



BOARD NOTES

St. Francis Xavier University Board of Governors
June 2nd 2020

The Board of Governors held a special meeting on Friday, June 2nd 2020. The following is a summary of proceedings at the meeting.

COVID-19 RESPONSE PLANNING

Dr. Wamsley presented an overview of the various activities that are currently underway in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Two documents are in the final stages of review and will soon be released to Campus: Phased Return to Campus for Employees and Resumption of Research and Fieldwork. A brief training component is currently being developed to accompany the release of these documents. Under the Plan it is anticipated that 20-25% of the University's workforce will be able to return to Campus by mid-June.

An extensive amount of planning is currently underway looking at the academic program delivery model. The preferred approach being considered would see students returning to campus in the Fall with some courses being delivered in person and others on-line. The Board was provided details of the rationale for this approach.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Discussions are taking place at both the Federal and Provincial levels regarding potential funding for the post-secondary sector. To date, none of the funding programs announced by the Federal and Provincial governments apply to post-secondary institutions. At the Federal level, the focus will be on infrastructure funding. We have submitted a list of potential projects. At the Provincial level, CONSUP is developing a funding proposal for the Province that would help address the fiscal challenges being faced by the sector.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Mr. Beckett provided a brief financial overview including an update on the 2019-20 operating results and the financial impacts associated with the pandemic. For 2019-20 the operating deficit will be approximately \$1.4 million which includes the \$1.2 million refunded to students for residence and meal plan fees as a result of the early departure from campus in March.