BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
SUMMARY – BOARD OF GOVERNORS’ MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2019
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Board Members present:  F. Robin, Board Chair;  A. Petter, President; T. Budd; M. Cordoba; J. Earthy; A. Hall; A. Khehra; C. Lewis; J. Stewart; D. Williams

Regrets:  A. Giardini, Chancellor; A. Kessler; M.C. Kropinski; M. Mroz

OPEN SESSION

A.  Finance and Administration

a.  The Board received correspondence from student groups, including the Graduate Student Society and the SFU Tuition Freeze Now campaign, and from individual students, opposing the proposed tuition increases for 2019/2020.

b.  The Board heard a presentation from students representing the SFU Tuition Freeze Now campaign concerning their opposition to the proposed 2019/20 Budget and Financial Plan with respect to the consultation process that they viewed as flawed, and the proposed tuition fee increases.

c.  The Board approved the University’s 2019-2020 Budget and Financial Plan, including tuition fees for undergraduate and graduate programs, and Student Services and Recreation-Athletics fees.

B.  University Relations

a.  The Board approved the following actions recommended by Senate on March 4, 2019:

  •  The 2019/2020 Enrollment Plan attached as Appendix A to the document titled For SENATE March 4, 2019, and 2019/2020 domestic and international undergraduate admission targets to each Faculty and Basis of Admission for all campuses (headcount), as indicated in Tables C1 and C2 respectively of Appendix C (Senate Paper S.19-31);
  •  The name change from Geography Major to Human Geography Major in the Department of Geography within the Faculty of Environment, effective fall 2019; and,
  •  The name change for the Certificate in Spatial Information Systems to Geographic Information Science Certificate in the Department of Geography within the Faculty of Environment, effective fall 2019.

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

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c.  There were no new Terms of Reference in December 2018 requiring Board approval.

C.  Governance and Nominating

a.  The Board approved revisions to the following policies related to the legalization of cannabis use, effective immediately:
b. The Board approved the appointment of Mr. Daniel Blue as a Trustee of the Pension Plan for Members of the Academic Staff, replacing Ms. Alison Blair effective immediately for an indefinite term.

c. The Board approved the appointments of Ms. Heather Oland and Ms. Anne Stewart as Board Members of the Simon Fraser University Foundation for three year terms beginning on the date of the 2019 SFU Foundation Annual General Meeting.

D. Responsible Investment Committee

a. The Board heard a presentation from representatives of the student group SFU350 on the topic “SFU’s Role in Climate Justice.” The Board recognized the efforts of students, through organizations like SFU350, which have had a meaningful impact on how SFU’s funds are invested.

E. Human Resources

a. The Board approved the 2019-2020 Faculty Renewal Plan.

F. Other

a. Board Chair F. Robin congratulated Chancellor A. Giardini on two recent honours:

• First, being named one of the most influential women in Finance by BC Business magazine. The article states that “a large community of women in finance, law, the non-profit sector and academia have benefited greatly from her mentorship and sponsorship,” and,

• Second, for her leadership as Chair of the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade in 2017-18, Chancellor Giardini is being honoured as the 2019 inductee into the prestigious Council of Governors. This honour will be conferred at the Vancouver Board of Trade’s Annual Banquet on May 27.

b. F. Robin informed the Board that governor Charan Gill tendered his resignation effective February 20, 2019. The position will remain vacant until filled by the Crown Agencies and Board Resourcing Office.

c. President Peter reported that following the January 2019 Board meeting, he and Vice-President, Research and International Joy Johnson led a ten-day mission to Jaipur, Mumbai, and Delhi, accompanied by the deans of Business and Health Sciences. The purpose of the mission was to develop and strengthen educational, research and cultural relationships with key partners in India. Student exchange programs and research initiatives were advanced with leading post-secondary institutions, including: IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, and SP Jain School of Global Management. In addition, the Dean of Health Sciences explored new research opportunities with the Public Health Foundation of India and National Institute of Health and Family Welfare. SFU’s clean energy and fuel cell research relationship with the India Oil Corporation was extended. Other activities during the mission included:

• Meetings with the Bombay Stock Exchange Institute (BSEI) to discuss plans for Zone Startups India (the business accelerator in which SFU has partnered with BSEI and Ryerson University), and to explore joint educational initiatives, including a new pathway program in business that will enable Indian students to earn credit toward SFU’s Master of Science in Finance;
• Discussions at the Jaipur Literature Festival with the Artistic Director of Vancouver’s India Summer Festival in which SFU has partnered for the past seven years;
• A reception and dinner at Canada House in Delhi hosted in honour of the SFU delegation by the Canadian High Commissioner to India; and,
• A workshop co-hosted by India’s University Grants Commission and Participatory Research in Asia at which A. Petter made a presentation on the development of government policy concerning the social responsibility of post-secondary institutions.

d. The President informed Board members that further to the University’s commitments to help scholars at risk and support refugee resettlement, SFU International will be welcoming three new scholars this year:

- A Writer in Refuge recently arrived in Surrey through the International Cities of Refuge Network (ICORN) program. Surrey is the first city in Canada and one of more than 70 cities globally that have formally committed to ICORN. Since joining in 2016, a committee of community, academic and literary partners, including the Chancellor and others from SFU, have worked to raise funds and secure her travel and accommodation,
- With strong support from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, two scholars from Turkey will arrive this fall under the Scholars at Risk program. One will be based in the World Literature Program and the other in the School for International Studies.

e. A. Petter also reported that SFU has also made a significant commitment to admitting refugee students. Since 1981, the University has hosted 60 World University Service (WUSC) students (4 graduate and 56 undergraduate) and there are 17 WUSC students enrolled this term. In addition, SFU will sponsor 6 WUSC students for fall 2019 and recently hired a coordinator to support refugee and newcomer student programming efforts.

f. With respect to university-community engagement, the President informed the Board about two recent developments:

- In February 2019, SFU hosted a workshop with 15 other Canadian post-secondary institutions to develop a framework for measuring and acknowledging mutually beneficial university-community relationships, and for sharing knowledge resources. The initiative is being undertaken in partnership with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the Howard R. Swearer Center for Public Service at Brown University, and the McConnell Foundation.
- Vice-President, External Relations Joanne Curry, A. Petter, and others from SFU travelled to San Diego to attend the 2019 Ashoka U Exchange, where they engaged with other Ashoka changemaker campuses and partners from around the world. The President participated in a plenary international panel on “Expanding Possibilities for Higher Education [Changemakers] in the 21st Century,” as well as in a Canadian “Changemaking President’s Panel.”

g. President Petter informed the Board that the 7th Annual SFU Public Square Community Summit, “Confronting the Disinformation Age,” will be held April 10-18, 2019. The summit will explore how a proliferation of disinformation is impacting society and challenging citizens’ ability to make informed decisions about their economic, social and political lives. The April 16 keynote event, presented in partnership with Vancity at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, will feature three leading Canadian commentators – David Frum, Sue Gardner and Christopher Wylie – in a conversation moderated by the CBC’s Ian Hanomansing on the distortion of our information landscape and what we can do about it.

h. Joy Johnson, Vice-President, Research and International provided the Board with a written report on recent research achievements.
i. 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 March 2019.

j. The Board received the report from Peter Keller, Provost and Vice-President, Academic on a number of activities and developments in his portfolio.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Finance and Administration

a. The Board approved an Offer to Lease Suite 318 at 312 Main Street Vancouver for a period of ten years with a possible extension for a further five years. The project is part of SFU’s new “Connecting the Academy to the Community” strategic initiative. As the academic anchor tenant, the space provides an opportunity for the University to be part of a hub for social, economic, and cultural programming in the Downtown East side and across Vancouver.

B. University Relations

a. The Board received a fundraising progress report for the month ending December 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. Responsible Investment

a. As part of SFU’s commitment to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investing (UN PRI), the Board approved the University’s annual submission for 2019 to the UN PRI.

D. Human Resources

a. Academic Appointments

The following academic appointments were approved and have been accepted:

- Dr. Zhenman Fang, Assistant Professor, Engineering Science, 01 Apr 19 – 31 Aug 23
- Dr. Jason Stearns, Assistant Professor, International Studies, 01 Jul 19 – 31 Aug 23

b. Administrative Appointments

The following administrative appointments were approved and have been accepted:

- Ms. Gwen Bird, re-appointed Dean of Libraries and University Librarian, 01 Oct 19 – 31 Sep 24
- Dr. Susan O’Neill, appointed Dean, Faculty of Education, 01 Jul 19 – 30 Jun 24

D. Other

a. The Board received the President’s Activities Report for January and February 2019.

b. Other matters were discussed.
CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

a. The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Rummana Khan Hemani as Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Students and International pro tem for the period of May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020.

b. The Board discussed and signed the Government’s 2019/20 Mandate Letter for Public Post-Secondary Institutions. The Letter was subsequently submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, and posted as a PDF on the Board’s web site at: http://www.sfu.ca/bog.html

c. The Board approved salary increase recommendations for associate vice-presidents and deans, effective September 1, 2018, in accordance with provincial government policy.

d. The Board received a verbal update on the Presidential search.

The next Board of Governors meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 in Strategy Room 320 at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, 588 West Hastings Street, Vancouver.