



## **BOARD NOTES**

St. Francis Xavier University Board of Governors  
January 30, 2018

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The Board of Governors held a special meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. The following is a summary of proceedings at the meeting.

### **Oland Centre Upgrades**

Andrew Beckett, Vice President Finance & Administration provided an overview of the plans for on-going redevelopment of the University's Health & Wellness Facility (Oland Centre). The initial phase of the work was completed during summer of 2017 which included replacement of the main gym floor and bleachers.

Phase II of the upgrades will include replacement of the Stadium Bleachers, expansion of the Physical Therapy space, expansion of the football locker room, upgrades to other varsity team locker rooms (Women's Rugby, Men's & Women's Soccer, Men's & Women's Basketball, Cross Country and Track & Field).

The driving factor for Phase II is replacement of the Stadium Bleachers which we need to have completed prior to hosting of the 2018 National Special Olympics in early August. We have received government funding to help finance this component. The varsity locker rooms that are to be upgraded are actually situated under the bleachers so therefore it makes sense to consider them as part of this Phase.

The work will be completed over two years. In 2018 we will complete the exterior building work components including replacement of the bleachers, roof replacement and expansion to accommodate the new Physical Therapy space. In 2019 we will complete the interior upgrades which include the renovations for the varsity locker rooms. This split is being done to match construction timing with fundraising efforts.

The estimated cost for the portion of Phase II to be completed in 2018 is \$6,000,000. Funding for this is coming from government grants and private donations.

The Board approved proceeding with the Project as presented.

### **Nicholson Tower Renovations:**

Mr. Beckett reviewed a report on the plans to renovate Nicholson Tower. The project includes replacement of all plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems in the building, replacement of exterior windows and staining of the Tower's brickwork to make it more consistent with the brick colouring of the Mulrone Hall building. All hazardous materials in the building will be removed and interior walls will be removed and replaced. The result will be a renovated building that will add an estimated 25-30 years to the useful life of the building. During the bidding process consideration was given to complete replacement of the building. Estimated costs associated with complete

replacement were approximately \$10 million higher than the cost of renovation, this cost exceeds available funding.

The estimated cost for the project is \$14 million. Funding for the project is coming from Government grants and Private donations.

The Board approved proceeding with the Project as presented.