



University
of Victoria

Board and Board Committee Meetings Monday March 27, 2023 and Tuesday March 28, 2023

Open Session

Tuesday March 28, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Senate and Board Chambers, Jamie Cassels Centre

SUMMARY RECORD

Present: Paul Ramsey (Acting Chair), Chekwube Anyaegbunam, Shailoo Bedi, Josh Blair, Marion Buller, Christina Clarke, Kevin Hall, Adam Monahan, Erinn Pinkerton, Monica Prendergast, Jyoti Stephens, Carrie Andersen (Secretary)

By Invitation: Elizabeth Croft, Chris Horbachewski, Kimberley Kennard (Board Coordinator), Lisa Kalynchuk, Kristi Simpson, Robina Thomas

Regrets: Merle Alexander, Keith Barbon, Brian Cant

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: (P. Ramsey)

THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of March 28, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held January 31, 2023

MOTION: (M. Prendergast/J. Blair)

THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held January 31, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Summary Record

There was none.

4. Chair's Remarks

The Acting Chair opened the meeting with a territorial acknowledgement. He acknowledged the busy time of year with students immersed in exams and the campus wrapping up capital projects and beginning new projects. P. Ramsey acknowledged the budget shortfall and stated that the Board has held long discussions over the last six months regarding the low enrolment, and higher costs. He acknowledged the work being done to prepare for the future by getting through the present.

5. Correspondence

a. S. Stroud

K. Hall informed the Board that a university-led investigation was taking place through the Office of Equity and Human Rights.

6. **President's Report**

Kevin Hall, President and Vice-Chancellor provided an update on ongoing searches for the Deputy Provost and the Associate Vice-President Academic Programs. He stated that the term for the VP Research and Innovation would conclude in 2024 and an appointment committee would be struck.

Significant Dates

March 8 the university celebrated International Women's Day

March 15 was the International Day to Combat Islamophobia

March 21 was the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

March 31 is the Transgender Day of Visibility as well as Indigenous Languages Day

Support for Members of the Community from Turkey and Syria

Following the earthquakes in early February in southern and central Turkey and northern and western Syria, the International Centre for Students (ICS) contacted the 55 students of Turkish and Syrian citizenship offering support and resources.

Event with BC Members of the Legislative Assembly

On March 27, 2023 UVic organized an event with members of the new Cabinet and other members of the Legislative Assembly. It was an opportunity to share information about UVic, speak about housing issues and re-skilling the workforce for BC.

Strategic Plan

K. Hall thanked Board members for their support over the last eighteen months. A final review of the draft concluded at the end of January. Many diverse opinions have been captured. The plan will come to the Board of Governors at their May meetings for approval with an official launch targeted for September.

Awards

K. Hall noted that David Leitch, Assistant Professor in Chemistry, has received the Cottrell Scholar Award from the Research Corporation for Science Advancement. Katherine Elvira, Assistant Professor in Chemistry and Canada Research Chair has received the Gilead Award for Excellence in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion from the Chemical Institute of Canada. Arif Babul, Distinguished Professor in Physics and Astronomy has been awarded the Infosys Visiting Chair Professorship at the Indian Institute of Science.

K. Hall invited questions. In response to a question on what was perceived as the biggest changes with the new BC Cabinet, he responded that being innovative is important to this Cabinet as well as connecting higher education with business and industry which is encouraging.

There were no further questions for K. Hall.

- 7. External Relations Update** BOG-Mar28/23-23
C. Horbachewski commented on the 2023 UVic Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. This year, UVic and the UVic Alumni Association recognized 16 individuals in three categories: the Presidents' Alumni Awards (presented by UVic's President and the President of the UVic Alumni Association), the Indigenous Community Alumni Awards and the Emerging Alumni Awards. He encouraged members to go to uvic.ca to read more.

CONSENT

8. Operations and Facilities Committee (Josh Blair for Shailoo Bedi)

a. New and Revised Awards

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MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve new and revised undergraduate and graduate awards set out in the attached documents and listed below:

- A Campus Dental Centre Award (Revised)
- Fred L. Martens Scholarship* (Revised)
- Capstone Scholarship* (Revised)
- Susan Hill and Susanne Diakiw Bursary in Earth and Ocean Sciences* (Revised)
- W.A.C. Bennett Scholarship* (Revised)
- Caroline Monahan Scholarship (New)
- Del Meidinger Travel Scholarship (New)
- Satir-Banmen-Lum Counselling Psychology Scholarship (New)
- F. W. Benton Memorial Award* (Revised)
- Dr. Jack and Verna Miller Indigenous Athletics Award (New)
- Faculty of Fine Arts Indigenous Annual Student Award (Revised)
- Malcolm Fernandes Memorial Award (New)
- JFK Law LLP Indigenous Legal Orders Scholarship (Revised)
- Dr. Frank Parnell Memorial Award (New)
- Harry Schamhart Vikes Men's Hockey Award* (New)
- Faculty of Humanities Travel and Learning Scholarship (New)
- Florence Gertrude McConnell Award in Music* (Revised)
- Rosamund Dashwood Memorial Award in Dramatic Writing* (Revised)
- Katharine Church Zuill Award in Nursing* (Revised)
- Clearihue Bursary* (Revised)
- Laura Carberry Scholarship in Fine Arts* (New)
- Laura Carberry Scholarship in Business* (New)
- Hargrove Award for Science and Service (Revised)
- Hoelscher Family Award (New)

- Gregory and Victoria Spievak Graduate Scholarship* (Revised)
- RPIA ACE Finance Award for BIPOC Students (New)
- ÁTOL,ÁNW: A Season of Just and Fair Treatment Scholarship* (Revised)
- Marilynne Convey Scholarship* (New)
- Saanich Employees Benefit Association Award* (Revised)
- Undergraduate Award in Indigenous Language Revitalization (Revised)
- Kim and Welch Theatre Student Scholarship* (New)
- Béts'ahchu Undergraduate Award in Indigenous Language Revitalization (Revised)
- Skeena Award in Creative Writing (Revised)
- Sarah D. Bakony Memorial Scholarship (Revised)
- Dr. Leo Bakony Memorial Scholarship (Revised)
- Kathy Bakony Scholarship in Art History and Visual Studies (New)
- UVic International Women's Achievement Scholarship (New)
- Cecilia Tatti Tutcho Graduate Scholarship in Indigenous Language Revitalization (Revised)
- Graduate Scholarship in Indigenous Language Revitalization (Revised)
- Dave Barrett Scholarship (New)
- L. E. Frances Druce Collaborative Piano Undergraduate Prize* (Revised)
- L. E. Frances Druce Collaborative Piano Graduate Prize* (Revised)

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b. Proposal to Establish a Certificate in Transformative Climate Action BOG-Mar28/23-14

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a certificate in Transformative Climate Action, as described in the document "Certificate in Transformative Climate Action" effective September 2023, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

c. Proposal to Establish an Option in Applied Mathematics to the Existing Major and Honours Programs in Mathematics BOG-Mar28/23-15

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish an option in Applied Mathematics to the existing Major and Honours programs in Mathematics, as described in the document "Applied Mathematics Option" effective September 2023, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

d. Proposal to Establish a French Language Taught Cohort in the Existing Elementary Post-Degree Program Bachelor of Education Program

BOG-Mar28/23-16

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a French language taught cohort in the existing Elementary Post-degree Program Bachelor of Education Program, as described in the document “Francophone and French Immersion Cohort Post Degree Program Elementary B.Ed.” effective September 2023, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

e. Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Language Proficiency

BOG-Mar28/23-17

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Language Proficiency, as described in the document “Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Language Proficiency” effective September 2023, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

f. Proposal to Establish a Minor in Applications of Psychology and Leadership

BOG-Mar28/23-18

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a Minor in Applications of Psychology and Leadership, as described in the document “Minor in Applications of Psychology and Leadership” effective September 2023, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

g. Proposal to Establish a Certificate in Nursing Education

BOG-Mar28/23-19

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a Certificate in Nursing Education, as described in the document “Certificate in Nursing Education” effective September 2023, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

h. Proposal to Establish a Staged Voice Stream in the Existing Master of Music Performance Option BOG-Mar28/23-20

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a Staged Voice stream in the existing Master of Music Performance Option, as described in the document “Master’s in Music Performance – Staged Voice” effective September 2023, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

i. Status Report on Capital Projects BOG-Mar28/23-10a

9. Finance Committee (Paul Ramsey)

a. Collection and Remission of Student Fees for the Graduate Students’ Society (GSS) BOG-Mar28/23-06

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors collect and remit fees for the GSS in 2023/24 as outlined in the letter of March 07, 2023 from the Executive Director of the GSS to Kristi Simpson, Vice-President Finance and Operations, subject to confirmation of approval of the fees at the GSS Semi-Annual General Meeting on March 21st, 2023.

Pro Forma Motion: (M. Prendergast/C. Clarke)

THAT the above items be approved by the Board of Governors by consent.

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10. Finance Committee (Paul Ramsey)

a. Planning and Budget Framework 2024-2026 BOG-Mar28/23-01

Elizabeth Croft, Vice-President Academic and Provost provided a presentation on the budget framework. She acknowledged the colleagues who worked with VPAC/VPFO to put together the budget framework. She spoke of the national context as provinces work through some severe budget cuts. E. Croft noted the communication with the university community regarding the 4% budget reduction for 2023-2024 and the work underway to increase international enrolments.

Kristi Simpson, Vice-President Finance and Operations provided information on the operating budget assumptions and outlined the investments in student supports. She spoke about how budget cut decisions had been made across departments with discretion given to leaders. K. Simpson provided an overview of the operating and ancillary budgets.

A Board member thanked the university for the quality of the work on the Planning and Budget Framework. They stated that the Board was well prepared leading up to this meeting and that the level of analysis was presented clearly for members with detailed information on assumptions.

E. Croft stated that people are working incredibly hard to do all the right things to rebuild enrolment.

MOTION: (J. Blair/E. Pinkerton)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Planning and Budget Framework 2024–2026, including the tuition and fee increases contained therein, and authorize the President to develop and implement the detailed operating budget for the 2023/24 fiscal year.

CARRIED

11. Operations and Facilities Committee (Shailoo Bedi)

a. Enrolment Projections for 2023/24

BOG-Mar28/23-24

J. Blair echoed what other members had commented in that the budget planning was difficult but thorough and well done. There was a need to increase fees but not too much. Budget cuts were made but not too deep with a focus on helping students in need. He noted that the enrolment projections had been presented to and passed by Senate.

MOTION: (J. Blair/P. Ramsey)

THAT the Board of Governors approve a recommended enrolment level of 18,648 FTE for the 2023/24 academic year, subject to revisions in the event of new information regarding mandated growth, funding levels, application rates, and world events.

CARRIED

b. Climate and Sustainability Action Plan

BOG-Mar28/23-12

J. Blair noted that Lisa Kalynchuk, Vice-President Research and Innovation has led this effort. A presentation was provided to the Operations and Facilities committee at their meeting.

12. Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Originals signed by Merle Alexander, Board Chair and Carrie Andersen, University Secretary.