OPEN MINUTES

Present: Ms. Susan Mehinagic (Chair), Mr. Nav Bassi, Ms. Jane Butler McGregor, Mr. Tony Gage, Ms. Lucia Heffelfinger Orser, Mr. Michael Kennedy, Ms. Lindsay LeBlanc, Dr. Erich Mohr, Mr. Tribesty Nguyen, Mr. Ray Protti, Dr. David Turpin, Ms. Beverley Van Ruyven, Prof. Barbara Whittington, Dr. Julia Eastman (Secretary)

Regrets: Dr. Peter Driessen, Mr. Murray Farmer

By Invitation: Dr. Howard Brunt, Ms. Carmen Charette, Ms. Gayle Gorrill, Ms. Sivonne McFall, Dr. Reeta Tremblay

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was declared approved as circulated.

2. Minutes

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 26, 2012

MOTION (B. Whittington/E. Mohr):

THAT the minutes of the open session of the regular meeting of June 26, 2012 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising

There was none.
4. Remarks from the Chair

Ms. Mehinagic welcomed Ms. Heffelfinger Orser and Mr. Tribesty to their first open board meeting.

5. Correspondence - Nil

CONSENT

6. Operations and Facilities (M. Kennedy)
   a. Status Report on Capital Projects BOG-Sep25/12-09

7. Finance Committee (T. Gage)
   a. Short Term Investment Report to June 30, 2012 BOG-Sep25/12-04
   b. Long Term Disability Trust Financial Statements BOG-Sep25/12-06

Receipt of the above items was noted.

REGULAR

8. Compensation and Review Committee (E. Mohr)
   a. Update on status of collective negotiations

Dr. Mohr reported that the committee had received two reports. One was from Associate Vice-President Faculty Relations and Academic Administration, Kim Hart, on the status of collective negotiations with the Faculty Association on plans for mediation. The other was from Associate Vice-President Human Resources, Kane Kilbey on the status of collective negotiations with staff unions and on recent job action. He said that Mr. Kilbey was available to provide a brief update and answer any questions.

Dr. Mohr also reported that the university had received a letter from the Provincial Minister of Finance announcing an immediate freeze on public sector management compensation and that UVic and other universities would be in contact with the Public Sector Employers Council to ascertain what types and how positions would be affected.
Mr. Kilbey was introduced to the Board and provided a brief overview of the status of negotiations with staff unions and of recent job action by two CUPE locals.

Mr. Kilbey left the meeting.

9. Operations and Facilities Committee (M. Kennedy)

a. Academic Staffing, Recruitment and Vacancies Report BOG-Sep25/12-01

Mr. Kennedy briefly reviewed the report. Dr. Tremblay confirmed that she had no further comments. There were no questions.

b. Revision to the Policy on University Research Involving Humans and Creation of New Procedures BOG-Sep25/12-20

Mr. Kennedy said that this involved a revision to the policy to bring it in to compliance with the current Tri-Council policy statement.

   MOTION (M. Kennedy/B. Van Ruyven):
   THAT the Board of Governors approve the Research Involving Humans policy (RH8105).
   CARRIED

c. Campus Electrical Upgrade BOG-Sep25/12-10

Mr. Kennedy said that this was a critical requirement and had been discussed in previous committee meetings. Ms. Gorrill had no comments and there were no questions.

   MOTION (M. Kennedy/E. Mohr):
   THAT the Board of Governors authorize the Vice-President Finance and Operations to award consultant and construction contracts for the campus electrical upgrade up to the approved budget subject to project funding approval from the Ministry of Advanced Education.
   CARRIED

10. Finance Committee (T. Gage)

Mr. Gage said that the following items had been considered the previous day by the Finance Committee, which was a committee of the whole. He briefly reviewed the items that had been discussed.

a. 2012/13 Budget Expenditure Allocation Report BOG-Sep25/12-02

b. 2011-2012 Year End Financial Reports – Amendment BOG-Sep25/12-08

   MOTION (T. Gage/B. Whittington):
   THAT the Board of Governors approve the amended Statement of Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2012.
   CARRIED
c. Campus Electrical Upgrade BOG-Sep25/12-10

MOTION (T. Gage/N. Bassi):
That the Board of Governors approve a budget of $5.25M for the campus electrical upgrade.

CARRIED

11. President’s Report

a. Presentation on Student Life and Orientation – Jim Dunsdon, Associate Vice-President Student Affairs

Mr. Jim Dunsdon, Associate Vice-President Student Affairs was introduced and gave a PowerPoint presentation on student life and orientation.

In response to a question, he briefly described the university’s desire and need to build more residences in order to accommodate student demand and to achieve its goals for campus life.

Mr. Dunsdon was thanked and left the meeting.

b. President’s Report

Federal update:

- Dr. Turpin reported that on August 24 there was a Western Economic Diversification (WED) announcement of funding of $671,500 for the Centre for Aeronautical Research which would be based at the airport.

- Dr. Turpin reported that at an event on October 3rd in Ottawa there would be a Federal Government announcement of funding for Ocean Networks Canada (ONC).

Provincial update:

- Dr. Turpin reported that he and six other university presidents had met with Honorable John Yap, the new Minister of Advanced Education, Innovation and Technology and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism.

- Dr. Turpin commented on the proposal presented by the six university presidents on the need for (1) a space for every student, (2) improved student financial aid and (3) support for research and innovation in B.C.

- Dr. Turpin said the Ministry of Finance had recently announced a series of interim financial measures in order to balance the provincial budget this year. The measures included spending reductions, a freeze on management salaries, a hiring freeze and review of the public sector bargaining mandate.
• Dr. Turpin referred to a recent article in the Vancouver Sun regarding student loan interest rates.

**UVic update:**

• Dr. Turpin said that the Vikes Breakfast earlier in the morning had been the 5th in a series of very successful annual events in support of scholarships for student athletes.

• Dr. Turpin reported that the 50th Anniversary celebrations were underway and urged members to check the website for events including the Julie Payette lecture on September 28 and the launch of the book by Ian McPherson, “Reaching Outward and Upward: The University of Victoria, 1963-2013”. On September 23 there was a 32-page full colour insert in the Times Colonist. UVic’s first-ever Alumni Homecoming, scheduled for September 28 and 29, also coincided with the festival. One capstone event would be the Congress scheduled for June 2013.

• Dr. Turpin reported that the new student welcome on September 4 had been successful.

• Dr. Turpin said that at the Legacy Gallery the University Art Collection was showing "Building the University Art Collection: 50 Years" (until October 27) in connection with the 50th Anniversary. This was being curated by Martin Segger.

• Dr. Turpin reported on a study done by The Impact Group ranking UVic as third in the country in terms of invention disclosures per full-time faculty member.

• Dr. Turpin reported that at the end of August a new UVic home page was launched. Its development had been an 8 month process involving consultation and feedback from users.

• Dr. Turpin said that UVic and Island Savings had recently announced a partnership. Island Savings will sponsor the Family Zone at UVic’s 50th Anniversary celebrations, support the UVic Family Centre and provide bursaries for students.

• Dr. Turpin said that the UVic Law Centre would soon be sharing space with the newly created Victoria Justice Access Centre in Victoria. The Centre would be located in the former land titles office.

• Dr. Turpin commented on the developments over the summer in research on the Higgs boson particle and on UVic’s involvement in this.

• Dr. Turpin announced that Dr. Kate Moran had been appointed as Ocean Networks Canada President & CEO for a 5-year term commencing July 1. He said that an early initiative was the installation of a mini observatory system under the ice on Cambridge Bay.
• Dr. Turpin announced that Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre celebrated their 40th anniversary in September.

• On the educational front, Dr. Turpin announced that UVic was offering a new 5-year undergraduate biomedical engineering degree.

• Dr. Turpin announced that a team from UVic's Ocean Technology Lab, led by Colin Bradley, was in the Arctic with its autonomous underwater vehicle searching for lost ships of the 1845 Franklin Expedition.

• Honours and Awards:
  o Paul Hoffman, Adjunct Professor in the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences was appointed an Officer of The Order of Canada on July 1.
  o Myer Horowitz, former University of Alberta President and Acting Director of UVic's Centre for Early Childhood Research & Policy received an honorary doctorate from Royal Roads University.
  o In late June, two UVic undergraduate students, Jennifer Borchert and Aliya Khan, were awarded Schulich Leader Scholarships. They were two of 40 students to receive this award.
  o Bill Gaston, Fine Arts professor, won the Gold Award in the fiction category of the National Magazine for his story “Four Corners”.
  o Neena Chappell, professor of Sociology and researcher at UVic's Centre on Aging was awarded the CIHR Betty Haven Prize for Knowledge Translation in Aging. The award included a $50,000 grant.
  o Dr. Turpin recognized the UVic alumni and students who had won medals at the recent Olympics and Paralympics.

There were no questions.

12. Other Business

There was none.

13. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11.45 a.m.

Original signed by Susan Mehinagic, Board Chair and Julia Eastman, University Secretary