



Board and Board Committee Meetings
Monday September 23 and Tuesday September 24, 2019

University
of Victoria

Open Session

Tuesday September 24, 2019 2:00 p.m.

Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre

SUMMARY RECORD

Present: Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven (Chair), Mr. Rizwan Bashir, Dr. Elizabeth Borycki, Dr. Marilyn Callahan, Prof. Jamie Cassels, Dr. Peter Driessen, Ms. Isabella Lee, Ms. Cathy McIntyre, Ms. Eslam Mehina, Ms. Shelagh Rogers, Ms. Carolyn Thoms, Ms. Carrie Andersen (Secretary)

By Ms. Carmen Charette, Dr. Lisa Kalynchuk, Dr. Valerie Kuehne, Ms. Gayle Gorrill,

Invitation: Ms. Kimberley Kennard (Board Coordinator)

Regrets: Mr. Merle Alexander, Ms. Daphne Corbett, Dr. David Zussman

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: (M. Callahan/E. Mehina)

THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of September 24, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held June 24, 2019

MOTION: (C. McIntyre/E. Mehina)

THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held June 24, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Summary Record

There was none.

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed the students in the gallery to the Open Session.

5. Correspondence

Ms. Van Ruyven thanked the UVSS/Divest UVic students for the letter submitted and stated that there would be an update on responsible investment provided in the report from the Finance Committee.

6. President's Report

Prof. Cassels thanked the Board members who attended the annual Vikes Championship Breakfast.

Prof. Cassels expressed his deep sense of sorrow following the bus accident involving students who were traveling to the Bamfield Marine Science Centre on Friday, September 13. Prof. Cassels provided information regarding immediate responses and ongoing supports for students.

Prof. Cassels commented on the orientation activities to welcome new students, faculty and staff to the university community. He said that progress was being made on the new student wellness centre and that the student housing and dining project was on schedule.

Royal Society of Canada

The Royal Society of Canada and its Members have elected this year's new Fellows, and named the incoming class of The College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists. 4 of the members are from UVic:

Dr. Robert Gifford (Psychology) - Fellowship

Dr. James Tanaka (Psychology) - Fellowship

Dr. Rachel Cleves (History) - College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists

Dr. Chris Darimont (Geography) - College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists

2019 Vanier Scholarships

Reanne Booker (Nursing PhD Student) will receive a 2019 Vanier Scholarship, which is valued at \$50,000 per year for three years during doctoral studies.

STARS Gold Sustainability Standard

UVic is once again rated as one of North America's most sustainable universities and tied for fourth place in the Air and Climate ranking with a score of 96.2 percent.

There were no questions for Prof. Cassels.

7. External Relations Update

BOG-Sept24/19-26

Carmen Charette, Vice-President External Relations provided highlights of the report. She commented on upcoming events and noted that there will be a new uvic.ca central website launch in 2020.

CONSENT

8. Audit Committee (Ms. Cathy McIntyre)

- a. PSAS Budget Approval and Government Reporting Entity Quarterly Reports – Period Ending June 30, 2019** BOG-Sept24/19-20

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the budget prepared for inclusion in the reporting on the 2019/20 University of Victoria Consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Public Sector Accounting Standards, as per Schedule A.

9. Finance Committee (Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven for Dr. David Zussman)

- a. Short Term Investment Report – to June 30, 2019** BOG-Sept24/19-08

10. Operations and Facilities Committee (Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven for Ms. Daphne Corbett)

- a. Status Report on Capital Projects** BOG-Sept24/19-10a

Pro Forma Motion: (C. Thoms/P. Driessen)

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

CARRIED

REGULAR

11. Finance Committee (Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven for Dr. David Zussman)

- a. 2019/20 Budget Expenditure Allocation Report** BOG-Sept24/19-06
Ms. Van Ruyven introduced the report, which was prepared to provide detailed information on the implementation of the 2019/20 budget framework.

Ms. Van Ruyven noted that budget assumptions are brought to the Board annually in November. In advance of discussion at that meeting, Gayle Gorrill, Vice-President Finance and Operations commented on preliminary planning with respect to international student tuition fees. She reminded Board members that three years ago, a process began to adjust international tuition fees. That process was now complete. It was expected that proposed tuition increases for international undergraduate students for 2020/21 would be tied to inflation.

There were no questions for Ms. Van Ruyven.

b. Reclassification of International Tuition Fees for Indigenous Students from the United States

BOG-Sept24/19-30

Ms. Van Ruyven introduced the item and commented that this proposal is part of the work to honour the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. The proposal would result in domestic tuition fees being charged to international Indigenous students whose ancestral lands cross the Canadian/US border, and children of Canadian Indigenous children who were adopted internationally in the Sixties Scoop.

MOTION: (S. Rogers/C. McIntyre)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed additions to the "Regulations for Tuition Fees for Graduate Programs" and "Undergraduate Tuition and Other Fees" sections and that these revisions be published in the January 2020 editions of both the Graduate and Undergraduate Academic Calendars.

CARRIED

c. Responsible Investment Update

BOG-Sept24/19-24a

Ms. Van Ruyven stated that the Board is committed to reviewing the university's approach to socially responsible investing. At the committee meeting on September 23, the Board held the first of two education sessions that the Board requested so that members could be informed as to best practices in responsible investing before making decisions on how to move forward. This session was with a representative from the Shareholder Association for Research and Education (SHARE). Ms. Van Ruyven commented on the content of the presentation, including the role that responsible investment plays in a sustainable, inclusive and productive economy; why a university would adopt a responsible investment policy; and strategies and options to engage in responsible investment.

Ms. Van Ruyven said that, in addition to the education session, Board members had an opportunity to discuss the correspondence received from the UVSS/Divest UVic. It also received an update on the activities underway with management and student representatives, as well as an update on discussions underway within the UVic Foundation.

Ms. Van Ruyven reported that the Board agrees that this is an extremely important issue. The Board, however, also recognizes that this is a very complex issue and that it is important to take the time to fully understand the issue and make the right decisions for the long term. She said the Board plans to continue to carefully consider this important issue and outlined some next steps. These included a further education session, continued review of the university's policies, reports from management regarding institutional activities and initiatives, and ongoing dialogue with the UVic Foundation.

Ms. McIntyre spoke of the value of the session provided to the Board members.
Ms. Lee joined the meeting.

Dr. Driessen stated that the session was very informative. He had read the letter submitted by the students and felt the Board needed to take the appropriate amount of time to be educated in order to make the best decision.

Ms. Lee thanked everyone for attending the Open Session. She stated that the Board heard what the students were saying and agreed it was important to move quickly.

Ms. Mehina stated she appreciated the well-written letter from the students. She reflected on her learnings since joining the Board, and said it was important for the Board to learn about the impact of investment.

12. Operations and Facilities Committee (Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven for Ms. Daphne Corbett)

a. Strategic Framework Implementation Report BOG-Sept24/19-32

Ms. Van Ruyven noted that this is the first annual report to the Board on the implementation of the Strategic Framework. She invited Tony Eder, Executive Director Academic Resource Planning to present the report.

Mr. Eder provided an overview on the Strategic Framework and the progress that had been made in the past year.

There were no questions for Mr. Eder.

b. Annual Academic Staffing, Recruitment and Vacancies Report BOG-Sept24/19-04

Ms. Van Ruyven introduced the report. There was no discussion.

c. Equity and Human Rights Annual Report BOG-Sept24/19-29

Ms. Van Ruyven noted that the annual report informs the Board of Governors, the Executive Council and the university community of the annual activities of the Equity and Human Rights Office and responds to the legislative requirement that the university president report to the governing body on the implementation of the post-secondary institution's sexual misconduct policy.

13. Executive and Governance Committee (Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven)

a. Procedures of the Board 2019/20 BOG-Sept24/19-03

Ms. Van Ruyven stated that the Procedures of the Board were informed by the annual evaluation conducted in June. There were no proposed changes.

MOTION: (M. Callahan/C. Thoms)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Board Procedures, as attached, for the year 2019/20 and the Statement of Responsibilities of the Board of Governors and its Members.

CARRIED

14. Other Business

- a) Review of action items identified
There were no action items.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Originals signed by Beverly Van Ruyven, Board Chair and Carrie Andersen, University Secretary.