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ATTENTION	Ms. Kate Ross Secretary to Senate
FROM	Judith Osborne University Secretary
RE	President's Agenda 2009/2010
DATE	September 29, 2009

The Board of Governors approved the President's Agenda for 2009/2010 at its meeting on September 24, 2009, and it should be forwarded to Senate for information.



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Mr. Michael Francis, Chair
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Dear Michael,

In keeping with the university's policy governing my performance review and accountability to the Board, I am writing to summarize my priorities for the year ahead.

Agenda 2009-10

I will continue during this year to implement the broad objectives of my agenda for my second five year term:

- Increasing the differentiation of academic programmes and student enrolment
- Increasing the intensity of research
- Deepening our engagement in the community

More specifically, I will continue to press for the further development of new programmes in the health sciences, applied sciences, environment, and communication, art and technology. However, my expectations for significant further development in these areas are necessarily reduced by recognition of future budget constraints. In light of these constraints, my preoccupation this year will be managing the budget consultation and preparation in such a way as to minimize damage to the development of these new and differentiated programmes.

In relation to research, I will be working with the VP Research to ensure that we sustain our competitive position in the arts, social sciences, and natural sciences; that we improve our competitive position in the applied and health sciences, and that we develop more effective strategies to pursue the lucrative funding of large, multidisciplinary projects aligned with the strategic research plan.

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In relation to engagement in the community, I will concentrate on the further pursuit of our plans for the development of the Surrey campus; on the successful opening of the School for Contemporary Arts at Woodward's, and the building of strong community partnerships and public profile as the result of opening that facility to the community; and on closer alignment between SFU and the city of Burnaby's economic development plan, especially pursuing initiatives that support the growth of the high tech clusters in the city and collaborative partnerships in recreation and athletics.

I will also be paying particular attention in the coming year to an effective transition and hand-over to my successor as President of SFU. In this regard, my focus will be (1) creating a more cohesive and integrated strategic planning process, linking planning across all sectors of the university; (2) developing longer term budget planning in light of public sector restraint, and (3) strengthening our organizational capacity for advancement and government relations through internal reorganization and a more effective use of contractual and volunteer support from outside the university.

I will be happy to discuss any of these matters further with you. I look forward to working with you and other members of the Board to achieve these objectives.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Stevenson
President and Vice-Chancellor

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