



Board and Board Committee Meetings
Monday, January 29 & Tuesday, January 30, 2018

University
of Victoria

Open Session
Tuesday January 30, 2018, 11:00 am
Senate and Board Chambers

SUMMARY RECORD

Present: Ms. Daphne Corbett (Chair), Mr. Merle Alexander, Mr. Rizwan Bashir, Dr. Elizabeth Borycki, Prof. Jamie Cassels, Ms. Ida Chong, Mr. David Eso, Ms. Kate Fairley, Ms. Kasari Govender, Ms. Cathy McIntyre, Mr. Michael Mitchell, Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven, Ms. Shelagh Rogers, Dr. David Zussman, Dr. Julia Eastman (Secretary)

Regrets: Dr. Peter Driessen

By Invitation: Dr. David Castle, Ms. Carmen Charette, Dr. Valerie Kuehne, Ms. Kristi Simpson, Ms. Kimberley Kennard, Board Coordinator

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: (R. Bashir/E. Borycki)

THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of January 30, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting of November 28, 2017

MOTION: (M. Mitchell/D. Zussman)

THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting of November 28, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Summary Record

There was none.

4. Chair's Remarks

There were none.

5. Correspondence

There was none.

6. President's Report

President Cassels reported that the January term was off to a good start with strong enrolments.

The 2017 BC Government budget letter had been received and the assumptions the university had been operating under were validated. Support for campus renewal was proceeding well and progress relative to fundraising goals was positive.

Prof. Cassels noted that the presidents of post-secondary institutions meet twice a year. At the December 2017 meeting, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Melanie Mark had joined the meeting and discussed Ministry priorities which included concerns regarding mental health, affordability for students, prevention of sexual violence, student housing, adult basic education, and support for former youth in care.

The Research Universities' Council of British Columbia (RUCBC) recently met with Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology Bruce Ralston to discuss the BC Knowledge Development Fund (BCKDF), graduate student funding, the provincial supercluster proposal, and support for data science.

Prof. Cassels met with Minister of Education Rob Fleming and local MLA Mitzi Dean to discuss alignment with changes in the K-12 curriculum, housing and global challenges.

With respect to the Canada 150 Chair program, Vice-President Research David Castle reported that Dr. Ian Manners, a highly accomplished materials scientist currently at the University of Bristol, UK would soon join the UVic Chemistry Department.

UVic, in collaboration with the proteomics centre at the University of British Columbia, the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and McGill University's Jewish General Hospital had received funding from Genome Canada for a new pan-Canadian proteomics research platform.

Ms. Corbett expressed her congratulations to all involved in the activities recognized by these awards.

Prof. Cassels noted the recent appointment of Dr. Robina Thomas as the Executive Director of Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement (IACE). He also noted Dr. Laurene Shields was appointed the Executive Director of the Division of Learning and Teaching Support and Innovation.

Prof. Cassels congratulated Dr. Elizabeth Borycki on being honoured as one of the top ten inaugural Women Leaders in Digital Health for 2017 by Digital Health Canada.

a. Update on Strategic Planning Process

Prof. Cassels provided an update on consultations for the Draft Strategic Framework since the last Board of Governors meeting including a town hall meeting that was well attended, a meeting with local elders, chiefs and community leaders with a focus on respect as the basis for good relationships, a meeting with graduate students who discussed funding and community, and a very positive meeting with local Mayors with discussion on the importance of partnerships, knowledge mobilization, and contribution to the economy.

A pre-release of UVic’s Draft Strategic Framework was reviewed by the Board of Governors on January 29th and would be reviewed by Senate on February 2nd. On February 7th, the framework would be released for campus-wide consultation with feedback being sought until March 2nd.

b. UVic Opportunities for Technology and Innovation

Vice-President Academic and Provost Valerie Kuehne, Vice-President External Relations Carmen Charette, Vice-President Research David Castle and Acting Vice-President Finance and Operations Kristi Simpson provided a presentation on technology expansion. UVic is receiving start-up funding from the BC Government to expand the undergraduate computer science and engineering degree programs. There will be an additional 500 undergraduate degree spaces by 2022-23. This has been a UVic priority for the past two years. The provincial government is very pleased with UVic technology programs, universal co-ops and commitment to transfer students. Other parts of the campus affected by the increase to student numbers will also benefit from this funding such as Science, English, Co-op and the Library.

A request has been made to the provincial government for \$46 million for an addition to the Computer Sciences building. Additional work remains to be done on capital planning and fundraising.

Dr. Castle provided information on the Infrastructures Canada Smart Cities Challenge competition and the Government of Canada’s Innovation Superclusters initiative.

Ms. Corbett thanked Dr. Kuehne, Ms. Charette, Dr. Castle and Ms. Simpson for the presentation.

Ms. Corbett acknowledged Mr. Merle Alexander who had to leave early and thanked him for joining the Board of Governors.

7. External Relations Update

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Ms. Charette summarized the highlights of the External Relations report. She thanked the Board members for their participation in a discussion on Monday January 29th of Reputational Advancement and the 2018-21 Communications and Marketing Plan. She mentioned that in terms of fundraising, the annual goal had been met. Ms. Charette noted the upcoming Alumni Week activities and encouraged attendance at Shelagh Rogers' conversation with Daniel Sieberg, the author of the Digital Diet.

CONSENT

8. Operations and Facilities Committee (Ms. Cathy McIntyre)

a. Status Report on Capital Projects

BOG-Jan30/18-14

b. Establishment of Raincoast Research Chair in Applied Conservation Science

BOG-Jan30/18-33

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Raincoast Research Chair in Applied Conservation Science ending on June 30, 2021.

c. New and Revised Awards

BOG-Jan30/18-27

MOTION:

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

- Balbir Singh Sidhu Memorial Bursary in the Faculty of Science (revised)*
- Carmen Kirkness Award (new)*
- Grace Swannell Memorial Scholarship in Piano (revised)*
- W.R. (Bill) Gordon Scholarship (revised)*
- G. Neil Perry Award in Public Administration (revised)*
- Simon Ibell Vikes Inspiration Award (new)*
- Faculty of Humanities Undergraduate Research Travel Award (revised)
- Speakman-Granewall Bursary in Mechanical Engineering (revised)*
- Bayview Place Vikes Tour Award (new)
- Jean Foley International Business Scholarship (new)
- Mohamed and Prabha Ibrahim Undergraduate Scholarship in Chemistry (new)*
- Mohamed and Prabha Ibrahim Graduate Scholarship in Chemistry (new)*
- YLaw's Best Lawyering Award (new)
- Ailsa and Roger Bishop Bursary Fund* (revised)
- Olive, Mary & Claude McGregor Scholarship in Music* (revised)
- Faculty of Social Sciences Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship* (new)
- Peter B. Gustavson Golf Award (new)
- Dr. E. and Mrs. M. Von Rudloff Award* (revised)

- Lorene Kennedy Environmental Studies PhD Award* (new)
- She Shoots She Scores Award* (new)
- Sisters of St. Ann Living Expenses Award* (new)

* Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation

d. Proposal to Establish an Indigenous Studies Major: Bachelor of Arts BOG-Jan30/18-32

MOTION:

THAT Board of Governors approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a major in Indigenous Studies, as described in the document “Indigenous Studies Major: Bachelor of Arts”, effective immediately, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval.

e. Proposal to Establish a Minor in Art Education BOG-Jan30/18-20

MOTION:

THAT Board of Governors approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a minor in Art Education, as described in the document “Proposal for a Minor in Art Education”, effective immediately, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

f. Proposal to Establish a Combined Major in Biology and Mathematics and Statistics BOG-Jan30/18-36

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a combined major in Biology and Mathematics and Statistics, as described in the document “Proposal for a Combined Major in Biology and Mathematics and Statistics”, effective immediately, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

9. Finance Committee (Ms. Ida Chong)

a. University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Statement of Investment Policies and Goals BOG-Jan30/18-05

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the recommended amendments to the University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Statement of Investment Policies and Goals (the SIP&G) effective immediately.

b. University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Investment Performance Report for the Period Ended September 30, 2017 BOG-Jan30/18-15

c. Signing Authority Policy (FM5100) Revision

BOG-Jan30/18-23

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the revised Signing Authority Policy (FM5100).

Pro Forma Motion: *THAT the above items be approved by the Board of Governors by consent. (B. Van Ruyven/C. McIntyre)*

CARRIED

REGULAR

11. Operations and Facilities Committee (Ms. Cathy McIntyre)

a. Revisions to Communicable Diseases Policy (SS9300)

BOG-Jan30/18-22

Ms. McIntyre noted that the policy had last been reviewed in 2004. The proposed revisions reflected current practice, the policy framework and operational responsibility.

MOTION: (C. McIntyre/D. Zussman)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the revised Communicable Diseases Policy (SS9300), effective February 01, 2018.

CARRIED

12. Finance Committee (Ms. Ida Chong)

a. Residence Expansion Options

Ms. Chong noted that residence expansion is a key priority for UVic. The expansion project came with implications for food services and meal plan costs. The Finance Committee had received a report which confirmed that meal plan rates would need to increase in order to fund the associated expansion/renewal of food services.

13. Other Business

a) Review of action items identified

There were no action items.

b) Any other business

Ms. Corbett thanked Ms. Kasari Govender for joining the Board of Governors and thanked the Board members for their attendance over the two days of meetings.

14. Adjournment

There being no other action items and no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Originals signed by Daphne Corbett, Board Chair and Julia Eastman, Secretary