



Board and Board Committee Meetings
Monday June 28, 2021

University
of Victoria

Open Session

Monday June 28, 2021 4:00 p.m.

Via Videoconference

SUMMARY RECORD

Present: Ms. Cathy McIntyre (Chair), Dr. Shailoo Bedi, Dr. Marilyn Callahan, Ms. Katherine Fairley, Dr. Kevin Hall, Dr. Adam Monahan, Dr. Monica Prendergast, Ms. Carolyn Thoms, Mr. Paul Ramsey, Ms. Shelagh Rogers, Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven, Ms. Juliet Watts, Dr. David Zussman, Ms. Carrie Andersen (Secretary)

By Invitation: Mr. Chris Horbachewski, Dr. Lisa Kalynchuk, Ms. Kimberley Kennard, Dr. Valerie Kuehne, Ms. Kristi Simpson

Regrets: Mr. Merle Alexander, Mr. Keith Barbon

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: (C. Thoms/A. Monahan)

THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of June 28, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held May 26, 2021

MOTION: (C. Thoms/J. Watts)

THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held May 26, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Summary Record

There was none.

4. Chair's Remarks

There were none.

5. Correspondence

a. Letter from the Graduate Students' Society (GSS)

Ms. McIntyre noted the correspondence that had been received.

6. President's Report

Dr. Hall thanked the Board members for their support over the course of the year. He acknowledged the Board members whose terms were ending for their contributions to the university and their service on the Board.

Dr. Hall spoke of the recent Honorary Degrees that were awarded for notable achievements in scholarship, research, teaching, the creative arts and public service.

Dr. Hall spoke of the recent discoveries of the remains of children on the grounds of residential schools. He acknowledged the need to face the realities of Canada's past and present. Dr. Hall said the university is committed to helping to ensure the memory of these children is honoured, to listening carefully to survivors, and to learning from the terrible legacy of residential schools, colonization, and racism. He shared some immediate actions being taken, including a ceremony that was held on June 1. Dr. Hall acknowledged that the university has the responsibility to address its role in perpetuating colonial systems, racism and violence inflicted on Indigenous people. He said that much more reflection, learning and, most importantly, action will take place over the coming weeks and months.

Dr. Hall introduced Rob Hancock, Interim Co-Executive Director of the Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement (IACE).

a. Update on the University's Responses to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Dr. Hancock said that the university had been working for several years to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) calls to action, and commented on some of the work taking place at the institutional and strategic level. He noted that one important aspect of how the university is responding to the TRC calls to action is found in how members of the university community live up to the values, priorities and commitments expressed in these documents. He recalled a discussion with the Board on this topic earlier in the year at the Indigenous Cultural Acumen Training.

Dr. Hancock acknowledged the recent discoveries on the grounds of residential schools and noted that knowledge of these remains was discussed in the TRC final report. He acknowledged that some members of UVic's Elders Voices were survivors of the Kamloops Indian Residential School, and that many of the other Elders were survivors of residential or day schools. Dr. Hancock reflected on June 1 ceremony and other recent actions and statements by the university. He acknowledged all those who participated, contributed and showed leadership to do this work in a good way.

Dr. Hancock spoke of the statements by the university's leadership and said that they are both reiterating and building on previous commitments made by our university. The statements send a message about the university and its shared values and aspirations and acknowledge the work that needs to be done at both the institutional and personal levels.

Looking ahead, Dr. Hancock acknowledged there is work to be done, collectively and individually. There is a responsibility to continue to talk about why this work is important to the university community. Dr. Hancock commented on some opportunities, including renewal of the Indigenous Plan.

Ms. McIntyre thanked Dr. Hancock for coming to the Board to remind them of the importance of the work ahead and for providing an update on the opportunities moving forward.

- 7. External Relations Update** BOG-Jun29/21-13
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President External Relations added to the circulated report with regards to Chancellor Rogers' activities. Ms. McIntyre acknowledged Chancellor Rogers for everything she does on behalf of the university.

CONSENT

- 8. Finance Committee (Ms. Carolyn Thoms)**
- a. Collection and Remission of Health and Dental Fees for the Graduate Students' Society (GSS)** BOG-Jun29/21-06
MOTION:
THAT the Board of Governors collect and remit health and dental fees for the GSS in 2021/22 as outlined in the letter of June 14, 2021 from Kyla Turner, Executive Director of the GSS to Kristi Simpson, Acting Vice-President Finance and Operations.
- b. University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan 2020 Report to Members and Financial Statements** BOG-Jun29/21-01
- c. University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Strategic Plan and Triennial Plan Assessment** BOG-Jun29/21-02
- d. University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Investment Performance Report for the period ended March 31, 2021** BOG-Jun29/21-03
- 9. Operations and Facilities Committee (Ms. Cathy McIntyre for Mr. Merle Alexander)**
- a. Proposed Changes to the Master of Science in Health Information Science** BOG-Jun29/21-14
MOTION:
THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed changes to the Master of Science in Health Information Science, as described in the document "Master of Health Informatics/change to program requirements", effective immediately.

- b. Status Report on Capital Projects** BOG-Jun29/21-11a
- c. Due Diligence Reports 2020** BOG-Jun29/21-10
- d. Research and Creative Works Strategy Update** BOG-Jun29/21-21

Pro Forma Motion: (D. Zussman /A. Monahan)
THAT the above items be approved by the Board of Governors by consent.

CARRIED

REGULAR

10. Finance Committee (Ms. Carolyn Thoms)

- a. 2020/21 Year End Management Statements and Budget Review** BOG-Jun29/21-04

Ms. Thoms introduced the management statements and budget review. She commented on overall results and made some observations on differences between funds. Ms. Thoms noted some increased costs to support the university’s COVID-19 response.

- b. Statement of Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2021** BOG-Jun29/21-05

Ms. Thoms introduced the report, which is required by the provincial government in accordance with the Financial Information Act.

MOTION: (C. Thoms /J. Watts)
THAT the Board of Governors approve the Statement of Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2021 and that the Chair of the Board of Governors and the Acting Vice-President Finance and Operations be authorized to sign on the Board’s behalf.

CARRIED

- c. University of Victoria Responsible Investment Report – March 31st, 2021** BOG-Jun29/21-07

Ms. Thoms introduced the report, noting that it was the first annual report under the university’s Responsible Investment Policy. She highlighted investment activity undertaken since approval of the policy and progress towards the university’s goals.

11. Operations and Facilities Committee (Ms. Cathy McIntyre for Mr. Merle Alexander)

- a. 2020/21 University of Victoria Institutional Accountability Plan and Report** BOG-Jun29/21-17

Ms. McIntyre introduced the report.

Valerie Kuehne, Vice-President Academic and Provost noted that the report highlights the achievements of the past year and speaks of the alignment of priorities guided by the Strategic Framework, other institutional plans and the mandate letter from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training.

MOTION: (M. Callahan/K. Fairley)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2020/21 University of Victoria Institutional Accountability Plan and Report

and

THAT the Board of Governors authorize the Board Chair and the President to make additional edits to the 2020/21 University of Victoria Institutional Accountability Plan and Report prior to its submission to the Ministry on July 15, 2021.

CARRIED

b. Annual Report on Research Centres

BOG-Jun29/21-15

Ms. McIntyre stated that the committee had received this annual report for information.

There were no questions from Board members.

12. Other Business

a) Review of action items identified

There were no action items.

b) Any other business

There was none.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Originals signed by David Zussman, Board Chair and Carrie Andersen, University Secretary.