



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
ENGAGING THE WORLD

# SFU Five Year Academic Plan 2018-2023

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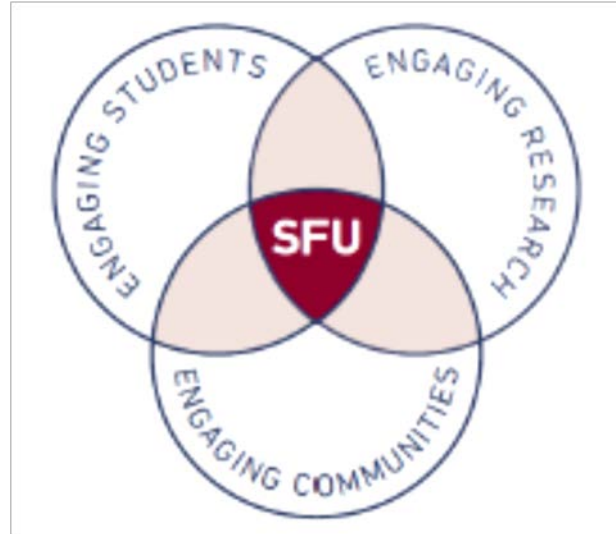
# 1.) Consultations to Date

- **VPA met individually with departments and programs**  
**September 2016 – May 2017**
- **Deans' retreat and outlining of priorities**  
**June 2017**

Draft Academic Plan is the  
result of these consultations

## 2.) Intersection of SFU's Three Core Themes

- Engaging Students
- Engaging Research
- Engaging Communities



An aerial photograph of the Simon Fraser University (SFU) campus. The image shows a large, multi-story academic building complex with a central courtyard. To the left, there is a red running track and a green field. The campus is surrounded by dense green trees, and a large body of water is visible in the upper left corner. The sky is clear and blue.

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# Context, Externalities and Internalities

The following trends, externalities, and internalities must be considered by the SFU community when developing the next generation of nested academic plans.

## 3.) Context, Externalities and Internalities

Economic and Political Climate

Demographics and Enrolments

Accountability

Student Experience and Support

Accelerating Growth of New Knowledge and Rise of “Professionalism”

Changing Learning Environment

K-12 Curriculum Change

Access and Degree Credentials

Dividing Our Time

## 4.) Key Challenges for the Next Five Years

### In These Areas:

- Student Life, Learning and Success
- Academic Quality/Curriculum
- Engagement
- Bridging Divides/Interdisciplinarity
- Faculty Renewal

# Student Life, Learning and Success

## Challenge:

Fostering a supportive curricular and co-curricular learning environment that empowers students for life while ensuring timely degree completion.

# Academic Quality/Curriculum

## Challenge:

Embracing a coherent curriculum review with focus on innovating curriculum design and delivery.



# Engagement

**Challenge:**

Strengthening the connection and collaborations between SFU and the world.

# Bridging Divides/Interdisciplinarity

## Challenge:

Seeking opportunities for research and teaching collaboration to advance defining themes of our times and to offer innovative academic credentialing.

# Faculty Renewal

**Challenge:**

Academic hiring and career incentives that advance fundamental knowledge, improve the lives of the world's citizens and bring research to our students.

## 5.) Content of Unit Academic Plans

- Performance Review
- Program Overview
- Objectives and Activities
- Resources
- Performance Measures
- Additional Documentation

# 6.) Timeline

		2017			2018									
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1	Deans' discussion (Oct. 4)	█												
2	Revision	█												
3	Chairs/Directors/faculty/students/staff input (Nov.)		█											
4	Faculty and Dept/School planning		█	█	█	█	█	█						
5	Deans retreat to discuss overlaps/intersections between Faculties							█						
6	Faculty submission to VPA								█					
7	SFU Academic Plan drafted									█				
8	SFU Academic Plan to Senate/BoG										█	█		

A group of graduates in blue and red regalia walking across a green lawn with pink flowers in the foreground. The graduates are wearing blue caps and gowns with red stoles. They are holding black folders or diplomas. The background shows a wooden fence and greenery.

**This process challenges all of us to focus our attention in the next five years on our curriculum and academic programming options, with an eye to critical self-reflection and a quest to be strategic, bold and innovative.**