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

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

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 2018/19.

B. **University Relations**

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

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b. The Board approved the Terms of Reference for the:

- Noor Family PDP Education Award;
- Asia Pacific Foundation International Entrepreneurial Co-op Travel Grant Fund;
- Don & Julia DeVoretz Economics Scholarship;
- McLean Greaves Memorial Award in Digital Media; and,
- Finger Food Studios Award in Applied Sciences.

c. The Board approved the following action recommended by Senate on December 3, 2018:

- The dissolution of the Graduate Certificate in Neuroscience within the Faculty of Science, effective summer 2019.

d. The Board received for information the 2017/18 Centres and Institutes Annual Report presented to Senate on January 7, 2019.

e. The Board approved the following actions recommended by Senate on January 7, 2019:

- The dissolution of the Latin American Studies Master of Arts within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective summer 2019;
- The name change from the Certificate in Labour Studies to the Certificate in Workplace Rights, in the Labour Studies Program within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective fall 2019.
- The dissolution of the English and French Literatures (Joint) Master of Arts in the Department of English and French within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective summer 2019.

f. The Board received for information the Academic Plan 2019-2024 presented to Senate on January 7, 2019.
g. The Board received for information the SFU Strategic Review 2018. The document will be forwarded to Senate for information before being posted to the University’s website.

C. Governance and Nominating

a. The Board approved that Policy A32.03 University Professor be repealed, effective immediately, and replaced with new Policy A32.03 Distinguished SFU Professor, effective immediately.

b. The Board approved revisions to Policy B10.01 Rules of the Board of Governors that participation in full Board meetings by phone or other media shall only occur under extraordinary circumstances with the advance permission of the Board Chair.

c. The Board noted for information an amendment to subsection 23(1)(g) of the Board Election Rules that reflects a recent change in the University Act removing the prohibition on allowing staff and faculty executive members from serving as elected Board members.

d. The Board noted for information an editorial change to the Policy on Senate Actions B10.03 replacing references to the Academic Operations Committee with University Relations Committee.

D. Other

a. The Board heard a presentation from a group of students representing the SFU Tuition Freeze Now Campaign.

b. F. Robin congratulated President Petter on being named a Member of the Order of Canada in recognition of his commitment and leadership in advancing university-community engagement and higher education throughout the country.

c. President Petter noted the November 26, 2018 announcement that SFU had received a significant gift from the Marianne and Edward Gibson Trust and family to establish an SFU Art Museum. The 12,000 square foot dynamic new arts and cultural facility will be part of the Lot 24 development at UniverCity, directly across from the Burnaby Campus. The Art Museum will be a teaching facility, creating interdisciplinary learning and research opportunities for SFU students as well as offering important exhibitions, community outreach and partnership with other institutions and organizations. He reported that he hosted a dinner of appreciation for the donor family and those at SFU who helped facilitate the gift.

d. The President informed the Board that he and the Board Chair attended a December 2-3, 2018 Universities Canada workshop in Banff on issues relating to university autonomy and governance. The workshop was both illuminating and disturbing, drawing attention as it did to the significant threats to autonomy and good governance being experienced by universities across Canada and around the world.

e. A. Petter indicated that on December 7, 2018, SFU’s Big Data Centre became national headquarters for the Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute, a development that builds upon SFU’s leadership in big data innovation and data science excellence and will strengthen collaboration with researchers, partners and communities across the country.

f. President Petter reported that on December 5, 2018, he hosted another successful seasonal reception at the Segal Graduate School of Business at which friends and supporters were thanked for their contributions to SFU and the University’s achievements over the past year celebrated.
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 holidays to provide advice, assistance and support to Professor Gençay’s family. Many from the University also attended a celebration of Professor Gençay’s life on January 18, 2019 in North Vancouver.

h. A. Petter reported that on January 8, 2019, SFU launched the Spring 2019 President’s Dream Colloquium on HIV/AIDS featuring an Art Exhibition and Public Lecture with Dr. Julio Montaner, Director of the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, and Valerie Nicholson Chair of the Board of the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network. Details are on the website at: https://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/events/dreamcolloquium/hiv-aids.html

i. President Petter informed the Board that on January 10, 2019, SFU and the Surrey Urban Indigenous Leadership Committee (SUILC) signed a Collaborative Relationship Agreement that builds on SFU’s commitment to urban First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples in Surrey. Through the agreement SFU and SUILC will work together to promote and support the academic, research and community engagement needs and interests of the region’s growing urban Indigenous peoples.

j. A. Petter reported that on January 11-13, 2019, the Beedie School of Business for the first time hosted JDC West – Western Canada’s biggest and most prestigious business competition, sometimes described as the Olympics of the business school world. Without any special consideration, SFU emerged the overall winner at the event that attracted approximately 1,300 attendees.

k. The President informed the Board that he and Vice-President, Research and International Joy Johnson will leave for India on the evening of January 24, 2019. They will lead a ten day SFU mission to strengthen academic, cultural and business relationships. He noted that students from India represent the University’s fastest growing international student population.

l. Joy Johnson, Vice-President, Research and International provided the Board with a report on recent research achievements. She highlighted the following matters:
   - SFU’s open-access materials facility, 4D LABS has received $1.9 million from Western Economic Diversification Canada to equip its new Centre for Advanced Manufacturing and Integration with state-of-the art machinery to help prototype and manufacture advanced micro and nanotechnology;
   - The official launch of Canada’s Digital Technology Supercluster (CDTS) was held on November 27, 2018, with SFU’s Industry Engagement attending the announcement. The event celebrated the funding commitment from the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development of $153 million for the CDTS, matched by commitments of over $200 million from its member organizations;
   - The collaboration between SFU and the Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute (CANSSI) through the launch of CANSSI’s national headquarters in the University’s Big Data Hub creates a powerful opportunity to leverage the strengths of both institutions and to advance Canadian statistical sciences for the 21st century. SFU and CANSSI are committed to maximizing our collective capacities to enhance the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of society. SFU and CANSSI have the expertise, the relationships, and the research capacity to help propel Canada forward in its efforts to harness and manage the global data revolution.
   - In December 2018, J. Johnson, Shaheen Nanji, Director, International Community Engagement and Katrina Koehn a fourth year Health Sciences student, attended the University Social Responsibility Network (USRN) summit in Israel, at which J. Johnson gave a presentation on social infrastructure. SFU is the first university in Canada to join the USRN.
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.
b. The Board amended its motion of June 28, 2018 by authorizing Management to enter into the second Construction Contract with Ledcor Construction for Phase 2 of the Plaza Renewal Project at the Burnaby Campus. The purpose of the amended motion was administrative in nature only. There was no change in the scope of the project and no new funding was requested.

c. The Board approved a management agreement with Compass Group Canada Ltd. (Chartwells) for the provision of dining services at the Burnaby Campus for a five year term commencing May 1, 2019 with the option to extend for up to three additional years.

d. The Board approved a Research Contribution Agreement between SFU and Health Canada for a three year period from 2018/19 to 2020/21.

e. Other matters were discussed.

B. University Relations

a. The Board received fundraising progress reports for the months ending October and November 2018.

b. 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.

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. Faculty Appointments

The following academic appointment was approved and has been accepted:

- Dr. Patrick Palmer, Mechatronic Systems Engineering, Professor with tenure, 01 Jan 19
- Dr. Manolis Savva, Computing Science, Assistant Professor, 01 Jan 19 – 31 Aug 23

b. Other

The Board approved:

- Mr. Brian Owen, awarded the title Librarian Emeritus, 01 Jan 19
- An Enhanced Early Retirement, Engineering Science, effective 10 Sep 19
- An Enhanced Early Retirement, Belzberg Library, effective 01 Sep 19
- An Enhanced Early Retirement, Humanities, effective 01 Sep 19

c. The Board received for information the 2018 Annual Report of the Human Resources Committee.

D. Other
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 the January 24, 2019 Board meeting to the conclusion of her term of appointment.

b. The Board re-elected Mr. Chris Lewis Deputy Chair of the Board for the period from the conclusion of the January 24, 2019 Board meeting to the conclusion of the January 2020 Board meeting.

c. The Board approved a motion charging the Presidential Search Committee with recommending to the Board of Governors not later than November 13, 2019, one or more individuals who, in the opinion of the Search Committee, would excel at leading SFU as its next President.

d. Other matters were discussed.

The next Board of Governors meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2019 in the Halpern Centre, Room 126, SFU Burnaby.