Board Chair reported that on January 16, 2018, she attended Minister Melanie Mark’s formal announcement at SFU Surrey concerning the Province’s funding for 340 undergraduate and 120 graduate FTEs for the University’s Sustainable Energy and Environmental Engineering program.

d. In academic news, President Petter noted that SFU secured two of 25 Canada 150 Research Chairs. The aim of the program, announced in the 2017 federal budget, is to attract international talent to boost Canada’s strength as a global centre for science and research.

e. The President informed the Board that on November 29, 2017, SFU signed a three-year renewable Memorandum of Understanding with the Squamish Nation to further collaborate on cultural, academic and research activities, consistent with the recommendations contained in the final report of SFU’s Aboriginal Reconciliation Council. It is hoped that a similar MOU will be signed with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation.

f. In government relations matters through the end of 2017, A. Petter indicated that meetings were held with a number of provincial cabinet ministers and government officials. On December 8, he joined other BC post-secondary institution presidents in a meeting with Advanced Education Minister Melanie Mark. He informed the Board that one of the issues being advanced with government is addressing the growing need for increased mental health care services to students in the post-secondary education sector.

g. President Petter reported that SFU’s many friends and supporters in the wider community were thanked at the President’s Seasonal Reception on December 6, 2017, held at the Segal Graduate School of Business. He also commented on a number of events in late 2017 at which faculty and staff were honoured and recognized:

- 25 Year Service Awards Luncheon on November 23;
- The Convocation Appreciation Breakfast on November 28 at which he and Chancellor Giardini thanked over 400 staff and volunteers;
- A dinner on December 4 to express appreciation to faculty, staff and students who serve on Senate;
- Staff appreciation lunches on December 6 and 7.

h. The President commented on a number of highlights in the first month of the New Year:

- He met with the Graduate Student Society Council on January 9, 2018;
- A range of issues were discussed with the Board of the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS). The SFSS has approved the final design of the 1,200 seat Stadium project and $10 million contribution toward its cost;
- An agreement has been signed with the successful proponent for the first phase of the Residence Renewal and Expansion Master Plan at SFU Burnaby. SFU is hopeful that government will create a program under which universities will be permitted to finance the building of future student residence projects;
- Support has been secured from the McConnell Foundation for SFU and three other BC post-secondary education institutions to work on new ways in which the four institutions can contribute to social infrastructure. This support follows on the 2017 C2UEXpo at which the President hosted a roundtable with presidents of Canadian universities and foundation representatives exploring how this might be achieved.
i. With respect to recent government relations matters, A. Petter reported that:

- He travelled to Ottawa with the Presidents of Ryerson University and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology to advocate for the renewal of the Canada Accelerator and Incubator Program which provides funding for SFU VentureLabs® and its I-INC (Incubate Innovate Network of Canada) partners;
- On January 16th at SFU Surrey, the campus hosted Minister Melanie Mark’s formal announcement of provincial FTE funding for tech seats expansion across the Province, including 320 undergraduate and 120 graduate student FTEs for SFU’s Sustainable Energy and Environmental Engineering program. This is the first major expansion of post-secondary student spaces in BC in a decade. SFU is the only institution to receive both undergraduate and graduate funding.

j. President Petter noted the following upcoming events:

- The SFU Public Square 2018 Community Summit, “Brave New Work: How Can We Thrive in the Changing World of Work?” He highlighted keynote speakers Van Jones and Anne-Marie Slaughter whose presentation “The New World of Work: Thriving or Surviving” will take place on February 28 at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Van Jones is President and Founder of Dream Corps, a U.S. political contributor on CNN, and former green jobs special advisor to the Obama Administration. Anne-Marie Slaughter is President and CEO of New America and TED Talk speaker ‘Can we all “have it all”’ delivered in response to her successful article, “Why Women Still Can’t Have It All.”
- The President’s Annual Surrey Gala will take place on Friday, March 9.

k. President Petter thanked outgoing Board Chair Julia Kim for her service to the Board, including as Deputy Chair for two terms in 2015 and 2016 and then as Chair since January 2017. He acknowledged the enthusiasm with which J. Kim discharged the duties of both roles and the tremendous amount of time and energy she committed to the Board and University during her six years of service as an Order-in-Council member that will officially conclude on April 19, 2018. He indicated that the Board will celebrate Ms. Kim’s contributions at its annual dinner in May, and informed members that at the conclusion of her term as a governor, a financial contribution to the SFU Bursary Fund will be made in her honour.

l. Outgoing Board Chair J. Kim expressed her thanks for the honour of serving the Board and University during her six-year Order-in-Council appointment.

m. Joy Johnson, Vice-President, Research and International provided the Board with a report on recent research achievements. She highlighted the following matters:

- Visits to SFU by members of the Consular Corps can establish new and strengthen existing relationships that are mutually beneficial. In thanking J. Kim for meeting with the Korean delegation in December 2017, J. Johnson noted the expectation that Korea will included on the itinerary for the University’s next trip to Asia.
- On December 9, 2017, it was formally announced that Mathematician Caroline Colijn, from London’s Imperial College, will join SFU as one of the University’s two Canada 150 Research Chairs. It is expected that an announcement will soon be made concerning the second Canada 150 Research Chair who will join the School of Communication in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology.
- With regard to the University’s role in the Federal Innovation Superclusters Initiative, the Board was informed that SFU, UBC, UVic and UNBC are participating in a BC industry-led proposal focused on digital technology which, if successful, will be a game changer for the Province.

n. 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 2018. He drew the Board’s attention to the following items:
• 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.
• 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.
• 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.
• 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 re-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 long-time, generous supporter of SFU students.
• Following an RFP 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 Vice-President, Academic on a number of activities and developments in his portfolio, and he highlighted the following matters:
• 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.
• 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 Fuji 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; and,
  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.
• 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.
• 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 a Vice-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 Administration

a. The Board approved a contract between the Fraser Health Authority and SFU Health and Counselling Services for the provision of health-related services to students at the Burnaby and Vancouver campuses during the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020.
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 as of January 2018.

d. The draft minutes of and excerpts from the report to 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 reports for the months ending October and November 2017.

b. The Board approved the following action recommended by Senate on January 8, 2018:
   - The Terms of Reference for the BC Notaries Chair in Applied Legal Studies.

c. The Board reviewed the report of Mike den Haan, Vice-President, Advancement and Alumni Engagement on the recent activities, developments and achievements in each of the areas within his portfolio.

d. The Board reviewed the report from Joanne Curry, Vice-President, External Relations on key issues in Government Relations and Communications & Marketing.

e. The President gave a brief report to the Board about the Incubate Innovate Network of Canada (I-INc), the nation’s top-performing university-based incubator/accelerator network under the Canada Accelerator and Incubator Program. SFU VentureLabs®, a founding I-INc member, is in the third year of a five year commitment with Ryerson University and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, delivering a business acceleration program that also serves the University of Victoria, the British Columbia Institute of Technology and Emily Carr University of Art and Design.

C. **Human Resources**

a. **Faculty Appointments**

   The following academic appointments were approved and have been accepted:

   - Dr. Ash Parameswaran, Engineering Science, J.L. Wighton Professor of Experimental and Laboratory Studies, retroactive from 01 Sep 17 to 31 Aug 22
   - Dr. Ryan Shea, Computing Science, Assistant Professor, 05 Jan 18 – 31 Dec 20

b. **Administrative Appointments**

   The following administrative appointment was approved and has been accepted:

   - Dr. Jeff Derksen, appointed Dean and Associate Provost, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, 1 Feb 18 – 30 Jun 23

c. **Other**
The Board approved:

- An Enhanced Early Retirement, Archives and Records Management, effective 30 Jun 18

D. Other

a. The Board received the President’s Activities Report for November and December 2017.

b. The Board received for information an updated 2018 semester schedule of SFU events.


CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

a. The Board elected Ms. Fiona Robin 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 in the Halpern Centre, Room 126, SFU Burnaby.