OPEN MINUTES

Present: Ms. Susan Mehinagic (Chair), Dr. Peter Driessen, Mr. Murray Farmer, Mr. Tony Gage, Ms. Lucia Heffelfinger Orser, Mr. Michael Kennedy, Ms. Lindsay LeBlanc, Dr. David Turpin, Ms. Beverley Van Ruyven, Prof. Barbara Whittington, Dr. Julia Eastman (Secretary)

Regrets: Dr. Erich Mohr, Mr. Nav Bassi, Mr. Tribesty Nguyen, Mr. Ray Protti

By Invitation: Ms. Carmen Charette, Dr. Reeta Tremblay, Ms. Gayle Gorrill, Dr. Howard Brunt, Ms. Samantha Watkins

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was declared approved as circulated.

2. Minutes

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 27, 2012

MOTION (T. Gage/L. LeBlanc):
THAT the minutes of the open session of the regular meeting of November 27, 2012 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising

There was none.
4. Remarks from the Chair

There were none.

5. Correspondence

Nil.

CONSENT

6. Operations and Facilities (M. Kennedy)


b. New and Revised Graduate and Undergraduate Awards BOG-Jan29/13-20

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the following new and revised graduate and undergraduate awards effective immediately:

- Nancy Lee Graduate Scholarship (new)*
- Dr. Douglas Earl Alcorn Scholarship (revised)*
- Island Savings Growing Island Families Together (Gift) Bursaries (new)
- UVic Transfer Scholarship (revised)
- JTS Scholarship (new)*
- Pemberton Holmes Entrance Scholarship in Honour of Davine Burton (new)*
- Dr. Gordon L. Diewert Community Service Entrance Award (new)
- Thomas M. Hess Scholarship in Indigenous Language Revitalization (revised)*
- Albert Aloucks Bursary (new)*
- James A. & Laurette Agnew Memorial Award (new)*
- Paul Parizeau Bursary (revised)*
- East China Normal University Entrance Scholarship (revised)
- Churchill Foundation Vancouver Island’s Aleck Trawick Scholarship in Political Science (revised)*
- Louis F. Lindholm, Q.C. Entrance Scholarship (new)*
- Maurice William Summerhayes Memorial Scholarship (revised)*
- Marion MacLeod Memorial Scholarship (new)
- Faculty of Engineering: Dean’s Entrance Scholarship (revised)
- John F. Baker Emergency Fund (new)*
- Malcolm Manson Memorial Award (new)*
- Vikes Entrance Scholarship (new)
- President’s Scholarship (revised)

* Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation
c. Proposal for PhD in Health Informatics BOG-Jan29/13-21

**MOTION:**
That the Board of Governors approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a program leading to a degree of PhD in Health Informatics to be offered by the Faculty of Human and Social Development and the Faculty of Graduate Studies, as described in the document entitled "PhD Health Informatics", dated October 15, 2012 and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with Graduate Admissions and Records. Once Senate and the Board of Governors have approved the proposal, the proposal must be posted on the Ministry of Advanced Education website for peer review for a period of 30 days.

d. Proposal for PhD in Environmental Studies BOG-Jan29/13-22

**MOTION:**
That the Board of Governors approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a program leading to a degree of PhD in Environmental Studies to be offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Graduate Studies, as described in the document entitled "PhD in Environmental Studies", dated November, 2012 and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with Graduate Admissions and Records. Once Senate and the Board of Governors have approved the proposal, the proposal must be posted on the Ministry of Advanced Education website for peer review for a period of 30 days.

e. Proposal for Course Based Non-Thesis Master's Degree Option
BOG-Jan29/13-23

**MOTION:**
That the Board of Governors approve, the proposal for a Course-based Master of Public Health as described in the document entitled "MPH Proposal for Course-based Masters" dated October 26, 2012.

That the Board of Governors approve, the proposal for a Course-based Master of English as described in the document entitled “Course-only Path Through English Master’s Program” dated September 6, 2012.

That the Board of Governors approve, the proposal for a Course-based Master of Social Work as described in the document entitled "Completion of MSW Degree Through a 'Course Based' Option" dated October 31, 2012.

That the Board of Governors approve, the proposal for a Course-based Master of Global Business as described in the document entitled “Proposal to Change the Master of Global Business Program from a Project-based to Course-only Format” dated October 2012.

Pro Forma Motion (T. Gage/J. Butler McGregor):
THAT the above items be approved by the Board of Governors by consent.

CARRIED
7. Audit Committee (B. Van Ruyven)
   a. Public Sector Accounting Board Standards Transition - Update BOG-Jan29/13-09

Ms. Van Ruyven noted that this was not the first report received by the Board on the upcoming accounting standards transition and that not everything had been resolved. She said that the preparation of this year’s financial statements would be challenging for that reason.

8. Operations and Facilities Committee (M. Kennedy)

Ms. Kristi Simpson, Associate Vice-President Financial Planning, was introduced. Ms. Simpson presented a PowerPoint on the new framework for community engagement on campus land use planning the university was adopting. She provided an overview of the consultation that had taken place in the development of the framework and she discussed the key issues. She reviewed the key components of the framework and discussed the three-step process for developing an engagement plan.

   b. Procedures for the Appointment and Re-appointment of the Vice-President Research (GV0310) BOG-Jan29/13-32

   MOTION (L. LeBlanc/T. Gage):
   That the Board of Governors approve the Procedures for the Appointment and Re-appointment of the Vice-President Research, policy GV0310 effective immediately.

   CARRIED

c. Procedures for the Appointment of the Vice-President External Relations (GV0320) BOG-Jan29/13-29

   MOTION (B. Van Ruyven/S. Mehinagic):
   That the Board of Governors approve the amended Procedures for the Appointment of the Vice-President External Relations, policy GV0320 (attached to BOG-Jan29/13-29), effective immediately.

   CARRIED
d. Procedures for the Appointment of the Vice-President Finance and Operations (GV0315)  BOG-Jan29/13-28

MOTION (J. Butler McGregor/T. Gage):
That the Board of Governors approve the amended Procedures for the Appointment of the Vice-President Finance and Operations, policy GV0315 (attached to BOG-Jan29/13-28), effective immediately.

CARRIED

e. Procedures for the Appointment of the University Secretary (Registrar) (GV0325)  BOG-Jan29/13-27

MOTION (L. LeBlanc/B. Van Ruyven):
That the Board of Governors approve the amended Procedures for the Appointment of the University Secretary (Registrar), policy GV0325 (attached to BOG-Jan29/13-27), effective immediately.

CARRIED

9. Finance Committee (T. Gage)

a. Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities, McKinnon Project and Parkade - Budget Update BOG-Jan29/13-30

Dr. Turpin reminded Board members that UVic had worked hard to become a destination university, which involved providing a high quality experience for students. He identified the provision of good athletics facilities and opportunities as a component of that.

Ms. Gorrill provided an update on the budget shortfall for the Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities (CARSA) and outlined the recommendations for resolving it.

Dr. Driessen spoke to the motion. He said that he had considered voting against it because he was not sure how, in an atmosphere of budget cuts and reductions, the university could find additional money for this purpose.

He said that he had received clarification of how the increase in the budget for CARSA and for the associated parkade would be funded and that he believed that the Integrated Planning Committee was addressing current and future budget challenges in a sound way. He suggested that more information about the university's budget be communicated to faculty, staff and students.

Dr. Driessen said that CARSA was an important part of the strategic plan and that, in that context, he supported the motion.

MOTION (T. Gage/M. Farmer):
That the Board of Governors approval of the revised Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities and Renovations to McKinnon project budget of $61.4M; and
That the Board of Governors approval of the revised parking structure project budget of $15.6M for a parkade adjacent to the Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities.

CARRIED

b. University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Investment Performance Report for the period ending September 30, 2012 BOG-Jan29/13-11

Receipt of this report was noted.

10. President’s Report

Federal update

Dr. Turpin provided an update on developments at the federal level including the announcements by the Canada Foundation for Innovation of $3.4 million in funding to UVic from its Leading Edge Fund in support of two areas of research (1) materials science and engineering innovation and commercialization ($1.8 million) and (2) cabled ocean observatory technology and research (1.62 million). He described the contents of the submission by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada to the federal Finance Committee.

Provincial update

Dr. Turpin reminded Board members of the Opportunity Agenda articulated by BC’s research universities. He provided an update on recent activities, and reviewed several front-page newspaper articles. He thanked Board member Lucia Heffelfinger Orser and Director of Communications Bruce Kilpatrick for their roles in advancing the Opportunity Agenda.

Dr. Turpin also reported on LE,NONET, saying that late last year, the BC government had announced $200,000 in one-time funding to continue the LE,NONET Project, originally a 4-year national research initiative aimed at helping Indigenous students succeed at university. Between 2005 and 2009, UVic students who participated in LE,NONET had experienced a 100-per-cent increase in term-to-term retention, a 20-per-cent increase in graduation rates, and a 67 per-cent reduction in withdrawal rates.
UVic update

- Recent media coverage associated with NEPTUNE Canada
- The 50th Anniversary special edition of the UVic Annual Review featuring Great Moments in UVic History released and distributed in January.
- Alumni Week to be held 3 – 9 February, 2013 and an event on 7 February to honour “Alumni Who Made a Difference”. Chancellor Murray Farmer would host the event celebrating 50 alumni including Board members Susan Mehanagic, Erich Mohr, Tony Gage, Lindsay LeBlanc and Beverly Van Ruyven.
- On January 3, the South Tower residence (106 bed) had been awarded LEED Gold certification by the Canada Green Building Council. This was UVic’s sixth LEED Gold building project.
- The UVic United Way campaign had raised $256,126 in 2012.
- An international team led by UVic, the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) and the University of Michigan had broken another series of records for data-transfer speed.
- UVic’s Ocean Networks Canada had developed a new “app” called Coastbuster that allowed volunteers and residents of coastal communities to gather evidence of tsunami debris and share this information using social networking tools. It would help government agencies locate, photograph and track large or potentially hazardous objects, while providing important data to researchers studying ocean currents.
- In recognition of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, classes and exams had been cancelled between 11:30am and 12:30pm on 3 December. Students, faculty and staff from across campus had gathered at the Quad to honour survivors of violence, commit to change, and view the Clothesline Project, an installation sponsored by the UVic Anti-Violence Project.
- The Legacy Gallery was featuring a 50th anniversary exhibit Honoris Causa: Artist Honorary Degree Recipients. The exhibit showcased more than 25 prominent artists who had received honourary doctorates from UVic.
- In December, one of the world’s leading physics magazines, Physics World, had named two projects – the ATLAS experiment and the BABAR experiment – with strong UVic connections to a top 10 list for 2012.

Upcoming events

- A special 50th Anniversary IdeaFest will be held on campus from 4–15 March. Organized by the Office of the Vice-President Research, IdeaFest would be an opportunity for faculty, researchers and students to share their research and to engage the entire Greater Victoria region in their work.
- The launch of the UNESCO Chair in Community-based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education would be held on Monday, 4 March in the Ceremonial Hall of the First Peoples House. Dr. Budd Hall of UVic and Dr. Rajesh Tandon of the Society for Participatory Research in Asia, New Delhi were the co-chairs. The Chair would promote the practice of community-based research with a view to strengthen the linkages between communities and institutions of higher education.
- On February 6, Paul Nicklen, internationally acclaimed photographer and one of five UVic alumni honoured last fall at our 50th Anniversary celebration, would present a public lecture entitled “Polar Obsession”.
- On 18 February award-winning writer Anne Michaels would present the second in a series of 50th Anniversary President’s Distinguished Lectures.
Awards and honours

- The "uvic.ca" team had won a silver medal in the best website category from the Council for the Support and Advancement of Educations (CASE) District VIII (Western Canada and the Pacific Northwest) for its work on the UVic homepage renovation project.
- UVic award-winning basketball coaches Ken and Kathy Shields had been named to the BC Sports Hall of Fame.
- UVic law student Elizabeth Zarpa had received national recognition for her contributions to the Canadian Inuit community.
- The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) had awarded the distinction of Fellow to Earth and Ocean Sciences professor Andrew Weaver for distinguished contributions to the understanding of the role of ocean circulation in climate and for his commitment to educating the public about climate change.
- Nicholas Galanin, the 2012/13 Audain Professor in Contemporary Arts of the Pacific Northwest at UVic had received a $50,000 Rasmuson Fellowship from United States Artists, a non-profit organization aimed at investing in "America's finest artists."
- Recent recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal:
  - Chancellor Murray Farmer and Mrs. Lynda Farmer
  - Dr. Lorna Williams, Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Knowledge and Learning and
  - Dr. Martin Segger, Adjunct Professor Canadian Art and Architecture and former Director of the Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery.
  - Ryan Flagg (Engineering) and Nicholas Hargrove (Biology & Psychology), members at HMCS Malahat, the Royal Canadian Navy’s reserve division in Victoria, as well as undergraduate students at UVic
  - Prof. Jamie Cassels, Professor of Law and President designate

In addition, members of the Order of Canada also received the Diamond Jubilee medal.

Dr. Turpin invited questions. There were none.

11. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.