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Compute Canada Awards of Excellence

Martin Siegert, Director, Research Computing / WestGrid Site Lead, and Lixin Lui, HPC Systems Architect were each awarded a Compute Canada Awards of Excellence as a result of their enormous efforts on the project to design and install Cedar, Canada’s most powerful academic supercomputer, in the SFU Data Centre.

Burnaby Mountain Biomass Heating Plant

Facilities Services has been involved in providing assistance to Corix Utilities in preparing their responses to the BCUC on their application for the Burnaby Mountain Biomass Heating Plant. Hearings are currently underway.

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KPMG AWARDED IT SECURITY AUDIT CONTRACT
KPMG has been awarded SFU’s IT Security Audit Contract. The audit will assess high-level information security risks, not just compliance with standards. The audit will also take into consideration how the university environment differs from other public sector or corporate environments.

Department Lead:
Mark Roman, Chief Information Officer
IT Services
& Keir Novik, Information Security Officer, IT Services

SFU SUSTAINABILITY WINS 2017 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Simon Fraser University has received a 2017 Environmental Star award from the City of Burnaby for the comprehensive planning and engagement process used to write the University’s first, community-developed 20-Year Sustainability Vision and Goals.

Department Lead:
Candace LeRoy, Director SFU Sustainability & Erica Lay, Associate Director, Sustainability

ASBESTOS PLAN GOING FORWARD
SRS has recently engaged two consultants to inventory and review the handling of asbestos materials on campus. The Asbestos Exposure Control Plan will identify and inventory locations of asbestos, inform workers and contractors of its presence, educate and train on safe work procedures, and in the event of exposure, notify as appropriate.

Department Lead:
Mark LaLonde, Chief Safety Officer & Melinda Skura, Senior Director, Environmental Health & Research Safety
Safety & Risk Services

BIN BUDDIES PROGRAM KICK-OFF
SFU’s Sustainability Office has launched its ‘Bin Buddies’ program designed to help reduce landfill waste. Bin Buddies are available in all Vancouver Campus buildings and are in the process of being introduced to all Burnaby Campus buildings.

Department Lead:
Candace LeRoy, Director SFU Sustainability & Rachel Telling, Program Manager, Sustainability

RESPONDING TO BULLYING AND HARASSMENT
HR will hire an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion specialist to work with various staff stakeholder groups including managers and employees to enhance the University’s processes and practices related to systemic free employment practices and to act as a point of contact for investigating and resolving conflicts related to bullying and harassment.

Department Lead:
Sandi de Domenico, Associate Vice-President, Human Resources

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