



University
of Victoria

Board and Board Committee Meetings Monday November 22 and Tuesday November 23, 2021

Open Session

Tuesday November 23, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Senate and Board Chambers, Jamie Cassels Centre

SUMMARY RECORD

Present: David Zussman (Chair), Keith Barbon, Josh Blair, Marilyn Callahan, David Foster, Jonathan Granirer, Kevin Hall, Adam Monahan, Monica Prendergast, Paul Ramsey, Shelagh Rogers, Carolyn Thoms, Carrie Andersen, Secretary

By Invitation: Tony Eder, Chris Horbachewski, Lisa Kalynchuk, Kimberley Kennard, Valerie Kuehne, Kristi Simpson, Robina Thomas

Regrets: Merle Alexander, Shailoo Bedi, Beverly Van Ruyven

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: (M. Prendergast/C. Thoms)

THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of November 23, 2021 be approved.

2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held September 28, 2021

MOTION: (J. Blair/P. Ramsey)

THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held September 28, 2021 be approved.

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

Kevin Hall, President and Vice-Chancellor provided a report to Board members.

He noted the extreme weather event that impacted the campus and the Greater Victoria community and said that UVic had assisted UBC with their Convocation by shipping supplies that UBC were missing.

K. Hall stated that the university is in a strong position and in good financial shape. Maclean's 2022 University ranking ranks UVic as Canada's #1 comprehensive university.

K. Hall has begun the process of planning a new strategic vision for the university with initial consultation taking place in the university community.

K. Hall stated that Chancellor Rogers' term will end December 31, 2021. He thanked her for leaving the university in a much better position than when she joined the community seven years ago. He noted that Chancellor Rogers is one of Canada's true thought leaders. Marion Buller will begin her term as Chancellor on January 1, 2022.

In-person convocation ceremonies were held November 10, 12 and 13, 2021. Six ceremonies took place with three honorary degrees being awarded.

K. Hall said that the 2021/22 enrolments are strong. The strategic enrolment plan is being executed well. He provided a brief update on COVID-19 and safety measures on campus.

A small group of UVic scholars were able to attend the 26th UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland.

K. Hall spoke of the announcement on November 17 by the University of Victoria Foundation that as of September 30, the foundation no longer has holdings of companies in its equity portfolio involved in the processing of coal, oil or natural gas. A new responsible investment policy that sets a target to reduce the carbon intensity of all investments by 45 per cent by 2030 has been adopted.

K. Hall noted recipients of the City of Victoria 2021 Honorary Citizen Award and those who received the Order of Service to Indigenous Education from the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium.

There were no questions for K. Hall.

7. External Relations Update

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Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President External Relations provided highlights from his report.

C. Horbachewski acknowledged that following the federal election on September 20, there are currently eight UVic alumni as members of parliament. Two of these alumni are members of Cabinet as the Minister for Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion and as the Minister of Indigenous Services and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario.

On October 30, the inaugural Women Leading Change event took place. This is a UVic partnership with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of BC. Women leading change in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics shared their experience in making change and shared suggestions on how to support others along their journey. The next event will take place in early 2022.

C. Horbachewski noted that November 30 is *Giving Tuesday* and in a celebration of philanthropy that inspires people to give back to causes they are passionate about, the university is hoping to raise \$150,000 to provide a more enriching environment for students. He directed members to the webpage for more information.

CONSENT

8. Operations and Facilities Committee (Paul Ramsey)

a. New and Revised Awards

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MOTION:

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

- Betty Moyls Memorial Award (Revised)
- Peter B. Gustavson Golf Award (Revised)
- Eli Pasquale Memorial Award (New)
- Island Savings Award (New)
- Stephens Family Research Awards in Organic and Sustainable Food Systems (Revised)
- Sheila Ryan and Eileen Ryan Award in Health Information Science (Revised)
- Vancouver Island Women's Basketball Award* (New)
- Eirin Amundsen Memorial Award* (New)
- Frank Sylvester Scholarship* (New)
- Simon Keith Foundation GVSHOF Award (New)
- Cameron Environmental Law Award* (New)
- Corlie Purvis Memorial Award (New)
- Lawrence and Marie Luisa Macrae Scholarship in Spanish* (New)
- Lawrence and Marie Luisa Macrae Scholarship in Italian* (New)
- Lawrence and Marie Luisa Macrae Scholarship in Theatre* (New)
- Uplands Golf Club Athletic Award* (Revised)
- Sandra MacDonald-Dohm Bursary (Revised)
- Prosecution Service of British Columbia Bursary* (Revised)
- Charlotte S.M. Girard Memorial Bursary (New)
- Borden Ladner Gervais Professional Excellence Award (Revised)
- Shirley Case Memorial Award (Revised)
- Bate Family Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame Award* (Revised)
- Elta Brown and Peggy Mika Nursing Scholarship (New)

- Colette Storrow Award (New)
- Law Student Emergency Fund (Revised)
- Bonnie and Ken Putt Award* (New)
- Dr. Gerald King Legacy Scholarship in Music Education (New)
- Larry & Shari Yore Rugby Award* (Revised)
- Hargrove Award for Science and Service (New)
- Mary Naidu Entrance Scholarship for Indigenous Students* (New)
- New Car Dealers Association of B.C. Entrance Scholarship in Law* (New)
- UVSS BIPOC Public Interest Research Award* (New)
- Brian Mackenzie Memorial Scholarship* (New)
- Elaine Gallagher Award* (Revised)
- Fred Cooperstock Scholarship (New)
- Paulette Lacroix Nursing Informatics Leadership Scholarship* (New)
- Nancy Lamb Chemistry Scholarship (New)
- Nancy Lamb Scholarship in Piano (New)
- Reg Mitchell Memorial Scholarship* (New)
- Ted Whelen Graduate Scholarship in Public Administration* (New)
- Bob Worth Award in Economics* (New)
- Sandra Louise Harper and Don Barnhardt Award in Indigenous Law* (New)
- Margaret T. Clinch Bursary in Business* (Revised)
- Shelley Lynne Hamilton Memorial Graduate Bursary (Revised)
- Ed Chala Memorial Soccer Award* (New)
- Dr. Anne Pomeroy Autor Award in Interdisciplinary Studies* (New)
- Deanna Carter Biochemistry Scholarship (New)
- Faculty of Fine Arts Indigenous Student Award (New)
- Yvonne Allen Cancer Research Scholarship (Revised)
- Ronald Lou-Poy Entrance Scholarship (Revised)
- Richard Gilhooley and Karen Ockelton Scholarship* (New)
- Native Northwest Reconciliation Award (New)
- First Open Heart Society of B.C. Scholarship (New)
- Doug Tate Men's Rugby Award* (Revised)
- James H. Coward Award* (Revised)
- Dr. Ken and Barbara Thornton Award* (Revised)
- Robert Herchak Graduate Scholarship in Ukrainian Studies* (New)
- Undergraduate Award in Indigenous Language Revitalization (New)
- Jennifer van Dyk Memorial Women's Field Hockey Award* (New)
- Blake, Cassels and Graydon Entrance Bursary (New)
- Graduate Scholarship in Indigenous Language Revitalization (New)

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b. Proposal to discontinue the Certificate in Computer-based Information Systems BOG-Nov23/21-20

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to discontinue the Certificate in Computer-based Information Systems, as described in the document "Proposal to discontinue a Certificate", effective immediately.

c. Proposal to establish a Bachelor of Science in Climate Science BOG-Nov22/21-21

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a Bachelor of Science in Climate Science, as described in the document "B.Sc. Climate Science", and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

d. Proposal to establish a Minor in Indigenous Community Development and Governance BOG-Nov22/21-22

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a Minor in Indigenous Community Development and Governance, as described in the document "Indigenous Community Development and Governance – PSC and Minor Programs", and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

e. Proposal to establish a Professional Specialization Certificate in Indigenous Community Development and Governance BOG-Nov22/21-23

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a Professional Specialization Certificate in Indigenous Community Development and Governance, as described in the document "Indigenous Community Development and Governance – Professional Specialization Certificate", and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

f. Proposal to discontinue the Combined Major in Hispanic and Italian Studies BOG-Nov22/21-24

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to discontinue the Combined Major in Hispanic and Italian Studies, as described in the document "Discontinuance of the Combined Major in Hispanic and Italian Studies", effective immediately.

- g. **2020/21 Annual Report on the Status of External Reviews** BOG-Nov23/21-14
- h. **Status Report on Capital Projects** BOG-Nov23/21-05a
- i. **Due Diligence Report – Facilities Management** BOG-Nov23/21-06

Pro Forma Motion: (C. Thoms/M. Prendergast)
 THAT the above items be approved by the Board of Governors by consent.

CARRIED

REGULAR 9. Operations and Facilities Committee (Paul Ramsey)

- a. **2021/22 Enrolment Analysis Report** BOG-Nov22/21-17

P. Ramsey noted that Valerie Kuehne, Vice-President Academic and Provost provided the committee with this regular annual report outlining UVic’s enrolment projections for the current academic year, which includes summer 2021, fall 2021 and spring 2022 terms.

He stated that enrolment targets and goals continue to be driven by the university’s institutional plans, including the Strategic Framework and Strategic Enrolment Management Plan, as well as by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

Current enrolment levels have increased. This fall, the university saw a record number of domestic applicants and registrants, and this is the largest first-year class to date. International undergraduate enrolment has decreased as a result of the pandemic.

- b. **Report on Student Financial Aid 2020-21** BOG-Nov22/21-11

P. Ramsey stated this is another annual report presented to the Board 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.

P. Ramsey reviewed the highlights of the report. He also commented on awards administered during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which began in March 2020. In spring 2020, UVic launched the temporary COVID-19 Emergency Bursary to support students who were financially impacted by the pandemic; funds from this program spanned both 2019/20 and 2020/21.

- c. **Equity and Human Rights Annual Report** BOG-Nov22/21-15

P. Ramsey stated that Cassbreea Dewis, Executive Director of Equity and Human Rights, presented the committee with the annual report.

This report highlights the work and direction of the EQHR office's effort in partnerships and planning, equity action and initiatives, proactive education and training, case resolution and policy implementation.

10. Presentation on University Rankings

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

L. Kalynchuk provided background on the rankings and reputation project which began four years ago. She emphasized that higher rankings attract students and create opportunities for collaborations among faculties.

Following the presentation, a discussion took place regarding the mission of the university, responsible investing and communicating what the university is doing with respect to climate change and sustainability.

11. Other Business

a) Review of action items identified
There were none.

b) Any other business
There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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