

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MEMORANDUM

For Information

TO: Senate

FROM: Michael Stevenson,
President

RE: President's Agenda

DATE: October 16, 2003

For information and discussion, I am pleased to submit to Senate my annual statement of objectives for the coming year. As in the past two years, I hope Senate will continue to regard *The President's Agenda: SFU AT 40* as the guiding document outlining my priorities. Anyone wishing to obtain this document can do so at www.sfu.ca/pres/president/agenda.html.

In order to provide greater clarity about my activities, I would like to note the key projects that will receive my attention in the coming year. Before doing so, however, I want to state three guiding commitments:

1. I am committed to finding ways through personal meetings with faculty, staff and students, as well as through more formal interaction and consultation, to address feelings of marginalization within the University community.

I shall attempt to create a much greater sense of engagement in the processes we establish to determine budget policy in what is going to be a very difficult year. I will attempt to ensure that there is widespread access to information and opportunity, and to discuss options in detail before we arrive at any recommendations on tuition policy. I will also attempt to assure all employee groups of our ongoing commitment to equity in labour relations and of our determination to find ways to sustain and acknowledge the loyalty and contribution of all employees despite the financial constraints of government funding and negotiating mandates. Finally, I will establish informal opportunities to meet members of the community on a regular basis in order to keep in closer touch with concerns "on the ground."

2. I will be working with Ms. Cathy Daminato, Vice-President, University Advancement, and other colleagues to bring together a comprehensive Advancement Strategy for a 40th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign. This campaign will target \$100,000,000.00 and will develop strategic priorities in the areas of academic endowments, capital projects and student services and assistance. I intend to have work on the campaign statement substantially completed by the end of the calendar year.

3. I will continue to devote one-third to one-half of my time to engagements in the external community, seeking to expand the circle of community support for SFU, and to deepen the understanding of issues confronting the University in the wider public.

On-going projects that will demand my close attention in the coming year include:

1. The second phase of development and management of the UniverCity residential community.
2. The completion of the recently approved student residence and dining facilities.
3. The completion of the recently approved Gymnasium expansion.
4. The completion of agreements concerning the facilities development of the Surrey campus, and the initiation of work on the new facilities.
5. Major work on the new Applied Sciences building.
6. Further planning and design for the Olympic Oval.
7. The completion of renovations and the substantial completion of fundraising for the Segal Graduate School of Business.

New projects that will demand priority attention are:

1. The development of facilities and fundraising plans for the School for the Contemporary Arts.
2. The development of facilities plans for new research and teaching facilities for Arts and Science programmes at the Burnaby campus.
3. Fundraising for the first leadership chairs approved under the new provincial government programme.
4. Fundraising for the University commitment to the Olympic Oval.
5. Searches for new senior administrative appointments (Dean of Science and Vice-President, Research).
6. Planning for the University's 40th Anniversary Celebration.

I look forward to discussing this statement with individual Senators and with Senate as a whole.

Michael Stevenson
President & Vice-Chancellor

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