



University
of Victoria

Board and Board Committee Meetings Monday November 23 and Tuesday November 24, 2020

Open Session

Tuesday November 24, 2020 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, Dr. Monica Prendergast, Mr. Paul Ramsey, Ms. Shelagh Rogers, Ms. Carolyn Thoms, Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven, Ms. Juliet Watts, Dr. David Zussman, Ms. Carrie Andersen (Secretary)

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

Regrets: Ms. Katherine Fairley

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: (M. Prendergast/D. Zussman)

THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of November 24, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held September 29, 2020

MOTION: (C. Thoms/ S. Rogers)

THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held September 29, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Summary Record

There was none.

4. Chair's Remarks

Ms. McIntyre began the meeting with a territorial acknowledgement. She extended a warm welcome to President Hall.

5. Correspondence

Ms. McIntyre noted that the Board was in receipt of a letter addressed to Dr. Hall from the UVSS, GSS and UVic Faculty for Divestment.

6. President's Report

Dr. Hall said he had started a listening and engagement tour with the campus community, and that he would keep the Board updated regarding his engagement with internal and external stakeholders.

Dr. Hall noted two decanal appointments - Dr. Helga Hallgrimsdottir, incoming Dean, Human and Social Development; and Dr. Mina Hoorfar, incoming Dean, Faculty of Engineering.

Dr. Hall provided an update on the university's response to COVID-19. In particular, he commented on recent public health orders, a COVID-19 testing site on campus, and planning for the spring term.

With respect to student engagement on campus, Dr. Hall informed Board members of a peaceful protest held in support of divestment. He noted that, during the creation of a mural outside the Michael Williams Building, he had the opportunity to speak with students regarding climate change and socially responsible investment.

Dr. Hall reported that a memorial bench in honour of the students who tragically died in the Bamfield bus crash had been installed in Finnerty Gardens.

Regarding capital projects on campus, Dr. Hall reported that the student housing and dining project achieved a significant milestone with the receipt of a letter from the Passive House Institute confirming the design meets their standards.

Dr. Hall reported on meeting with federal and provincial government officials and with counterparts from Royal Roads University and Camosun College in his first days on campus.

With respect to gifts and awards, Dr. Hall commented on recent donations to the university. He also highlighted recent awards given to faculty members.

There were no questions from the Board members.

7. External Relations Update

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Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President External Relations provided three highlights from his circulated report. He commented on the UVic Speakers Bureau, the Students' Dialogue on Democratic Engagement, and celebration of our 2020 graduates. He also highlighted recent events and engagements featuring Chancellor Rogers.

There were no questions for Mr. Horbachewski.

CONSENT

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

a. New and Revised Awards

BOG-Nov24/20-09

MOTION:

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

- Otto and Joan Bekius Scholarship* (New)
- Distinguished Education Alumni Scholarship* (Revised)
- Knowledge First Foundation Scholarship* (Revised)
- Stephens Family Undergraduate Research Awards in Organic & Sustainable Food Systems (Revised)
- Orca Book Publishers Award in Indigenous Language Revitalization (Revised)
- Faculty of Education Emergency Bursary (Revised)
- Brian Money and Nancy Dyer Accordion Scholarship in Music (New)
- Faculty of Engineering Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship* (New)
- Faculty of Education Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship* (New)
- Faculty of Human and Social Development Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship* (New)
- Peter B. Gustavson School of Business Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship* (New)
- Faculty of Humanities Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship* (New)
- Faculty of Fine Arts Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship* (New)
- Dr. David Cook Memorial Scholarship (Revised)
- Embassy of Ukraine Book Prize (New)
- Phoenix Bursary (Revised)
- Carmanah Prize in Eco-Technology* (Revised)
- J. Prospero Scholarship for Sustainable Mining (New)
- Graduate of 1976 Visual Arts Scholarship (New)
- Victoria Real Estate Board Bursary (Revised)
- Darlene Scott Scholarship* (Revised)
- Henry and Marian Thiel International Business Award* (Revised)
- Peter B. Gustavson School of Business MGB Scholarship (New)
- Betty and Gilbert Kennedy Graduate Scholarship in Mathematics and Statistics* (New)
- Dr. Margaret "Marmie" Perkins Hess Graduate Fellowships in Earth, Ocean, Astronomy, and Environmental Sciences* (New)
- Rose Won Lau Business Scholarship* (Revised)
- JTS Scholarship* (Revised)
- School of Music Faculty String Award* (Revised)
- Sheila Ryan and Eileen Ryan Graduate Scholarship in Nursing* (Revised)
- Microserve Scholarship in Business, Management Information Systems (Revised)

- Iola Worthington Scholarship in Business* (Revised)
- Jean Foley International Business Scholarship (Revised)
- Janet Person Legacy Award (New)
- Norah & Calvin Banks Indigenous Leadership Award in the Sciences* (Revised)
- Ronald C. Corbeil Award for Merit in Program Evaluation* (Revised)
- Law Student Emergency Fund (New)
- UVic Business Class of 2009 Scholarship (New)
- Dr. Marion Porath Bursary in Education* (New)
- Churchill Foundation Vancouver Island Barry Gough Scholarship in English* (New)
- Jawl PhD Student Scholarship for Research Excellence (New)
- Agamemnon Kasapi and Family Scholarship* (New)
- Academic Excellence Scholarship* (New)
- Edna and Jack Marshall Scholarship* (New)
- Vic Scott Award in Voice Accompaniment* (New)
- Aaron Learmont Memorial Scholarship (New)
- Maclean Scholarship in Legal History and Criminal Law* (Revised)
- Michaela Tokarski Entrepreneurship Award* (Revised)
- Lei & Di Medical Physics Graduate Scholarship (New)
- Pacific Blue Cross Scholarship in the School of Public Health & Social Policy (Revised)

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| b. Due Diligence Report – Facilities Management | BOG-Nov24/20-07 |
| c. Status Report on Capital Projects | BOG-Nov24/20-06a |

Pro Forma Motion: (B. Van Ruyven/J. Watts)

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

CARRIED

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9. Finance Committee (Ms. Carolyn Thoms)

a. Budget Update

Ms. Thoms reported that the Finance Committee received a report on the financial implications of COVID-19 and budget planning for the upcoming year. She said the committee reviewed the planning assumptions that had guided the university in its financial response to COVID-19 and received an update on the situation to date. Ms. Thoms noted that uncertainty continues but that there is cautious optimism regarding the university's budget situation related to COVID-19.

With respect to investments to support COVID-19 response, Ms. Thoms reported on supports and initiatives that had been put in place. She commented on additional investments expected through the spring term.

Ms. Thoms reported on the impact to ancillary units, including decreased revenues and staff lay offs. She noted that supports will be required to maintain long term financial health in these areas.

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

a. 2020/21 Enrolment Analysis Report

BOG-Nov24/20-10

Mr. Alexander reported that the committee received the annual report to the Board of Governors outlining UVic's enrolment projections for the current academic year. He reviewed the report's highlights. He commented in particular on summer 2020 enrolment and enrolments for the upcoming spring term.

b. Report on Student Financial Aid

BOG-Nov24/20-12

Mr. Alexander reported that this is an annual report presented to the Board at this time on the status of student awards and financial aid program. It includes scholarships for undergraduate students as well as bursaries, awards and work study funding received by both undergraduate and graduate students. He reviewed the report's highlights, noting that this past year, UVic allocated about \$16M dollars in scholarships, bursaries and work study funding to more than 6,000 students.

c. Presentation on University Rankings

Ms. McIntyre introduced the presentation, noting that university rankings are a critical piece in driving the university forward towards the goals in the strategic framework.

Dr. Hall provided reflections on rankings, and noted the opportunities for UVic to improve its status in the rankings. He commented on the benefits of doing so for faculty members, students and the institution as a whole.

Lisa Kalynchuk, Vice-President Research and Tony Eder, Executive Director Academic Resource Planning provided an update on the university's latest international and domestic rankings from the fall 2020 season.

The Board engaged in a discussion regarding ranking and reputation strategies going forward.

11. 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 12:04 p.m.

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