



University  
of Victoria

## Board and Board Committee Meetings Monday May 26 and Tuesday May 27, 2025

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Open Session  
Tuesday May 27, 2025  
Via Videoconference

### SUMMARY RECORD

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

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

**Regrets:** Brian Cant, 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 May 27, 2025 be approved.*

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held April 1, 2025**

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

*THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held April 1, 2025 be approved.*

**CARRIED**

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

There was none.

**4. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair provided a territorial acknowledgement along with general remarks.

**5. Correspondence**

There was none.

## **6. President's Report**

Kevin Hall, President and Vice-Chancellor welcomed the new Dean, Faculty of Health, Tammy Hopper. He thanked Elizabeth Croft, Vice-President Academic and Provost and Kristi Simpson, Vice-President Finance and Operations for hosting the recent budget town hall. He noted that the first reporting cycles for the Equity Action Plan and the Indigenous Plan are now complete. It will be very exciting to hear about the work departments and units are doing through the guidance of these plans.

K. Hall reported on activities planned throughout June in recognition of Pride Month. He commented on the outcome of the federal election, with a particular focus on the implications for the post-secondary sector and the university.

K. Hall congratulated the UVic researchers who were among the global researchers honoured with the 2025 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics for their work with the ATLAS Collaboration at CERN.

With respect to awards, K. Hall reported that the following have received King Charles III Coronation Medals:

- Lorna Crozier (professor emeritus)
- Alan Pence (professor emeritus and UNESCO co-chair of Early Childhood Education, Care and Development)
- Martin Segger (professor emeritus), and
- Mavis Underwood (PhD student in Anthropology)

Stephanie Erickson (English and Indigenous Studies) and Jenise Finlay (Nursing: Public & Population Health) have been selected as 2025 Foundation Scholars on behalf of the Pierre Elliotte Trudeau Foundation.

Jess Speedie, an Astronomy PhD candidate, has been awarded a prestigious post-doctoral fellowship.

In response to a question about the new Faculty of Health and when courses will be offered, K. Hall indicated that the Faculty started on May 1, 2025 with courses being offered in September.

## **7. External Relations Update**

BOG-May27/25-19

Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President External Relations highlighted that Spring 2025 Convocation will be held June 9-13, 2025 and invited the Board members to join Chancellor Buller at Convocation.

In response to a question on who was receiving honorary degrees, C. Horbachewski and C. Andersen provided the names.

There were no further questions for C. Horbachewski.

## **CONSENT**

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

#### **a. Collection and Remission of Student Fees for the University of Victoria Students' Society**

BOG-May27/25-14

##### **MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors collect and remit the fees as approved by the UVSS members and as outlined in the letter of April 30, 2025 from the Director of Finance and Operations of the UVSS, to the Associate Vice-President Student Affairs.*

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

#### **a. New and Revised Awards**

BOG-May27/25-15

##### **MOTION:**

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

- Faculty of Law Travel and Professional Development Award (New)
- Faculty of Law Dean's Award (New)
- Ken Woods Vikes Women's Basketball Award\* (Revised)
- Mackenzie Rigg Men's Soccer Award\* (Revised)
- Bruce Wilson Vikes Men's Soccer Award\* (New)
- Academic Excellence Scholarship\* (Revised)
- William & Doreen Kerby Scholarship in Medieval British Literature\* (Revised)
- Edra Ferguson Graduate Scholarship\* (Revised)
- Women in Development Graduate Scholarship\* (Revised)
- Student International Activity Fund Award (Revised)
- Jane Zhu Cross-Cultural Integration Award (Revised)
- Abib Ngom and Natalie Chan Black Legal Scholar Award (New)
- Bennett Jones Entrance Award in Law (New)
- Budvitch Award in Holocaust Studies (Revised)
- Eleanor Gray Memorial Piano & Voice Duo Competition Prize (New)
- Fasken Entrance Scholarship (Revised)
- Fasken Indigenous Entrance Scholarship (Revised)
- Nelson Family Award\* (Revised)
- Vikes Men's Rugby Family Annual Award (New)
- mistermerv Award in Music Performance (New)

- Mary & David Norton Indigenous Leadership Fellowship\* (Revised)
- Anatolijus and Catherine Fouracre International Award\* (New)
- Women in Economics Graduate Scholarship\* (Revised)
- Certificate of Outstanding Academic Distinction\* (Revised)
- Faculty of Health Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship\* (Revised)
- Tolmie-Wood Scholarship\* (Revised)
- Jeanette Funke-Furber and Robert Furber Scholarship\* (Revised)
- Lii Michif Niiyanaan Award (New)
- Black Student Leadership Award (New)

\* Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation

**b. Proposal to establish a Bachelor of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering** BOG-May27/25-24

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a Bachelor of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering and Management, as described in the document “Bachelor of Engineering: Biomedical Engineering and Management”, 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.*

**c. Proposal to establish a non-credit certificate program in Data Analytics** BOG-May27/25-25

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a non-credit certificate program in Data Analytics, as described in the document “Certificate in Data Analytics (non-credit)”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.*

**d. Status Report on Capital Projects** BOG-May27/25-16a

**e. Fighting against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act (Bill S-211)** BOG-May27/25-21

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the University of Victoria Forced Labour and Child Labour Statement for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 2025, for submission to the federal government.*

**Pro Forma Motion:** (V. Napoleon/C. Clarke)

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

**CARRIED**

**REGULAR**

**10. Audit Committee (Erinn Pinkerton)**

**a. 2024/25 Financial Statements & Annual Financial Report**

BOG-May27/25-08

E. Pinkerton thanked Kristi Simpson, Vice-President Finance and Operations, Andrew Coward, Associate Vice-President Financial Planning and Operations and the entire financial services team for yet again another massive amount of work meeting the deadlines for financial reporting. She invited A. Coward to provide an overview.

A. Coward stated that these are the external audited financial statements and management financial statements will come to the Board in June. The Annual Financial Report for 2024-25 has been restructured to make the report more accessible to the general public in order to increase transparency. He noted that public sector standards and two regulations are followed and that there is a clean audit opinion. He gave an overview of the financial highlights including expenses by function, the statement of operations and items contributing to the operating surplus.

In response to a question on the surplus, and how UVic may utilize it to address institutional priorities, K. Hall stated that executive looks at the whole situation including international student enrolment before making new investments.

K. Simpson added that the surplus is a reflection of 12 consolidated entities and that 50% of the gain is from the pension plan which cannot be spent for operational priorities.

**MOTION:** (M. Buller/K. Hall)

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2024/25 Audited Financial Statements and the appropriations as set out in the attached schedule;  
and*

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

**CARRIED**

**11. Executive and Governance Committee (Paul Ramsey)**

**a. Updates to Long Term Disability Trust Plan Document** BOG-May27/25-01

P. Ramsey introduced the changes to the trust plan document.

**MOTION:** (K. Hall/V. Napoleon)

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the updated Plan Document for the Long Term Disability Plan for Faculty, Librarians and Professional Employees of the University of Victoria.*

**CARRIED**

**12. 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.