MINISTRY APPROVAL OF RESIDENCES
The Ministry of Advanced Education has approved Phase I of the Master Residence Plan. This 480 bed, 168,300 square foot undergraduate residence will address a need for student housing at the Burnaby Campus. It will also provide amenity space including a wellness centre, music room, video game room, meeting rooms, faculty in residence space and a learning Commons.

ALERTUS SYSTEM LAUNCH
Alertus is an industry leading emergency mass notifications system that will allow SFU to quickly send a full screen message to SFU managed computers in the event of an emergency.

KINDER MORGAN UPDATE
The BC Government is supporting the City of Burnaby in appealing a National Energy Board (NEB) ruling from December 2017. SFU has retained specialist engineering firm, PGL, to examine risks associated with the planned expanded tank farm and we will continue to monitor.

SFU TOP 10 PLACES TO WORK IN BC
The job search site Indeed has listed SFU as one of the top ten places to work in BC based on thousands of company reviews from employees between January 2016 and January 2018 that outline employee experiences with work-life balance, pay and benefits, job security and advancement, management and culture.

DIRECTOR OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION
Human Resources has just hired a Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (Staff). Adeline Huynh joins the team and will be responsible for reviewing HR practices through an equity lens and developing education and training on diversity and inclusion for staff.
PARKING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE BURNABY CAMPUS
To address parking challenges, we will be adding a large surface lot by graveling an existing flat area below student residences. This lot should provide a minimum of 275 spaces and also assist with convocation parking overflow.

YMCA SURREY
SFU responded last year to a Request for Expressions of Interest for property owners interested in partnering in development of a new Surrey Community Centre/YMCA. Initially another response was chosen. However, we were recently advised that negotiations with the preferred respondent have not been successful and that Surrey and the YMCA wish to continue discussions with SFU.

SECURITY RFP ISSUED
SFU has reached the end of its seven year contract with its current campus security services vendor and has just released a public RFP for a new security services agreement. This covers all campuses, includes a complement of over eighty guards and has options to extend for a period of up to seven years.

SFU’S NEW EMAIL SYSTEM ON ITS WAY
SFU will be migrating to SFU Mail, powered by Microsoft Exchange 2016, as the new email and calendar system to replace SFU Connect. The new system, to be hosted in the SFU Data Centre, meets the University’s key requirements identified during the investigation project and an implementation plan is currently underway.

GIS UTILITIES MAPPING
Facilities Services has mapped seven key campus utility services onto a geospatial information system (GIS). The GIS map provides information on the location of underground infrastructure as well as information such as age, material, diameter and inspection schedule history.