



University  
of Victoria

## Board and Board Committee Meetings Monday March 31 and Tuesday April 1, 2025

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Open Session  
Tuesday April 1, 2025  
Senate and Board Chambers, Jamie Cassels Centre

### SUMMARY RECORD

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

**By Invitation:** Andrew Coward, Elizabeth Croft, Tony Eder, Chris Horbachewski, Lisa Kalynchuk, Kristi Simpson, Robina Thomas

**Regrets:** Marion Buller, Kevin Hall, Tamunobelema Itamunoala

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

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** (P. Ramsey/I. Watson)

*THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of April 1, 2025 be approved.*

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held January 28, 2025**

**MOTION:** (P. Ramsey/I. Watson)

*THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held January 28, 2025 be approved.*

**CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising from the Summary Record**

There was none.

**4. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair provided a territorial acknowledgement and spoke of the upcoming end of term for students.

**5. Correspondence**

There was none.

**6. President's Report**

In the absence of President Hall, there was no report.

**7. External Relations Update** BOG-Apr01/25-26

Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President External Relations highlighted the Distinguished Alumni Awards. Fifteen outstanding alumni are being recognized across three categories, the Presidents' Alumni Awards, the Indigenous Community Alumni Awards and the Emerging Alumni Awards.

In response to a question on the University Affairs article on CIFAL Victoria, C. Horbachewski provided some background on the UN-affiliated training centre.

**CONSENT**

**8. Finance Committee (Laylee Rohani)**

**a. Graduate Students' Society Fees 2025/26**

BOG-Apr01/25-06

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors collect and remit fees for the GSS in 2025/26 as outlined in the letter of February 25, 2025 from the Executive Director of the GSS to the UVic, Vice-President Finance and Operations, subject to confirmation of approval of the fees at the GSS Semi-Annual General Meeting on March 25, 2025.*

**9. Operations and Facilities Committee (Brian Cant)**

**a. New and Revised Awards**

BOG-Apr01/25-07

**MOTION:**

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

- Dennis, Jerome, and Peter Zachary Award in Ukrainian Studies\* (Revised)
- Emil and Lynette Hain Scholarship in Ukrainian Studies\* (Revised)
- Kari Moore Award (Revised)
- Langford-Seaborne Scholarship\* (Revised)
- Pearson Family Award\* (Revised)
- Peter Zachary Graduate Scholarship in Ukrainian Studies\* (Revised)
- Vikes Recreation Student Leadership Award\* (Revised)
- William & Amelia Kushniryk Memorial Award\* (Revised)
- All Our Relations Award\* (Revised)
- Birdwood Fund Award\* (Revised)
- CFUW Victoria Doreen Sutherland Indigenous Scholarship in the Faculty of Health\* (Revised)
- Cora Arenas and Carol Artemiw Women in Engineering and Computer Science Second Year Retention Award (Revised)
- Dr. Stephen Anthony Welch Art History Scholarship\* (Revised)
- Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers Award (Revised)

- Harambee Refugee Award (New)
- Jane Zhu Entrepreneurship Scholarship (New)
- Joseph Arvay Social Justice Award (Revised)
- Joshua M. Prowse Prize in Refugee Law (New)
- Maclean Annual Award in Economics (Revised)
- Mairi Riddel Memorial Book Prize\* (Revised)
- Allan and Rosamund Russell Award in Civil Engineering (New)
- Doug Koch Memorial Scholarship (New)
- Law Class of 1994 Prize in Indigenous Field Study (New)
- Alexandra Pollock UVic Cheer Award (Revised)
- Denis & Pat Protti Award\* (Revised)
- Roberta Evelyn Milnes Scholarship\* (Revised)
- Ross & Stephanie Bailey Undergraduate Award\* (New)

*\* Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

**b. Proposal to establish a Business Minor in Entrepreneurship**

BOG-Apr01/25-08

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a Business Minor in Entrepreneurship, as described in the document “Business Minor in Entrepreneurship”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.*

**c. Proposed changes to the Master in Management program**

BOG-Apr01/25-09

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed changes to the Master in Management program, as described in the document “Master in Management”, effective January 2026.*

**d. Proposed changes to the Master of Business Administration in Sustainable Innovation program**

BOG-Apr01/25-10

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed changes to the Master of Business Administration in Sustainable Innovation, as described in the document “MBA-BUSI – Sustainable Innovation Proposal”, effective September 2025.*

**e. Proposed changes to the Bachelor of Commerce program** BOG-Apr01/25-11

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed changes to the Bachelor of Commerce program, as described in the document “Bachelor of Commerce – Gustavson School of Business”, effective September 2025.*

**f. Proposed changes to the Economics PhD program** BOG-Apr01/25-12

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed changes to the Economics PhD program, as described in the document “Economics PhD Program Revisions”, effective September 2025.*

**g. Proposed changes to the Minor in Economics program** BOG-Apr01/25-13

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed changes to the Minor in Economics program, as described in the document “Economics Minor”, effective September 2025.*

**h. Proposal to renew the Approved Centre Status for the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions** BOG-Apr01/25-14

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to renew the Approved Centre Status for the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) for the period April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2030, as described in the memorandum dated January 22, 2025.*

**i. Proposal for the Social Justice Studies program to be jointly offered by the Department of Sociology and the Division of Continuing Studies** BOG-Apr01/25-15

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal for the Social Justice Studies program to be jointly offered by the Department of Sociology and the Division of Continuing Studies, as described in the memorandum dated January 22, 2025.*

**j. Proposal for the Global Development Studies program to be jointly offered by the Department of Geography, the Department of Political Science and the Division of Continuing Studies** BOG-Apr01/25-16

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal for the Global Development Studies program to be jointly offered by the Department of Geography, the Department of Political Science and the Division of Continuing Studies, as described in the memorandum dated January 22, 2025.*

**k. Status Report on Capital Projects**

BOG-Apr01/25-19a

**Pro Forma Motion:** (V. Napoleon/I. Watson)

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

**CARRIED**

**REGULAR**

**10. Finance Committee (Laylee Rohani)**

**a. Planning and Budget Framework 2026-2028**

BOG-Apr01/25-01

L. Rohani noted the planning and budget framework 2026-2028 item was presented to the Finance Committee on March 31. She introduced Andrew Coward, Associate Vice-President Financial Planning and Operations and Tony Eder, Associate Vice-President Academic Resource Planning who provided a presentation on the proposed budget framework for 2026-2028.

In response to a question about how increases in tuition lines up with other institutions, T. Eder indicated that comparison work is currently being updated and will be provided to the Board when complete. It was noted that UVic is likely in the middle or slightly lower range compared to others.

In response to a question on contingency funds, A. Coward explained the process for allocating contingency funds, should this become possible.

**MOTION:** (B. Cant/M. Jensen)

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the Planning and Budget Framework 2026–2028, including the tuition and other fee increases contained therein, and authorize the President to develop and implement the detailed operating budget for the 2025/26 fiscal year.*

**CARRIED**

## **11. Operations and Facilities Committee (Brian Cant)**

### **a. Enrolment Projections 2025/26**

BOG-Apr01/25-29

B. Cant stated that the enrolment projections for 2025/26 were received by the Operations and Facilities Committee meeting on March 31. UVic's total enrolment level is higher than what is funded by the province and the province does not provide funding for international undergraduate students.

#### **MOTION:** (B. Cant/V. Napoleon)

*THAT the Board of Governors approve a recommended enrolment level of 19,879 FTE for the 2025/26 academic year, subject to revisions in the event of new information regarding mandated growth, funding levels, application rates and world events.*

**CARRIED**

### **b. Capital Plan Guidelines and Emerging Priorities**

BOG-Apr01/25-21

B. Cant gave a brief update on the work being done to revise the five-year capital plan. Priorities to align with the mandate of the government and the needs of the university have been identified. The draft capital plan will come to the Board of Governors for approval before submission in the summer.

### **c. Capital Projects Policy**

BOG-Apr01/25-17

B. Cant noted that the policy was last updated in 1998 and that the draft policy and updates to the Terms of Reference, based on discussions at the meeting, would be brought to the Board of Governors for approval at the May 2025 meeting.

### **d. Interim Appointment Procedures for Associate Dean of Health**

BOG-Apr01/25-24

B. Cant outlined the rationale for the revisions. The inaugural Dean of Health will develop new appointment procedures and bring a revised policy to Senate and the Board of Governors for approval by March 2026.

#### **MOTION:** (B. Cant/L. Rohani)

*THAT the Board of Governors approve revisions to policy GV0640, Procedures for the Appointment of the Associate Dean Human and Social Development with a mandated review date of March 2026, and that the title of the policy be updated to Interim Procedures for the Appointment of the Associate Dean of Health.*

**CARRIED**

**12. Other Business**

**a) Proposed Revisions to the Procedures for the Appointment of the Vice-President Indigenous**

P. Ramsey reported on revisions to the appointment procedures that had been approved by the Board electronically.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

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