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MEDIA RELEASE

Peter Keller named SFU's next VP Academic and Provost

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Following a national search, Dr. Peter Keller has been appointed Simon Fraser University's next Vice President Academic and Provost. Keller will take over from Dr. Jonathan Driver who is returning to his position as Professor of Archeology on September 1, 2016.

"We are delighted to have Dr. Keller join our university in this vital role," said SFU President Andrew Petter. "He brings extensive experience in university governance, academic affairs and community engagement, and is well equipped to support SFU's vision to be Canada's most community-engaged research university."

Keller will be charged with ensuring an outstanding educational experience for SFU students and a productive environment for its faculty and staff. The position is responsible for providing academic leadership to the university's three campuses and its eight faculties.

"SFU has an exceptional record of teaching, research and community engagement," said Keller. "I'm looking forward to advancing the university's academic mission, including its commitment to engage students in learning experiences that prepare them for life in an ever-changing and challenging world."

Keller comes to SFU following an impressive tenure at the University of Victoria where he is a professor in the Department of Geography. He most recently served two terms as Dean of the UVic Faculty of Social Sciences.

During his time as dean, Keller played a key role in the development and direction of the UVic Institute for Community Engaged Research. He also was instrumental in the creation of the Office of Interdisciplinary Academic Programs, which pioneered interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate programs in areas such as the human dimensions of climate change, technology and society, and the social determinants of health.

Keller has been the president of the Canadian Cartographic Association and a member of Council of the Canadian Institute of Geomatics. He has served two terms as chair of Canada's National Committee to the International Cartographic Association from 1995-2003.

He holds a B.A. with Honours from Trinity College in Dublin, as well as a M.A. and a Ph.D. from the University of Western Ontario.

ABOUT SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY:

As Canada's engaged university, SFU is defined by its dynamic integration of innovative education, cutting-edge research and far-reaching community engagement. SFU was founded almost 50 years ago with a mission to be a different kind of university—to bring an interdisciplinary approach to learning, embrace bold initiatives, and engage with communities near

and far. Today, SFU is a leader amongst Canada's comprehensive research universities and is ranked one of the top universities in the world under 50 years of age. With campuses in British Columbia's three largest cities—Vancouver, Surrey and Burnaby—SFU has eight faculties, delivers almost 150 programs to over 30,000 students, and boasts more than 130,000 alumni in 130 countries around the world.

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