

# Saint Mary's University Pension Plan

### **Annual General Meeting**

June 2019



# **Agenda**

- ✓ Governance Overview and Financial Report
  - Chair, Pension Committee
- ✓ Pension Plan Investments
  - Mercer
- ✓ Presentation from Custodian and Record keeper
  - Sun Life Financial
- ✓ Open Forum
  - Member comments and questions
- ✓ Members' Luncheon



- Pension Committee continues to focus on
  - □ Administering the plan prudently
  - □ Monitoring pension plan investments and our agents
  - Providing appropriate information support and tools to members

## Pension Governance - Mission Statement

The University and Pension Committee maintain the Pension Plan to assist Plan Members to achieve financial security in retirement. This assistance will take two forms:

Optimization of the pension plan

Timely provision of information and tools to support pension plan members in making informed and rational decisions regarding their retirement income

Our objective is to be 100% compliant with the Capital Accumulation Plan Guidelines as established by the Joint Forum of Financial Market Regulators

## **Member Support**

- As pension plan member, you direct the investment of your pension assets
  - Members have the responsibility to use the tools and information provided to make appropriate investment choices
  - □ This may involve getting independent financial advice
- Pension Committee's responsibilities
  - Provide access to the right tools and information
  - Monitor use/utility of tools and information
  - Stay current with changes in pension environment
  - Respond to your feedback and questions

## Pension Plan – education opportunities for plan members

- Sun Life Information and Education Sessions
  - □ SunLife Pre-retirement (2 session)
  - SunLife Where there is a will there is a way
  - E-mail and invite to participate in the SunLife Money for Life Retirement Journey
  - □ Individual sessions
- Pension information tailored to members nearing retirement
  - Annual Retirement Seminar
  - One-on-one consulting first session paid by SMU
  - Book purchase on retirement lifestyle
- HR Department one-on-one orientation sessions for new members
- Pension Website (SLF and SMU)
- Quarterly statements
- Annual General Meeting

Pension Committee met 1 time in 2018 and 2 times so far in 2019



## Pension Plan – financial / budget report

#### The pension committee has adequate funding to operate effectively:

- Operating funding → \$60,000 annual budget provided by SMU
- 2018/19 expenses  $\rightarrow$  \$63,154

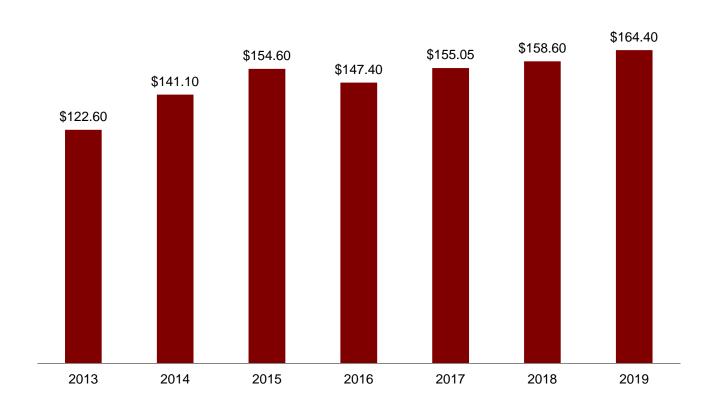
Pension consulting, member meetings and training, investment monitoring, information return to pension superintendent, member communication.

■ Reserve Balance for pension administration at March 31, 2019 → \$39,644 (approx.)



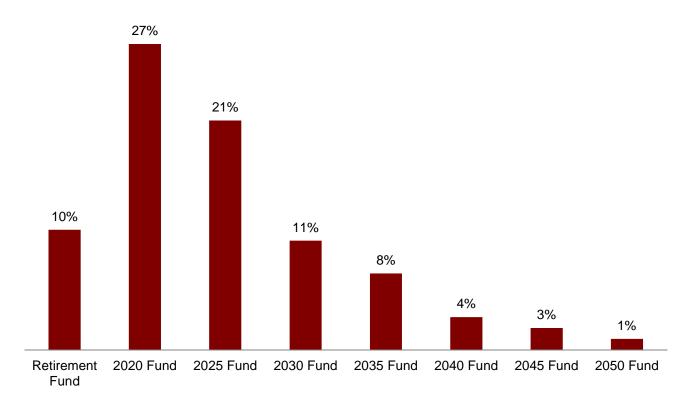
#### Pension Assets (\$ millions) – March 31, 2019

(773 Active and 112 Non-Active members)



#### **Saint Mary's University**

#### **Asset Allocation Portfolios - March 31, 2018**



85% of pension assets are invested in the Target Date portfolios



In 2018/2019 Human Resources on behalf of the Pension Committee continued to follow up with those members who may not be investing in a target date portfolio that is not aligned with their intended retirement date via email.



## Saint Mary's University Pension Committee

13 members - one vote each

•	Faculty,	7 members appointed by SMUFU

Florian Muenkel, Cindy Harrigan, Skye Stephens, Rob Thacker, Christine Panasian, John Irving, Vacant

Support Staff, 2 members appointed by NSGEU, Local 79

David Lane, Sarah Gough

Non-union Employees, Senior Director of HR + one member elected by non-union employees

Kim Squires, Zak McLaren

Custodial, Maintenance and Security Employees, 1 member appointed by NSGEU, Local 170

Robert MacDonald

• University, ex officio, Vice President, Finance & Administration (Committee Chair)

Gabrielle Morrison

Committee Support (non voting): Darrell Rooney, Maureen Hayward, Sheree Delaney