



University
of Victoria

Board and Board Committee Meetings Tuesday September 26 and Wednesday September 27, 2023

Open Session

Wednesday September 27, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Senate and Board Chambers, Jamie Cassels Centre

SUMMARY RECORD

Present: Paul Ramsey (Chair), Merle Alexander, Chekwube Anyaegbunam, Marion Buller, Erin Campbell, Christina Clarke, Roshan Danesh, Kevin Hall, Val Napoleon, Erinn Pinkerton, Kyle Risby, Laylee Rohani, Jyoti Stephens, Ivan Watson, Carrie Andersen (Secretary)

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

Regrets: Brian Cant

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: (V. Napoleon/I. Watson)

THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of September 27, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held June 26, 2023

MOTION: (P. Ramsey/K. Hall)

THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held June 26, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Summary Record

There was none.

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair thanked Board members for their contribution at the committee meetings the day prior. He commented on the launch of the new Indigenous Plan.

5. Correspondence

There was none.

6. President's Report

Kevin Hall, President and Vice-Chancellor thanked the Vice-President Indigenous and team for their work on the Indigenous Plan 2023. He offered a welcome to new Board members.

Strategic Plan

K. Hall spoke about the launch of the new Strategic Plan on September 12. He reviewed the consultation process and the community members who contributed to the development of the plan. K. Hall encouraged Board members to read the plan and think about where they fit, what excites them about the plan and how it can be used for decision making.

Orientation 2023

K. Hall noted it was great to see so many students on campus and commented on this year's orientation activities.

Mahidol University & CIFAL Sustainability Training Courses

In partnership with Mahidol University (Thailand) CIFAL Victoria is launching four new courses for Mahidol senior leadership, faculty, staff and students on the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Awards

K. Hall offered congratulations to Dr. Kate Moran, who was named in the latest batch of inductees to the Order of Canada by Governor General of Canada Mary Simon

The Royal Society of Canada (RSC) is celebrating 10 University of Victoria researchers—the most ever at one time—with the country's highest academic honour. Fellows are distinguished Canadians who have made remarkable contributions in the arts, the humanities and the sciences, and public life. New UVic Fellows include Amy Verdun (Political Science), G. Cornelis van Kooten (Economics), Eric Higgs (Environmental Studies), Alison Chapman (English), and Jonathan Bengston (Library). Members added the College of New Scholars include Onowa McIvor (Indigenous Education), Magdalena Bazalova-Carter (Medical Physics), Mohsen Akbari (Mechanical Engineering, Marie-Eve Tremblay (Medical Sciences), and Doris Kukaru (Child and Youth Care).

Nathan Lachowsky (Public Health & Social Policy) and Marilou Gagnon (Nursing) have been honoured by the Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR) and the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research (CANFAR) with Excellence in Research Awards.

The Ministry of Innovation, Science and Industry, and the Ministry of Health, announced support for researchers and projects at institutions across Canada. Almost \$4M of this funding will come to UVic scholars for projects ranging from climate to Indigenous ways of knowing to artistic practice and econometrics, including one Partnership Grant, three Partnership Development Grants, one Knowledge Synthesis Grant, two Partnership Engage Grants and 11 Insight Development Grants.

In response to a member's question regarding CIFAL, K. Hall explained that the courses would be made available to the high school students as well as corporate training.

- 7. External Relations Update** BOG-Sep27/23-24
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President External Relations introduced his report. He highlighted a Conversation with Bev Sellers event that took place with Chancellor Buller on September 26. This event was part of a suite of events happening during Reconciliation week focussing on differences in Indigenous and settler world views.

There were no questions for C. Horbachewski.

CONSENT

- 8. Finance Committee (Jyoti Stephens)**
- a. Update to Engineering Student Society (ESS) membership merger with Computer Science Student Society (ECSS)** BOG-Sep27/23-09
MOTION:
THAT the Board of Governors collect and remit the fees as approved by the University of Victoria Students' Society as outlined in the letter of August 29th, 2023 from the Director of Finance and Operations of the UVSS, to the Associate Vice-President Student Affairs, effective January 1st, 2024.

- 9. Operations and Facilities (Paul Ramsey for Brian Cant)**
- a. Status Report on Capital Projects** BOG-Sep27/23-10a
- b. 2024/25 Five Year Capital Plan** BOG-Sep27/23-11
MOTION:
THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2024/25 Five Year Capital Plan.

Pro Forma Motion: (V. Napoleon/K. Hall)
THAT the above items be approved by the Board of Governors by consent.

CARRIED

REGULAR

- 10. Finance Committee (Jyoti Stephens)**
- a. 2023/24 Budget Expenditure Allocation Report** BOG-Sep27/23-02
J. Stephens stated that the committee had been presented with the report and noted the investments made to scholarships for students.
- b. Working Capital Investment Report – to June 30, 2023** BOG-Sep27/23-05
J. Stephens introduced the report.

c. University of Victoria Responsible Investment Report – March 31, 2023 BOG-Sep27/23-07

J. Stephens congratulated the team on the work towards the decarbonization goal of reducing the carbon intensity of the working capital portfolio by 45% in 2030.

d. University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Policy Change BOG-Sep27/23-35

J. Stephens introduced the motion.

MOTION: (M. Buller/E. Pinkerton)

THAT the Board of Governors approve and adopt the changes shown in the redlined versions of the Staff Pension Plan Governance Policy and the Signing Authority Policy as attached hereto.

CARRIED

11. Audit Committee (Erinn Pinkerton)

a. PSAS Budget Approval and Government Reporting Entity Quarterly Report – period ending June 30, 2023 BOG-Sep27/23-20

E. Pinkerton provided some highlights of the report.

MOTION: (C. Clarke/M. Alexander)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the budget and associated forecast prepared for inclusion in the reporting on the 2023/24 University of Victoria Consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Public Sector Accounting Standards, as per Schedules A and B.

CARRIED

b. Updates to Policy on Auditor Independence: Retention of External Auditors for Audit, Tax and Other Non-Audit Services (GV0230) BOG-Sep27/23-19

E. Pinkerton introduced the policy revisions.

MOTION: (V. Napoleon/M. Buller)

THAT the Board of Governors approve updates to the Policy on Auditor Independence: Retention of External Auditors for Audit, Tax and Other Non-Audit Services (GV0230), effective immediately.

CARRIED

12. Executive and Governance Committee (Paul Ramsey)

a. Procedures of the Board 2023/24

BOG-Sep27/23-27

P. Ramsey stated that the Executive and Governance Committee reviewed the procedures. No changes are proposed for this year.

MOTION: (C. Anyaegbunam/M. Buller)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Board Procedures for the year 2023/24 and the Statement of Responsibilities of the Board of Governors and its Members.

CARRIED

13. Other Business

a. Indigenous Plan Launch

Robina Thomas, Vice-President Indigenous introduced the new Indigenous Plan. She provided highlights of the plan and noted that the plan honours the work of those who have come before and who have cleared the path for the work to come.

R. Thomas shared that the Office of the Vice-President Indigenous (OVPI) will be launching a new name in October - Etalewtx^w | ÁTOL ÁUTW which means the centre of respect for the rights of one another and all beings.

P. Ramsey thanked R. Thomas for the work to create this plan.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Originals signed by Paul Ramsey, Board Chair and Carrie Andersen, University Secretary.