BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
SUMMARY – BOARD OF GOVERNORS’ MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2018
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Board Members present: F. Robin, Board Chair; A. Petter, President; T. Budd; M. Cordoba; J. Earthy; A. Khehra; M.C. Kropinksi; M. Mroz; J. Stewart; D. Williams

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

OPEN SESSION

A. Finance and Administration

a. The Board approved the changes to hourly parking rates under Policy AD1.03, Parking, Mobility and Vehicle Traffic, effective immediately. [See also Governance and Nominating Committee, below.]

B. University Relations

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

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b. There were no new Terms of Reference in the month of April 2018 that required Board approval.


d. The Board approved the following action recommended by Senate on May 22, 2018:

• The Full Program Proposal for the undergraduate Diploma in First Nations Language Proficiency (DFNLP) in the Department of Linguistics and the First Nations Languages Program within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2018.

C. Governance and Nominating

a. The Board approved amendments to Policy AD1.03, Parking, Mobility and Vehicle Traffic, effective immediately. [See also Finance and Administration Committee, above.]

b. The Board approved the revised Mortgage Subsidy Policy A210.07, effective June 28, 2018.

D. Audit, Risk and Compliance

a. The Board was informed of a change in the Statement of Financial Position of the Consolidated Financial Statements to reflect a construction invoice that was not accrued in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. This was an information item only as the amount did not exceed SFU’s materiality level as a single item, but only in aggregate with other items, and there was no effect on the Annual Operating Surplus.
b. The Board received for information the first annual 2017 Report on the implementation of SFU’s Sexual Violence and Misconduct Prevention, Education and Support Policy GP 44, and the work that has taken place at the University to address sexual violence and misconduct.

c. The Board received for information the Insurance and Liability Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018.

d. The Board received for information the 2017 Annual Report of SFU’s Human Rights and Equity Office.

E. Human Resources

a. The Board approved the amendments to the Performance Evaluation Policy AD10.16, including the name change to “Performance Development Policy,” effective immediately.

b. The Board approved the amendments to the Executive Compensation Policy B10.08 that adds the University Secretary and General Counsel roles as part of the definition of ‘Executive Officer.’

F. Other

a. President Petter reported that he welcomed the former Prime Minister Paul Martin at a sold out public event on May 29, 2018 entitled “Advanced Education with Reconciliation” hosted by our Beedie School of Business at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

b. The President informed the Board that he gave his annual presentation to the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade on May 30, 2018. He spoke on the role that universities, colleges and institutes can play as community builders followed by a conversation with the Honourable Janet Austin, BC’s new Lieutenant Governor.

c. The President informed the Board that he delivered a keynote address on the same topic to about 700 delegates attending the Canadian Association of University Business Officers Annual Convention Centre at the Westin Bayshore on June 11, 2018. In lieu of speaker gifts, a donation was made to The Pat Hibbits Memorial Bursary. Furthermore, SFU and 3 other B.C. post-secondary institutions (BCIT, UNBC, VIU) have formed the B.C. Collaborative for Social Infrastructure, which is a ground-breaking initiative supported by the McConnell Foundation to strengthen communities through social infrastructure development. Currently, SFU has developed the Community Scholars Program that provides staff of charitable and non-profit organizations in BC with access to the latest research and knowledge in their fields. Going forward, institutions will share other ideas on what universities can do to benefit and add value within the community.

d. SFU Alumni Association held a highly successful AGM at the Segal Graduate School of Business on May 31, 2018, with the attendance of 255 people. The capacity event featured a dialogue on the future of work moderated by Chancellor Anne Giardini.

e. The President informed the Board that he spoke at the reopening of the renovated Bill Reid Gallery which houses SFU’s amazing collection of Northwest Coast Indigenous art. This event also provided an opportunity to say farewell to departing Gallery Director and CEO Alexandra Montgomery.

f. The President reported that he and others from SFU participated in CINI 2018 (Canada India Network Society) on June 8, 2018, which is an international conference addressing a range of South Asian health issues. This is the third CINI conference organized by Arun Garg with SFU’s support.
g. The President was pleased to inform the Board that despite one day of inclement weather, SFU’s eight spring convocation ceremonies (June 12-15, 2018) were successful. Further convocation highlights included, an Indigenous Honoring Feast to celebrate the success of our more than 100 Indigenous student graduates, as well as the Chancellor’s Dinner attended by all 6 honorary degree recipients. Special thanks to Ceremonies and Events for doing a wonderful job, especially in transforming the gym into a celebratory space for the Indigenous Honoring Feast.

h. Finally, the President reported that on May 31, 2018 our new undergraduate Sustainable Energy Engineering Program was approved by the Province. The 80-student program will pre-admit students this September, with the program due to start officially in Fall 2019. The Program Director is Kevin Oldknow, Professor of Mechatronics Systems Engineering/Associate Dean of FAS.

i. Board Chair F. Robin welcomed the following new governors to their first Board meeting:
   • Dr. Mary Catherine Kropinski, faculty member and Chair of SFU’s Department of Mathematics, elected for a three-year term, effective June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2021, replacing June Francis;
   • Thomas Budd, Masters student in the School of Resource and Environmental Management, elected as the graduate student Board member to a one-year term ending May 31, 2019, replacing Oliver Zihlmann; and,
   • Alam Khehra, undergraduate student in the School of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology, elected as the undergraduate student Board member to a one-year term ending May 31, 2019, replacing Jimmy Dhesa.

j. Governor T. Budd thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to be a part of a series of events during convocation week. He was especially impressed with the Indigenous Honoring Feast as he felt that it was a meaningful event that shows the importance of reconciliation being put into practice.

k. The Report of the Vice-President, Research and International on key activities in her office as well as recent research achievements was before the Board for information. D. O’Neil, Acting VPRI, reported that SFU will collaborate with the Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute (CANSSI) and will host its national headquarters at SFU’s Big Data Hub. This collaboration will enhance research excellence and strengthen connection between researchers, partners and communities across the field.

l. The Board reviewed the report of the Vice-President, Finance and Administration on the major activities and developments within his portfolio as of June 2018.

m. The Board reviewed a written report from the Vice-President, Academic and Provost on the recent news and developments in his portfolio. He briefly commented on the ongoing discussions with the deans around the development of the new three-year Faculty Renewal Plan. The incoming deans of Lifelong Learning and Faculty of Science will take part in the annual Deans’ Retreat, which will include further discussion about the 2018-2023 Academic Plan.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Finance and Administration

a. The Board approved the offer to purchase research space at 9639 137A Street, Surrey, BC.

b. The Board received and discussed a framework created for instances when the need to approve time sensitive construction contract awards does not align with scheduled Board Committee and Board meetings. This framework will help to mitigate the risk of cost escalation due to the current overheated construction environment. Following the award of the construction contract,
b. The Board authorized Management to enter into a Construction Contract with Scott Construction for the Residence Redevelopment Project Phase 1 Residence Halls.

c. The Board authorized Management to approve increasing the Construction Contract with Ledcor Construction for Phase 2 of the Plaza Renewal Project.

d. Other matters were discussed.

B. University Relations

a. The Board received the fundraising progress report for April 2018.

b. The Board reviewed the report from M. den Haan, Vice-President, Advancement and Alumni Engagement (VPA&AE) on the recent activities, developments and achievements in each of the areas within his portfolio. On behalf of the VPA&AE, J. Curry, Vice-President, External Relations noted an April report from the Rideau Hall Foundation and Imagine Canada, titled “30 Years of Giving in Canada,” that provides some important findings for SFU with respect to the giving behavior of Canadians. These findings will help inform A&AE’s strategies going forward.

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

d. Other matters were discussed.

C. Audit, Risk and Compliance

a. The Board received for information the 2017 Due Diligence, Compliance an Safety Performance Report 2018.

b. The Board reviewed an update of the University’s Enterprise Risk Management Risk Register.

c. The Board received for information the Annual Litigation Report 2016/17 prepared by L. Broshko, General Counsel.

D. Human Resources

a. Academic Appointments

The following academic appointments were approved and have been accepted:

• Dr. Paul Kench, Earth Sciences, Professor with tenure, 01 Sep 18
• Dr. Jeffrey Checkel, International Studies, reappointed Simons Chair in International Law and Human Security, 01 Nov 18 – 31 Oct 23
• Dr. Sun-ha Hong, Communication, Assistant Professor, 01 Jul 18 – 31 Aug 22

b. Administrative Appointments

The following administrative appointments were approved and have been accepted:
• Dr. Elizabeth Elle, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Learning and Teaching, 01 Sep 18
• Dr. Paul Kench, Dean, Science, 01 Sep 18 – 30 Jun 23
• Dr. Julia Denholm, Dean, Lifelong Learning, 01 Jul 18
• Dr. Mohamed Hefeeda, Director, Computing Science, 01 May 18 – 30 Apr 21

E. **Other**

a. The Board received the President’s Activities Report for May 2018.

b. At the conclusion of the meeting, Board members were escorted on a short walking tour of renovations and new construction projects on the Burnaby Campus.

c. Other matters were discussed.

**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

a. Other matters were discussed.

The next Board of Governors Meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at SFU Surrey, Room 5080.