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Mr. John Davison
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Sent via email: John.Davison@gov.bc.ca

Dear Mr. Davison:

I confirm that the information included in the attached report accurately states the executive compensation paid by ECU in fiscal 2023/2024 to the President + Vice-Chancellor and the four highest ranking executives in receipt of salaries over \$125,000.

Further, I confirm that the compensation was paid in compliance with the University's Excluded Compensation Plan, as approved by PSEC.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Avison', is written over a light grey horizontal line.

Don Avison KC
Chair, Board of Governors
Emily Carr University of Art + Design



COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY OBJECTIVES

At Emily Carr University of Art + Design, we strive to foster an environment of creativity built upon a culture of critique. We achieve this by challenging current socio-political boundaries through contemporary art and design, and through the exploration of research opportunities in the areas of art, design, and digital media. In doing so, we aim to deliver high-quality programs and educational opportunities to students on an international scale.

As such, we believe in providing our administrators with support and rewards in recognition of their tireless dedication to the advancement of the university. In return, the university expects staff to embrace the values of the organization and deliver excellence in their area of expertise.

Our total compensation program is thus an instrument to attract and retain the best talent and provides a mechanism to reward excellence in administrative staff performance. Furthermore, the philosophy has been designed in a manner that promotes the responsible use of public and private funds, in accordance with the *Taxpayer Accountability Principles*, for the provision of academia, research and community engagement.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The university has adopted the following principles, which in turn shall form the foundation for the refreshed philosophy:

- **Performance**

To support and promote a performance-based (merit) organizational culture.

- **Differentiation**

Allow for differentiation of salary where there are differences in the scope of the position within an organization, and/or due to superior individual team contributions.

- **Accountability**

To ensure that compensation decisions are objective and based upon a clear and well documented business rationale that demonstrates the appropriate expenditure of public funds.

- **Transparency**

To enable a program that is designed, managed, and communicated in a manner that ensures the program is clearly understood by employees and the public while protecting individual personal information.

Based upon the core principles outlined above, the following refreshed compensation philosophy endeavors to outline a framework that meets the needs of government, while upholding the values and culture of the university.

OUR TOTAL COMPENSATION

The university compensates the excluded administration through the following key elements:

1. Direct Compensation

The university offers direct compensation in the form of a base salary. The base salary is internally equitable in relation to the value of each role; and externally competitive compared to the advanced education sector and as it relates to art and design, on a national and international scale, and other relevant comparators.

2. Monetary Benefits

The university provides benefits for the security and protection of the employee and their families.

3. Career Development

The university provides a variety of avenues for career and professional development and believes in the value of investing in the advancement of staff within the university, art and culture communities.

4. Work Life Balance

The university recognizes the need to promote wellness among staff and invests in a number of programs to help staff achieve a healthy balance between work and personal demands.

5. Target Pay Positioning

The universities' total compensation program is targeted at the 50th percentile of our comparator groups.

6. Sustainability

Our total compensation programs are designed and administered in a fiscally responsible manner that ensures costs are affordable and sustainable over time.

7. Governance and Administration

The Board of Governors is responsible for approving our overall compensation philosophy and programs. The executive team is responsible for the day-to-day oversight and administration of the programs.

Emily Carr University of Art and Design

Summary Compensation Table at 2024

Name and Position	Salary	Holdback/Bonus/ Incentive Plan Compensation	Benefits	Pension	All Other Compensation (expanded below)	2023/2024 Total Compensation	Previous Two Years Totals Total Compensation	
							2022/2023	2021/2022
Patricia Kelly, President + Vice Chancellor	\$ 203,106	-	\$ 16,736	\$ 25,240	\$ 19,417	\$ 264,499	\$ 266,052	\$ 252,513
Gillian Siddall, President + Vice-Chancellor	\$ 65,688	-	\$ 1,988	\$ 6,792	\$ 317	\$ 74,785	\$ 305,091	\$ 301,224
Sri Achjadi, Vice President, Academic + Provost	\$ 150,000	-	\$ 10,451	\$ 19,470	\$ 6,067	\$ 185,988		
Sandeep Kaur-Grewal Sidhu, Chief Information Officer	\$ 171,254	-	\$ 12,982	\$ 17,708	\$ 10,674	\$ 212,618	\$ 199,222	\$ 178,563
Viktor Sokha, Vice-President Finance and Administration	\$ 216,703	-	\$ 13,489	\$ 22,257	\$ 2,024	\$ 254,473	\$ 216,413	
Adrian Tees, Associate Vice-President Human Resources	\$ 172,384	-	\$ 12,880	\$ 17,825	\$ 1,378	\$ 204,467	\$ 190,912	\$ 182,574

Notes

Patricia Kelly, President + Vice Chancellor	General Note: Effective 01 June 2023, serving as an interim President + Vice-Chancellor. For the period 01 April 2023 to 31 May 2023, Patricia Kelly was paid \$40,998 as VP Academic & Provost, and for the period 1 June 2023 to 31 March 2024, Patricia Kelly was paid \$203,106 as Interim President & Vice Chancellor. Per the unused vacation policy applicable to the Administrator employee group, vacation payout of \$19,417.
Gillian Siddall, President + Vice-Chancellor	General Note: Gillian was on salary continuance until 30 June 2023 per settlement agreement. Other Note: \$317 is the value of the ECU staff discount on the parking pass.
Sri Achjadi, Vice President, Academic + Provost	General Note: Effective 01 July 2023, serving as an interim VP Academic + Provost. For the period 01 April 2023 to 30 June 2023, Sri Achjadi was paid \$38,299 as Dean, Faculty of Culture + Community and for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024, Sri Achjadi was paid \$150,000 as Interim VP Academic + Provost. Other Note: Taxable Allowance earned by the employee.
Sandeep Kaur-Grewal Sidhu, Chief Information Officer	General Note: Sandeep Kaur Grewal received a 6.75% performance-based salary increase effective April 01, 2023. Per the unused vacation policy applicable to the Administrator employee group, vacation payout of \$10,444.0 Other Note: \$230 is the value of the ECU staff discount on the parking pass for 2 months.
Viktor Sokha, Vice-President Finance and Administration	General Note: Viktor Sokha received a 6.75% performance-based salary increase effective May 09, 2023. Per the unused vacation policy applicable to the Administrator employee group, vacation payout of \$2,024.
Adrian Tees, Associate Vice-President Human Resources	General Note: Adrian Tees received a 6.75% performance-based salary increase effective April 01, 2023. Other Note: \$1378 is the value of the ECU staff discount on an annual parking pass.