OPEN BOARD

MINUTES

Present: Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven (Acting Chair), Mr. Nav Bassi, Prof. Jamie Cassels, Ms. Ida Chong, Mr. Bradley Cranwell, Mr. Peter Gustavson, Mr. Michael Kennedy, Ms. Lindsay R. LeBlanc, Ms. Isobel Mackenzie, Dr. Ana Maria Peredo, Ms. Tracy Redies, Ms. Shelagh Rogers, Dr. Julia Eastman (Secretary)

Regrets: Dr. Hélène Cazes, Ms. Kayleigh Erickson, Dr. Erich Mohr

By Invitation: Dr. David Castle, Ms. Carmen Charette, Ms. Gayle Gorrill, Mr. Murray Griffith (for part), Mr. Bruce Kilpatrick (for part), Dr. Valerie Kuehne, Ms. Samantha Watkins

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION (T. Redies/N. Bassi):
THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of May 26, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 31, 2015 (attached)

MOTION (A. Peredo/L. LeBlanc):
THAT the minutes of the open session of the regular meeting of March 31, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising

There was none.

4. Remarks from the Chair

There were none.
5. **Correspondence**

There was none.

**CONSENT**

6. **Operations and Facilities Committee (M. Kennedy)**

   a. **New and Revised Awards** BOG-May26/15-17

   **MOTION:**
   
   *THAT the Board of Governors approve the following new and revised graduate and undergraduate awards:*

   - Student Ambassador Scholarship (revised)
   - Black Press Business Scholarship (revised)
   - Butterfield Law Prize (revised)
   - Vincent Short Memorial Theatre Scholarship (new)
   - Joyce Clearihue Undergraduate Co-op Scholarship (new)*
   - Speakman-Granewall Bursary in Mechanical Engineering (new)*
   - Asia Pacific Entrance Grant (new)
   - Margaret Beck Student Research Travel Award (revised)*
   - Thomas Wirral Cup Award (new)
   - Stó:lō Ethnohistory Legacy Scholarship (new)
   - Hutchison Bekius Scholarship in History (revised)*
   - Vancouver, Island Trails Information Society Scholarship (revised)
   - John Shields Scholarship in Public Administration (revised)*
   - Kenneth L. Avio Honours Prize (revised)
   - Joyce Clearihue Graduate Co-op Scholarship (new)*
   - Maureen Mcleod Scholarship in Geography (new)
   - Celebration of Joy Award (new)
   - Jane Zhu MBA Cross-Cultural Integration Award (new)
   - MBA Pay-It-Forward Award (new)
   - Royal Jubilee Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association Student Award (revised)*

   b. **Masters in Germanic and Slavic Studies with Two Streams: Germanic Studies and Slavic Studies** BOG-May26/15-01

   (Complete Proposal)

   **MOTION:**
   
   *THAT the Board of Governors approve the Master of Arts in Germanic and Slavic Studies with Two Streams effective immediately.*

   c. **Discontinuation of the Studies in Policy and Practice Program** BOG-May26/15-02

   **MOTION:**
   
   *THAT the Board of Governors approve the Discontinuation of the Studies in Policy and Practice Program.*
d. Discontinuation of the Certificate in the Administration of Indigenous Government BOG-May26/15-03

MOTION:
THAT the Board of Governors approve the Discontinuation of the Certificate in the Administration of Indigenous Governments.

e. Procedures for the Selection of the Registrar BOG-May26/15-18

(Complete Proposal)

MOTION:
That the Board of Governors approve the updated Procedures for the Selection of the Registrar (GV0400).


7. Finance Committee (L. LeBlanc)

a. 2014 Annual Reports and Financial Statements University of Victoria Combination Pension Plan and University of Victoria Money Purchase Pension Plan BOG-May26/15-10

Pro Forma Motion (I. Mackenzie/T. Redies): That the above items be approved by the Board of Governors by consent.

CARRIED

REGULAR

8. Audit Committee (T. Redies)

Ms. Redies said that the Audit Committee had reviewed the draft financial statements and the auditor’s findings report prepared by the office of the Auditor General. A clean opinion on the statements was expected.


Executive Director Financial Services Murray Griffith provided a presentation entitled 2014/15 Audited Financial Statements.

MOTION (T. Redies/B. Cranwell):
THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2014/2015 Audited Financial Statements and the appropriations as set out in the attached schedule;

and

THAT the Chair of the Board of Governors and the Vice-President Finance and Operations be authorized to sign the statements on behalf of the Board of Governors.

CARRIED

Mr. Griffith responded to questions regarding changes in benefits costs.
9. **Operations and Facilities Committee (M. Kennedy)**


      The Board received for information the 2014 Policy Review Annual Report.

   b. **Campus Plan Update – Phase One** BOG-May26/15-12

      The Board received for information the Campus Plan Update – Phase One. Mr. Kennedy said that the goal was to have the updated plan ready for the Board’s approval in January 2016.

10. **Finance Committee (L. LeBlanc)**

    Ms. LeBlanc said that the Board had previously approved renovations to the McKinnon building to provide improved teaching and research space. She outlined the factors that had increased the cost of the renovations.

    a. **McKinnon Renovations Budget Approval** BOG-May26/15-14

       **MOTION (L. LeBlanc/M. Kennedy):**

       THAT the Board of Governors, in order to complete renovations to the McKinnon building, approve an increase in the overall budget for the Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities of $1.7M to a total revised budget of $78.7M

       **CARRIED**

11. **President’s Report**

    a. **Presentation on the UVic Edge** by Vice-President External Relations Carmen Charette, and Executive Director of University Communications and Marketing Bruce Kilpatrick

      The Board received an update from Vice-President External Relations Carmen Charette and Executive Director of University Communications and Marketing Bruce Kilpatrick on the UVic Edge.

      Ms. Charette thanked Board members for their contributions over the course of its development, and spoke about its significance.

      Vice-President Academic and Provost Valerie Kuehne responded to a question and suggestions about how the student experience aligns with the Edge.

      Mr. Cranwell said he was delighted to see the Edge incorporated into UVic’s application and admission process.

      Ms. Rogers said that this articulation of UVic’s distinctiveness would make it much easier for all to share our university’s story and she was eager to do so.

      The President congratulated Ms. Charette and Mr. Kilpatrick on their work.
b. Other matters

President Cassels informed the Board of a number of campus events, including:

- A Special Convocation for Ken and Kathy Shields in April.
- A recent event for major donors.
- A breakfast event for on-campus donors at which executive members had served pancakes to faculty and staff donors as a way of saying “thank you”.
- Minister of Advanced Education Andrew Wilkinson had visited campus on April 9. He had met with Board Chair Erich Mohr, President Cassels and a number of students, and toured First Peoples House followed by a visit to the lab of Dr. Reuven Gordon. Dr. Castle announced Dr. Gordon had recently been awarded a $1.6M NSERC grant.
- The Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities (CARSA) had opened on May 1 with several hundred people in attendance.
- The Business School would be presenting its 2015 Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year Award to David Foster.
- The Installation of Chancellor Shelagh Rogers would be taking place on June 8th marking the beginning of Convocation week and the first of nine ceremonies, graduating the largest class in UVic history of 3650 students.

President Cassels briefly described UVic’s placement in a number of recent ranking.

He noted that the Princeton Review had surveyed institutions concerning green and sustainability initiatives and had scored UVic 99/99 for sustainability on campus and in the curriculum.

12. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Original signed by Erich Mohr, Board Chair
and Julia Eastman, University Secretary