



Board and Board Committee Meetings
Tuesday May 25 and Wednesday May 26, 2021

University
of Victoria

Open Session

Wednesday May 26, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Via Videoconference

SUMMARY RECORD

Present: Ms. Cathy McIntyre (Chair), Mr. Merle Alexander, Mr. Keith Barbon, Dr. Shailoo Bedi, Dr. Marilyn Callahan, Dr. Kevin Hall, Dr. Adam Monahan, Ms. Carolyn Thoms, 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, Dr. Robina Thomas

Regrets: Ms. Katherine Fairley, Dr. Monica Prendergast, Mr. Paul Ramsey

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: (D. Zussman/S. Rogers)

THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of May 26, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held March 30, 2021 (attached)

MOTION: (B. Van Ruyven/M. Callahan)

THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held March 30, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Summary Record

There was none.

4. Chair's Remarks

There were none.

5. Correspondence

Ms. McIntyre noted the correspondence that had been received.

6. President's Report

Campus News

Dr. Hall began his report by informing the Board of a new event on campus called Campus Kudos to celebrate colleagues nominated for things above and beyond their regular role. The first event was held on May 20. 12 outstanding individuals (students, staff and faculty) were recognized.

Dr. Hall noted that since the Board last met the university had participated in Earth Day, Nursing Week 2021, Jewish Heritage Month, Asian Heritage Month.

Dr. Hall stated that the university has become a signatory to the UN initiated “Race to Zero” campaign. He also noted that Forbes has ranked UVic as 12th on Canada’s Best Employers list for 2021.

At the Finance Committee meeting, Dr. Hall reported that the Board had received a report about annual fundraising results. He thanked Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President External Relations and the Alumni and Development team.

Dr. Hall reported that he was recently joined by the Mayors of Saanich and Oak Bay to tour the new student housing and dining project.

Government Relations

Dr. Hall provided a report on the federal and provincial budgets and opportunities for the university within these budgets.

Awards and Contributions

Dr. Hall highlighted a number of recent awards given to faculty members as well as recent donations to the university.

There were no questions for Dr. Hall.

- 7. External Relations Update** BOG-May26/21-19
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President External Relations presented his report. He highlighted a number of points in the report, including the UVic Speakers Bureau, and recently received external awards. Mr. Horbachewski also provided Board members with information about upcoming acknowledgement for graduating students.

CONSENT

- 8. Finance Committee (Ms. Carolyn Thoms)**
- a. 2020 Annual Reports and Financial Statements: University of Victoria Combination Pension Plan and University of Victoria Money Purchase Pension Plan** BOG-May26/21-11
- b. University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures** BOG-May26/21-12
- MOTION:**
THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed amendments to the University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures, effective immediately.

c. Change to Collection and Remission of Fees for the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS)

BOG-May26/21-13

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors collect and remit the fees as approved by the UVSS members and as outlined in the letter of May 6th, 2021 from the Director of Outreach and University Relations of the UVSS to Jim Dunsdon, Associate Vice-President Student Affairs.

9. Operations and Facilities Committee (Mr. Merle Alexander)

a. New and Revised Awards

BOG-May26/21-26

MOTION:

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

- Hugh and Lilian Salmond Engineering Scholarship* (Revised)
- M. Beverley Vaio Law Scholarship in Education* (Revised)
- Howard and Linda Petch Scholarship* (Revised)
- Dr. B. Barbara Adams Scholarship* (Revised)
- Vikes Men's Rugby Award* (New)
- Horning Memorial Scholarship in Music* (Revised)
- Dr. and Mrs. W. Clarke Horning Memorial Prize in Music* (Revised)
- Marilyn (Leslie) Kan & John YH Kan Award for Indigenous Students* (New)
- Scotiabank Scholarship for Law Students (Revised)
- Dr. Charlotte Loppie Award (Revised)
- HSBC Bank Canada Indigenous Award* (Revised)
- David Ravenhill Men's Soccer Award* (New)
- Mackenzie Rigg Men's Soccer Award* (New)
- Moreno Stefani Men's Soccer Award* (New)
- Peter Fast Men's Soccer Award* (New)
- mistermerv Graduate Scholarship in Writing (New)
- Salish Sea Hub Graduate Scholarship (New)
- Emma Machado Memorial Scholarship* (Revised)
- Motion Picture Technicians Union Local 891 Bursary (Revised)
- Betty Moyls Memorial Award (New)
- Boehm Family Scholarship for Excellence in Science* (Revised)
- Vikes International Athlete Award (New)
- Gordon and Patricia Gray Animal Welfare Research Fellowship (New)
- First West Credit Union Launi Skinner Indigenous Scholarship (New)
- UVic Bookstore Scholarship in Writing (Revised)
- Nancy Wright Scholarship in the School of Nursing (New)
- JTS Scholarship* (Revised)

- Ord and Linda Anderson Interdisciplinary Graduate Scholarship* (Revised)
- Life in Law Diversity Award (New)
- Jeremy and Carolyn Webber Award in Law (Revised)
- John Carling Fraser Memorial Bursary* (Revised)
- Level Up Award presented by Codename Entertainment* (New)
- Paulette Lacroix Nursing Informatics Leadership Scholarship (Revised)
- Richard L. Williams Memorial Scholarship* (Revised)
- A. Hugh Salmond Memorial Scholarship in Secondary Science Education* (Revised)
- A. Hugh Salmond Memorial Scholarship in Elementary Science Education* (Revised)
- UVic Retirees Association Award* (Revised)
- Victoria Musical Arts Society Scholarship* (Revised)
- Dr. David and Dorothy Lam Scholarship in Geography* (Revised)
- Hugh and Lilian Salmond Scholarship in Secondary Education* (Revised)
- Hugh and Lilian Salmond Scholarship in Elementary Education* (Revised)
- Dr. Jean Downie Dey Student Mobility Award* (Revised)
- Senator Eugene Forsey Scholarship* (Revised)
- Pearson Family Award (Revised)
- Micqualyn Scholarship (Revised)
- Moon Patrol VR Award in Business (New)
- Verna J. Kirkness Entrance Award (New)

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b. Proposal to Establish an Option in Geology in the Bachelor of Science in Earth and Ocean Sciences BOG-May26/21-22

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish an option in Geology in the Bachelor of Science in Earth Sciences, as described in the document “New Option in Geology”, effective immediately.

c. Proposal to Establish an Undergraduate Certificate in American Sign Language BOG-May26/21-23

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish an undergraduate certificate in American Sign Language, as described in the document “Undergraduate Certificate in American Sign Language”, effective immediately.

d. Status Report on Capital Projects BOG-May26/21-15a

Pro Forma Motion: (D. Zussman/S. Bedi)

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

CARRIED

REGULAR 10. **Audit Committee (Dr. David Zussman)**

a. 2020/21 Financial Statements

BOG-May26/21-09a

Dr. Zussman stated that at the Audit Committee meeting, management had presented the external consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2021. These statements include the financial results of UVic and its thirteen consolidated entities. These statements are prepared in accordance with Public Sector accounting standards plus further regulations from the government. Dr. Zussman noted these statements include a clean audit from KPMG.

MOTION: (D. Zussman/A. Monahan)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements and the appropriations as set out in the attached schedule; and

THAT the Chair of the Board of Governors and the Acting Vice-President Finance and Operations be authorized to sign the statements on behalf of the Board of Governors.

CARRIED

11. **Operations and Facilities Committee (Mr. Merle Alexander)**

a. Proposed Name Change to the Faculty of Engineering

BOG-May26/21-21

Mr. Alexander presented the proposed name change and stated that it has the support of the faculty, the Acting Dean, the Provost, Executive leadership and Senate.

MOTION: (M. Alexander/D. Zussman)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed name change to the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, as described in the document "Change of the name of a Faculty", effective immediately.

CARRIED

b. Annual Report on Non-Academic Allegations and Resolutions

BOG-May26/21-25

Mr. Alexander stated that this is an annual report to the Board and provided highlights.

There were no questions for Mr. Alexander.

12. **Climate and Sustainability Action Plan**

Ms. McIntyre introduced Cynthia Milton, Associate Vice-President Research and Robin Hicks, Acting Associate Vice-President Academic Planning.

Dr. Milton noted that the university's strategic framework and history has shown a commitment for the university to be a global leader in environment social institutional sustainability through research, academic programs, campus operations and the impact

of students, faculty, staff and alumni. In 2021, the university started the development of the *Climate and Sustainability Action Plan*. This action plan will provide an accelerated, integrated response to the challenges and opportunities afforded by climate change and guide the approach to the university in every domain.

Dr. Milton and Dr. Hicks provided a presentation to the Board members.

Ms. McIntyre thanked Dr. Milton and Dr. Hicks for their leadership on this important initiative for UVic. In response to a question from a member regarding when the Board would hear back from the committee, Dr. Hicks indicated they would be happy to present to the Board again in the fall.

13. Other Business

a) Review of action items identified

An update on the Climate and Sustainability Plan be provided to the Board of Governors before Spring 2022.

b) Any other business

Dr. Hall thanked the students, staff and faculty for their patience, hard work and commitment to UVic during the past fourteen months.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Originals signed by Cathy McIntyre, Board Chair and Carrie Andersen, University Secretary.