



University
of Victoria

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Tuesday, June 26, 2007
11:00 a.m.

Snowberry-Honeysuckle Room, University Club

OPEN SESSION

MINUTES

Present: Ms. Trudi Brown (Chair), Mr. Jamie Biggar, Mr. Eric Donald, Dr. Peter Driessen, Mr. John deC. Evans, Mr. Murray Farmer, Dr. Robert Giroux, Dr. Peter Liddell, Dr. Ronald Lou-Poy, Ms. Jane Peverett, Dr. David Turpin, Ms. Sarah Webb, Dr. Julia Eastman (Secretary) (for part).

Regrets: Ms. Penny Beames, Mr. Peter Ciceri, Ms. Gail Flitton.

By Invitation: Prof. Jamie Cassels, Mr. Neil Connelly, Ms. Gayle Gorrill, Dr. Valerie Kuehne, Ms. Morag MacNeil, Ms. Nancy Pye (for part).

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was declared adopted as circulated.

2. Minutes

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 29, 2007

The minutes of the open session of the regular meeting of May 29, 2007 were declared approved as circulated.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

4. Remarks from the Chair

Ms. Brown thanked the board and the executive for their support for her in her role as chair. She extended particular thanks to Vice-Chair Gail Flitton, who had represented the board at many functions, and to Dr. Eastman and members of the University Secretary's Office who had been extremely helpful over the past year.

CONSENT

Ms. Brown introduced the consent agenda. With regard to item 5 (a), Ms. Sarah Webb asked about the reference to “potential risk” in connection with the First Peoples House (on the last page of the capital report). Ms. Gorrill explained that this reflected the potential for unforeseen issues to arise in the course of additional consultations concerning this project.

5. University Operations and Facilities Committee

a) Status Report on Capital Projects

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the June 2007 Status Report on Capital Projects.

b) Due Diligence Report – Financial Services, Occupational Health, Safety and Environment

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the June 2007 Due Diligence Reports.

6. Finance Committee

a) University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Amendments to Statement of Investment Policies and Goals

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve the amendment of the Statement of Investment Policies and Goals for the University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan as provided in Attachment #1.

b) University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Investment Performance Report for the Period Ended March 31, 2007

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Investment Performance Report for the Period Ended March 31, 2007.

c) University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2006

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve the University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2006.

7. Executive and Governance Committee

- a) **Appointments to: TRIUMF Board of Management, and Innovation and Development Corporation**

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors appoint Howard Brunt, Vice-President Research Designate, to the TRIUMF Board of Management effective 01 September 2007 for a term ending 31 August 2010; and

THAT Howard Brunt, Vice-President Research Designate, be appointed as Chair and Director of the Innovation and Development Corporation Board of Directors effective 01 September 2007 for a term ending 31 August 2010.

Pro forma Motion (E. Donald/J. Biggar):

That the above items are approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors by consent.

CARRIED.

REGULAR

8. Finance Committee

- a) **2006/07 Year End Financial Reports: 2006/07 Financial Review, Statement of Financial Information for the Year Ended March 31, 2007**

MOTION (M. Farmer/S. Webb)

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the 2006/07 Financial Review; and

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Statement of Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2007 and that the Chair of the Board of Governors and the Vice-President Finance and Operations be authorized to sign on the Board's behalf.

CARRIED.

9. University Operations and Facilities Committee

- a) **University Smoking Policy**

MOTION (J. Evans/P. Driessen)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the University Smoking Policy; and

THAT Section 12 of Building Usage Policy #6410 be rescinded.

CARRIED.

10. Community and Government Relations Committee

In the absence of Committee Chair Gail Flitton, Dr. Valerie Kuehne reported that Mr. Evans, chair of the board of University of Victoria Properties Investments and Vice-President Finance and Operations Gayle Gorrill had given a well-received presentation at the committee's last meeting about the university's properties and their contributions to the surrounding communities.

11. President's Report

Dr. Turpin reported briefly on developments at the federal and provincial levels. With respect to the latter, he indicated that the province's universities intended to make a joint submission on the implementation of the Campus 20/20 report. He also indicated that the presidents of UBC, SFU and UVic had met recently to advance the Georgia Strait Research Alliance concept.

Dr. Turpin went on to report about developments including:

- A gift of \$11 million to UVic by Bob Wright of Oak Bay Marine Group in support of ocean, earth and atmospheric sciences. Dr. Turpin noted that copies of a hand-out distributed at the event to announce the gift had been distributed. Messages of thanks to Mr. Wright for his gift had appeared in the *Globe and Mail* and the *Times Colonist* newspapers.
- UBC and SFU had agreed that UVic should take the lead on the Climate Change Initiative reported at the last board meeting. This would be one of the first major initiatives under the Georgia Strait Research Alliance.
- On June 19th it was announced that the university's Office of Community Based Research had opened.
- A Green Guide (copies of which were distributed at the meeting) had been published in conjunction with the *Times Colonist*.
- Very successful spring Convocations, held June 5-8.
- The university's new employment application and hiring module, uHire, had gone live.
- An asteroid had been named after UVic by astrophysicist Dave Ballam, who discovered it.
- Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Aaron Devor, and Associate Vice-President Academic Planning, Dr. Katy Mateer, had held a recent town hall meeting on the future of graduate studies, which attracted 100 faculty members. Over the course of the summer, they would make a submission to the Ministry of Advanced Education proposing an allocation of an additional 510 spaces (over and above the 170 spaces allocated this year) to UVic over the next three years. A decision is expected by the end of September.

Dr. Turpin indicated that he had given a talk on board-president relations at a recent symposium for new university presidents put on by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and that he had welcomed delegates to the International Union of Health Promotion and Education conference held in Vancouver on June 10.

The President reported on the following honours and awards:

- The University had received an award for successfully completing a 6-year process as a WorkSafe BC Focus Firm and for reducing the injury rate by 42%. This improvement resulted from the efforts of the many safety committees on campus, as well as the

entire campus community's commitment to health and safety as an integral part of university culture.

- In addition to other recent honours, Dr. Andrew Weaver was awarded the President's Prize at the annual Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (CMOS) congress. Dr. Howard Freeland of the Institute of Ocean Sciences, an adjunct faculty member in the School of Earth and Ocean Science (SEOS), was the recipient of a second President's Prize. Dr. George Boer, also an adjunct professor, won the Patterson Medal, and Jeff Lewis, a graduate student in SEOS, was awarded a CMOS Graduate Student prize.
- At this year's Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Saskatoon, the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine awarded its Segall Prize for the best graduate student presentation to History PhD candidate Judith Friedman for her paper, "The rediscovery of anticipation in hereditary disease."
- In acknowledgment of 37 years of sustained dedication and distinguished achievement in Environment and Behavior Research, the Board of Directors of the Environmental Design Research Association recognized Dr. Robert Gifford with the EDRA's 2007 Career Award. A member of the faculty in both the Department of Psychology and the School of Environmental Studies since 1979, Gifford has introduced countless numbers of students to the field of environment and behavior studies.
- Leah Tremain, a UVic graduate, won the first annual BC Chamber of Commerce Young Entrepreneur of the Year award for her creative ingenuity in forming her company, Tremain Media Inc.
- Dr. Don McKay of the Department of Writing won the \$50,000 Griffin Canadian Award for his book *Strike/Slip*.
- Ms. Lorna Crozier, Chair of the Department of Writing, was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters by the University of Saskatchewan in recognition of her many contributions to poetry in Canadian Literature.
- Mr. Dale Gann, Vice-President of the Vancouver Island Technology Park, and Dr. Robin Hicks, Department of Chemistry, were named '2007 Vancouver Island Visionaries under 40'.
- Mr. Ken Shields was the recipient of the 2007 James Naismith Award, the most prestigious lifetime basketball award in Canada.

Dr. Valerie Kuehne provided an update on the university's marketing initiatives.

Presentation on Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Ms. Gayle Gorrill introduced a presentation by Mr. Neil Connelly, the new Director of Campus Planning and Sustainability at UVic, and Mr. Jamie Biggar, board member. The latter noted that copies of a document entitled "Going beyond climate neutral: Planning for climate change leadership with the University of Victoria" (Communications Group, June 2007) had been distributed. He outlined the process, which would conclude with a major conference at the university at the end of September. Activities underway included efforts to integrate teaching and learning with climate goals, numerous working groups over the course of the summer and extension of Common Energy's activities to other parts of British Columbia. Mr. Biggar noted that going beyond climate neutrality would reap returns in terms of research, education and leadership and that more than 300 universities and colleges in the U.S. had committed to going beyond carbon neutral

Mr. Connelly then gave a presentation on the university's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Assessment and Analysis project. Asked what would happen next, he said that the project would result in a report with recommendations.

Mr. Biggar and Mr. Connelly were thanked for their presentations.

12. Other Business

The President thanked all members of the board for their hard work and support over the last year, with particular thanks to Trudi Brown as outgoing Chair.

13. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.