



University
of Victoria

Board and Board Committee Meetings Monday January 27 and Tuesday January 28, 2025

Open Session
Tuesday January 28, 2025
Senate and Board Chambers, Jamie Cassels Centre

DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD

Present: Paul Ramsey (Chair), Samantha Allan, Marion Buller, Erin Campbell, Brian Cant, Christina Clarke, Roshan Danesh, Kevin Hall, Marne Jensen, Val Napoleon, Erinn Pinkerton, Laylee Rohani, Jyoti Stephens, Ivan Watson, Carrie Andersen (Secretary)

By Invitation: Elizabeth Croft, Chris Horbachewski, Lisa Kalynchuk, Kristi Simpson, Robina Thomas

Regrets: Tamunobelema Itamunoala

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: (P. Ramsey/V. Napoleon)

THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of January 28, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held November 26, 2024

MOTION: (P. Ramsey/C. Clarke)

THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held November 26, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Summary Record

There was none.

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair provided a territorial acknowledgment. He offered welcoming remarks to Board members.

5. Correspondence

There was none.

6. President's Report

Kevin Hall, President and Vice-Chancellor presented his report. He noted that January 27 was the International Holocaust Remembrance Day. January 29 is the National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia. K. Hall stated that February is Black History Month in Canada. He commented on activities being hosted by the university community.

K. Hall spoke about the next Campus Kudos event coming up in March.

Awards

Michael J. Prince, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Human and Social Development was appointed to the Order of Canada.

Ryan Rhodes, professor in the School of Exercise Science, Physical & Health Education, received the King Charles III Medal.

Xuebin Zhang, Director of the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium is being inducted as a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society.

Julia Baum, professor in the department of Biology, is the 48th recipient of the Rosenstiel Award from the Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science of the University of Miami.

Shaeleen Mihalynuk, UVic microbiology alumna, was named BC's Rhodes Scholar for 2025.

There were no questions for K. Hall.

7. External Relations Update

BOG-Jan28/25-21

Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President External Relations presented his report as circulated. There were no questions for C. Horbachewski.

CONSENT

8. Operations and Facilities Committee (Brian Cant)

a. New and Revised Awards

BOG-Jan28/25-15

MOTION:

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

- Anthony (Tony) Chan Memorial Bursary* (Revised)
- Arseneo Leite Memorial Scholarship* (New)
- ÁTOL,ÁNW: A Season of Just and Fair Treatment Scholarship* (Revised)

- Bob & Kay Lane Graduate Scholarship* (Revised)
- Bob Wright Undergraduate Scholarship* (Revised)
- CFUW Saanich Peninsula Myrna Holden Scholarship (New)
- The Consul General of Switzerland Book Prize (Revised)
- Doane Grant Thorton LLP Award (New)
- Faculty of Science Research Scholarship* (New)
- Gildardo & Lucia Garcia-Alvarez Vikes Men's Rowing Award (Revised)
- Leonard and Eileen Hamilton Scholarship in Spanish & Italian Studies (Revised)
- Roper Greyell Workplace Law Award (New)
- Rosy & Steven Chan Memorial Bursary* (Revised)
- Scotiabank Program for Law Students Scholarship (Revised)
- Sheridan Scott Entrance Scholarship* (Revised)
- Steven P. Starkovich Promise Scholarship for Students in Physics & Astronomy (Revised)
- Thomas M. Hess Scholarship in Indigenous Language Revitalization* (Revised)
- University of Victoria International IB Entrance Scholarship (Revised)
- Victoria Real Estate Board Award (Revised)
- Alexandra Pollock UVic Cheer Award (New)
- B. Anne Tolmie Wood Scholarship for Indigenous Students* (New)
- Carolyn E. & Robert J. McCormick Indigenous Graduate Scholarship (Revised)
- CSSE/EIC Vancouver Island Award (Revised)
- Diane Mary Hallam Bursary* (Revised)
- Ella Brown Memorial Annual Scholarship (Revised)
- Ferdinand Edward Chapman Bursary* (Revised)
- Gerald G. and Lottie Few Bursary* (New)
- Grad Class of 1964 Entrance Scholarship* (Revised)
- Holly Wells Student Award in Nursing (New)
- M.C. Melburn Award* (Revised)
- Plint Scholarship* (Revised)
- VIES Leaders' Entrance Award* (Revised)
- Vikes International Athlete Award (Revised)
- W. Gordon Fields Memorial Fellowship* (Revised)
- Stantec Award (New)
- Bryan & Audrey Williams Award* (Revised)
- Sheridan Scott Prize in Competition Law (New)
- Sheridan Scott Prize in Communications Law and Policy (New)
- Sheridan Scott Prize in Law, Legislation and Policy (Revised)

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b. Proposal to establish a non-credit diploma in Data Analytics for Management Science

BOG-Jan28/25-24

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a non-credit diploma in Data Analytics and Management Science, as described in the document “Data Analytics and Management Science”, effective May 2025, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

c. Proposal to establish a non-credit diploma in Digital Marketing

BOG-Jan28/25-30

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a non-credit diploma in Digital Marketing, effective May 2025, as described in the document “Digital Marketing”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

d. Proposal to establish a framework to offer professional doctorate degrees at the University of Victoria

BOG-Jan28/25-27

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a framework to offer professional doctorate degrees at the University of Victoria, as described in the memorandum dated November 21, 2024.

e. Proposal to establish a Doctor of Engineering in Leadership in Engineering Applications and Practice program

BOG-Jan28/25-28

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a Doctor of Engineering in Leadership in Engineering Applications and Practice program, effective September 2025, as described in the document “Leadership in Engineering Applications and Practice (LEAP) Program”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. Once approved by Senate and the Board of Governors, the proposal must be approved by the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills.

f. Proposal to establish a Master of Engineering in Aerospace Systems Engineering

BOG-Jan28/25-29

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a Master of Engineering in Aerospace Systems Engineering, effective May 2025, as described in the document “Master of Engineering – Aerospace Systems Engineering”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. Once approved by Senate and the Board of Governors, the proposal must be approved by the Secretariat of the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills.

g. Proposal to establish a combined honours program in Financial Mathematics and Economics

BOG-Jan28/25-31

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a combined honours program in Financial Mathematics and Economics, as described in the document “Financial Mathematics and Economics”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

h. Proposal to discontinue the General and Minor program in Arts of Canada

BOG-Jan28/25-32

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to discontinue the General and Minor program in Arts of Canada, effective May 1, 2025, as described in the document “General and Minor program in Arts of Canada”.

i. Proposal to discontinue the Bachelor of Music Major program in Music Education Secondary (Instrumental)

BOG-Jan28/25-25

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to discontinue the Bachelor of Music Major program in Music Education Secondary (Instrumental), as described in the document “Bachelor of Music Major program in Music Education Secondary (Instrumental) BMUS-MEI”, effective September 1, 2025.

j. Proposal to discontinue the Minor and Certificate in Human Dimensions of Climate Change

BOG-Jan28/25-23

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to discontinue the Minor in Human Dimensions of Climate Change, as described in the document “Human Dimensions of Climate Change (Minor and Certificate)”, effective May 1, 2025.

And

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to discontinue the Certificate in Human Dimensions of Climate Change, as described in the document “Human Dimensions of Climate Change (Minor and Certificate)” effective May 1, 2025.

k. Proposal to change the name of the Bachelor of Music- Music Education Secondary (Choral) to Bachelor of Music-Music Education BOG-Jan28/25-26

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to change the name of the Bachelor of Music-Music Education Secondary (Choral) to Bachelor of Music-Music Education, as described in the document “School of Music: Revisions to the BMUS Major programs”, effective September 1, 2025.

l. Status Report on Capital Projects BOG-Jan28/25-16a

Pro Forma Motion: (B. Cant/M. Jensen)

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

CARRIED

REGULAR

9. Operations and Facilities Committee (Brian Cant)

a. Public Interest Disclosure Act (PIDA); policy and procedures BOG-Jan28/25-36

B. Cant presented the item. He noted that as per government directive, research universities were required to implement a policy by December 2024. This came to the Board of Governors in November and this motion approves minor revisions to the policy.

MOTION: (B. Cant/M. Buller)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the updated Public Interest Disclosure Act policy and procedures.

CARRIED

10. Finance Committee (Laylee Rohani)

a. Staff Pension Plan Updated Governance Policy BOG-Jan28/25-14

L. Rohani invited Kristi Simpson, Vice-President Finance and Operations to introduce the policy. K. Simpson highlighted the revisions.

MOTION: (L. Rohani/C. Clarke)

THAT the Board of Governors approve and adopt the updated Staff Pension Plan Governance Policy attached hereto.

CARRIED

b. Responsible Investment Policy Update - FM5215

BOG-Jan28/25-18

Andrew Coward, Associate Vice-President Financial Planning and Operations provided a presentation. He noted that the review was a group effort with input from faculty, staff and students. A. Coward provided a detailed outline of the proposed policy revisions. He concluded by thanking the students in the gallery for their collaborative work. This thanks was echoed by Board members.

In response to a question about a fixed cycle of reporting, A. Coward indicated he is working with relevant administrative offices regarding reporting.

In response to a question regarding a communication roll out, A. Coward indicated this would be the next step and the updated policy would be published on the UVic website.

MOTION: (L. Rohani/B. Cant)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the revised Responsible Investment Policy FM5215.

CARRIED

11. Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Original signed by Paul Ramsey, Board Chair and Carrie Andersen, University Secretary.