SUMMARY – BOARD OF GOVERNORS’ MEETING OF MAY 24, 2018

Board Members present: F. Robin, Board Chair; A. Petter, President; M. Cordoba; J. Dhesa; J. Francis; A. Kessler; C. Lewis; M. Mroz; J. Stewart; O. Zihlmann

Regrets: A. Giardini, Chancellor; J. Earthy; D. Williams

OPEN SESSION

A. Finance and Administration

a. The Board approved the 2018/19 Revised Consolidated Budget, including an allocation of the cumulative carry forward from the year ending March 31, 2018 for expenditures on some strategic and operational initiatives in 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:

- John Buchanan Memorial Gold Award Endowment;
- Burnaby Historical Society Undergraduate Scholarship in Canadian History Endowment;
- Darcy and Karina Biagioni Family Scholarship Endowment Fund;
- The Michael McDonell Memorial Endowment;
- SFU Men’s Basketball Alumni Endowment; and,

c. The Board approved the following action recommended by Senate on April 9, 2018:

- The dissolution of the Ethnic and Intercultural Relations Certificate in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2018.

C. Governance and Nominating

a. The Board approved that Mr. Chris Hilliard be appointed as a Board member of the Simon Fraser University Foundation for the period April 18, 2018 to April 17, 2021.

b. The Board approved that Mr. Howard Nemtin be recommended for reappointment to the Board of Directors of the SFU Community Corporation as external Director for a term of two years commencing June 1, 2018.

c. The Board approved minor revisions in the preamble and the addition of three questions in its self-evaluation instrument for 2018.
D. **Audit, Risk and Compliance**

a. The Board received for information the Annualized Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment Report for the year ending March 31, 2018.


E. **Responsible Investment**

a. The Board reviewed the 2017 Assessment Report from the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI) of which SFU is a signatory. The Assessment Report provided feedback on SFU’s progress relating to its responsible investment activities. The University has made improvements since 2016 and an overall score of “A” puts SFU ahead of its peer group. SFU’s overall approach to responsible investment in the areas of governance, policy, objectives and targets, and the resources allocated to responsible investment, including collaboration on responsible investment and public policy-related issues is very strong and at the core of the other categories. This progress provides further incentive to continue moving forward with input from members of the University community. The University has already exceeded its commitment to reduce the carbon footprint of the investment portfolio by 30% below the baseline measurement reported as of March 31, 2016 by 2030, making SFU a leader in ethical investment and sustainability. The Board recognized the strong support from and participation of student groups such as SFU 350 and Embark whose input has had a positive impact on the University’s progress.

F. **Other**

a. President Petter reported that at the end of March 2018, he led an SFU mission to Singapore and Taiwan. In Singapore, he attended the annual conference of the Asia-Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE). The 2020 conference will be hosted by SFU in Vancouver, the first time the conference will be held in the Americas. While in Taiwan, visits were made to the National Taiwan University and National Taiwan Normal University, and a successful Alumni Reception held.

b. The President informed the Board that he led delegations to Victoria in early April and Ottawa in May for meetings with elected representatives, key public officials, SFU alumni and supporters. The purpose of the visits was to recognize governments’ recent contributions and commitments, to provide updates on SFU’s progress and activities, and to discuss the University’s future priorities. While in Ottawa, he hosted a reception for MPs, government officials and alumni and friends. Receptions for alumni and friends were also held in Victoria and Toronto.

c. The President reported that the University had a major presence at the May 14 to 16, 2018 BCTECH Summit in Vancouver. There were numerous displays featuring SFU Innovates’ programs, including RADIUS, Venture Connection and VentureLabs®, the Big Data initiative KEY, and a variety of SFU research projects. Joy Johnson, Vice-President, Research and International, spoke on “Harnessing the Power of Data for Innovation,” and Director of Entrepreneurship Sarah Lubik moderated a panel on, “Accelerating Innovation: What University Incubators can really do.”

d. The President commented on two recent events at which awards were presented. On May 23, 2018, Board member Jill Earthy received the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade’s Wendy McDonald Diversity Award for “Community Catalyst” in recognition of her roles co-creating “We for She,” “The Raise Collective,” and “WEB Alliance of Women’s Business Networks.” Joy Johnson, Vice-President, Research and International was recently honoured by the Women’s
Health Research Institute with its second annual Career Contribution to Women’s Health Research Award.

e. In addition to the alumni events already mentioned, President Petter briefly commented on other SFU events including:
   - The April 18th Distinguished Community Leadership Award Gala honouring Madu and Hari Varshney;
   - The SFU Donor Appreciation Reception and Garden Party on May 1;
   - The Burnaby Festival of Learning co-hosted by SFU and the City of Burnaby from May 5 to 12 at which there were over 90 free activities and events that engaged participants of all ages. Now in its third year, the Festival has grown to include a wide range of partners and activities, and the partnership between the University and City is expected to continue.

f. President Petter reported that as part of the Burnaby Board of Trade’s Distinguished Speaker Series, he recently spoke on the role that Universities, Colleges and Institutes can play as community builders. On May 30th he will speak on the same topic to the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, followed by a conversation with the Honourable Janet Austin, BC’s new Lieutenant Governor.

g. Finally, the President noted that spring Convocation ceremonies will take place from June 12 to 15. Honorary degrees will be conferred on: Board Chair Emeritus Michael Francis, a chartered accountant, innovator and leader who has devoted much of his life to community engagement; Haida fashion designer Dorothy Grant; internationally renowned environmental sustainability pioneer Ashok Khosla; internationally renowned Canadian choreographer Crystal Pite; celebrated Canadian author Madeleine Thien; and, paediatrician, professor and internationally acclaimed children’s health advocate Stanley Zlotkin.

h. Board Chair F. Robin encouraged Board members to attend one or more Convocation Ceremonies on Convocation Mall at SFU Burnaby, and the Chancellor’s Dinner on the evening of Thursday, June 14 at the Diamond Alumni Centre. President Petter informed Board members that an Honouring Feast for Indigenous Graduands will also take place at 4:30 for 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13 in the West Gym.

i. F. Robin reported that she and Deputy Board Chair Chris Lewis attended the Canadian University Boards Association annual conference in Victoria from April 5 to 7, 2018. F. Robin and C. Lewis each commented on the value of participating in the event, noting that it was an opportunity to meet with their counterparts from across Canada, and to hear different perspectives. Both were heartened by the degree of respect with which SFU is viewed across the country and internationally.

j. The Board Chair welcomed to the open session incoming graduate student Board member Thomas Budd, Masters student in the School of Resource and Environmental Management, who will serve a one-year term effective June 1, 2018.

k. F. Robin acknowledged the service to the Board of retiring governors: June Francis, faculty Board member, who served for a total of six years from June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2018; Oliver Zihlmann, graduate student Board member, who served on the Board for one year ending May 31, 2018; and, Jimmy Dhesa, undergraduate student Board member, who also served on the Board for one year ending May 31, 2018.

l. The Board Chair welcomed Nicole Shin to her first meeting as Board Assistant. She recently joined the Board Office and will be working with I. Forsyth and V. Rodden.
m. Joy Johnson, Vice-President, Research and International provided the Board with a report on key activities in her office as well as recent research achievements.

n. The Board reviewed the report of the Vice-President, Finance and Administration on the major activities and developments within his portfolio as of May 2018. M. Pochurko commented on the highly successful rollout of the new SFU Mail system by IT Services. He also informed the Board that SFU will host over 750 delegates for the Canadian Association of University Business Officers (CAUBO) Annual Conference from June 10 to 12, 2018. On June 11, President Petter will deliver a keynote address on Building Social Infrastructure. He noted that in tribute to his predecessor, Pat Hibbitts, in lieu of speaker gifts a donation will be made in the name of each speaker to The Pat Hibbitts Memorial Bursary at Simon Fraser University.

o. The Board reviewed a written report from Peter Keller, Vice-President, Academic and Provost on the recent news and developments in his portfolio. He briefly commented on:

- The successful completion of several decanal searches: Dr. Julia Denholm, currently Capilano University’s Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences and Dean, kə̓łax-ay, Capilano University’s Sunshine Coast Campus, will become the next Dean of Lifelong Learning, effective July 1, 2018. Dr. Paul Kench, Professor and Head of the School of Environment at the University of Auckland in New Zealand, has accepted the appointment of Dean, Faculty of Science, effective September 1, 2018 for a five-year term.
- Enrolment for the summer semester is strong with slightly fewer students by headcount but an increase in course seats.
- Academic planning for 2018-2023 is continuing and building momentum. Faculties are preparing their plans on the heels of the April 24th retreat at which the Deans introduced and explored shared opportunities, themes and goals around growing graduate professional programs and continuing to build on indigenizing the campus and curriculum through faculty and program renewal, and embracing flexible and experiential learning through curriculum programming. A separate decanal retreat held on April 4th focused on academic programming at SFU Surrey.
- A number of faculty searches are underway and going well. SFU is attracting applicants from prestigious post-secondary institutions and programs. There are challenges associated with the high cost of living in the Greater Vancouver region, capacity to offer competitive salaries, and sometimes managing expectations of spousal appointments. He noted that units will declare a failed search if the right candidate is not found, but that units can then re-advertise the following year.
- Finally, with respect to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, A. Kessler acknowledged the progress SFU has made in this regard and thanked former and current Vice-Presidents, Academic Jon Driver and Peter Keller, and President Petter for their support of this important initiative.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Finance and Administration

a. The Board approved the award of contract for General Contracting Services for the Academic Quadrangle Envelope Renewal Project to Ledcor Construction Ltd.

b. The Board approved a contract award to Ricoh Canada Inc. for the provision of multi-functional devices (copy-print-fax-scan), print management software and related services at SFU for a five-year term commencing June 1, 2018, with two optional renewal terms of one year each, for a total possible term of seven years.

c. As required by the University Act, the Board authorized the University to seek the approval of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training to dispose, by lease, certain space at the Maggie Benston Centre that was previously occupied by the Simon Fraser Student Society to operate the former Highland Pub.
d. The Board received for information a Capital Projects and Planning Program Status Report.

e. The draft minutes of and excerpts from the report to the Investment Advisory Committee meeting of March 31, 2018 were received by the Board for information.

f. Other matters were discussed.

B. University Relations

a. The Board received the fundraising progress reports for February and March 2018. M. den Haan, Vice-President, Advancement and Alumni Engagement informed the Board that the final number for the fiscal year ending 2017-18 is being tallied. The goal established for 2018-19 is $30 million.

b. The Board reviewed M. den Haan’s report on the recent activities, developments and achievements in each of the areas within his portfolio.

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

C. Audit, Risk and Compliance

a. The Board received for information the Report from the Auditor for 2017/18.

b. The Board received for information the Internal Audit Annual Report 2017/8 and the Internal Audit Plan for 2018/19.

D. 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 survey submission for 2018 to the UN PRI.

E. Human Resources

a. Academic Appointments

The following academic appointments were approved and have been accepted:

- Dr. Wendy Chun, Communication, Professor with tenure, 31 Dec 18, and Canada 150 Research Chair in New Media, 31 Dec 18 – 30 Dec 25
- Dr. Ahmed K. Al-Rawi, Communication, Assistant Professor, 01 Jul 18 – 31 Aug 22

F. Other

a. The Board received the President’s Activities Report for March and April 2018.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

a. The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Elizabeth Elle as Associate Vice-President, Learning and Teaching for a five-year term beginning September 1, 2018.
b. The Board approved that former Board Chair Julia Kim be awarded the title of ‘Board Chair Emerita’ in recognition of her six years’ of exceptional service to the Board, during which time she served two terms as Deputy Board Chair and one year as Board Chair.

c. Other matters were discussed.

The next Board of Governors Meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2018 in Room 126 of the Halpemn Centre, SFU Burnaby.