



University
of Victoria

Board and Board Committee Meetings Monday June 23 and Tuesday June 24, 2025

Open Session
Tuesday June 24, 2025
Conference Room A, Snéqə ʔéʔlən (Sngequ House)

SUMMARY RECORD

Present: Paul Ramsey (Chair), Samantha Allan, Marion Buller, Erin Campbell, Roshan Danesh, Kevin Hall, Tamunobeleva Itamunoala, Val Napoleon, Erinn Pinkerton, Laylee Rohani, Ivan Watson, Carrie Andersen (Secretary)

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

Regrets: Christina Clarke, Marne Jensen, Jyoti Stephens

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

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was declared approved as circulated.

2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held May 27, 2025

MOTION: (P. Ramsey/I. Watson)

THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held May 27, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Summary Record

There was none.

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair provided a territorial acknowledgement. He noted that this would be his last Board meeting as the Chair and that he was looking forward to his final year as a member on the Board.

5. Correspondence

There was none.

6. President's Report

Kevin Hall, President and Vice-Chancellor spoke of the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings for 2025 which were just released and commented on the university's results.
Spring Convocation

K. Hall, along with Chancellor Buller, presided over 11 Convocation ceremonies in June as well as three Indigenous Recognition Ceremonies. Five honorary degrees were awarded. K. Hall thanked all the volunteers from faculty, staff and students who support the ceremonies and noted a highlight this year was the accordion music.

Days of Significance

K. Hall stated that UVic is proud to be involved in Pride Month in June and commented on events across campus.

New Territorial Acknowledgement Video

K. Hall noted that a new territorial acknowledgement video has been created as part of the ongoing and evolving acknowledgements with the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Xʷsepsəm/Esquimalt) and W̱SÁNEĆ Peoples on whose territories we live, learn and work.

Awards

Mohsen Akbari in Mechanical Engineering has received the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering - Emerging Technology Award. Laura Cowen in Mathematics and Statistics has received the American Statistical Association's Bob Riffenburgh Award. Mark Lewis in Mathematics and Statistics has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society UK.

There were no questions for K. Hall.

7. External Relations Update

BOG-Jun24/25-24

Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President External Relations stated that while Convocation is a moment to say goodbye to students, it is also a moment to welcome alumni. He thanked the dozens of volunteers who he noted are the engine of Convocation.

C. Horbachewski stated that there were thirty-nine events scheduled in the Farquhar Auditorium in June. Most high schools on the south end of the island use the space for their graduations. He noted that the Farquhar Auditorium hosts over 40,000 people during June.

There were no questions for C. Horbachewski.

8. Finance Committee (Laylee Rohani)

a. University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan (the Plan) 2024 Report to Members and Financial Statements BOG-Jun24/25-02

b. University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Compliance Report BOG-Jun24/25-03

c. University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan (the Plan) Investment Performance Report for the Period ended March 31, 2025 BOG-Jun24/25-04

d. 2024 Annual Reports and Financial Statements – University of Victoria Combination Pension Plan and University of Victoria Money Purchase Pension Plan BOG-Jun24/25-05

e. Statement of Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2025 BOG-Jun24/25-09

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Statement of Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2025 and that the Chair of the Board of Governors and the Vice-President Finance and Operations be authorized to sign on the Board's behalf.

f. Collection and Remission of Student Fees for the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) BOG-Jun24/25-32
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.

g. Graduate Students' Society Fees 2025-26 BOG-Jun24/25-21
MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors collect and remit fees for Health and Dental effective September 1, 2025 as outlined in the letter of June 20, 2025 from the Executive Director of the GSS to the UVic, Vice-President Finance and Operations.

9. Operations and Facilities Committee (Brian Cant)

a. Due Diligence Reports 2024 - Financial Services & Occupational Health, Safety and Environment BOG-Jun24/25-11

b. Status Report on Capital Projects BOG-Jun24/25-15a

Pro Forma Motion: (P. Ramsey/B. Cant)

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

CARRIED

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10. Finance Committee (Laylee Rohani)

a. 2026/27 International Undergraduate Tuition Fees

BOG-Jun24/25-07

Kristi Simpson, Vice-President Finance and Operations introduced the proposal to approve international undergraduate tuition fees.

MOTION: (V. Napoleon/B. Cant)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the International Undergraduate Tuition Fee Increases outlined in Appendix 1, to be effective May 1, 2026.

CARRIED

b. 2024/25 Year End Management Statements and Budget Review

BOG-Jun24/25-08

K. Simpson stated that in May 2025, the Board approved the audited financial statements. She provided a brief overview of the information included in the report.

P. Ramsey stated that this is one of two favourite reports. It is great to understand how the university works financially in terms of inputs, outputs and constraints. He thanked the Office of the Vice-President Finance and Operations for the report.

c. UVic Combination Pension Plan/Money Purchase Plan – Proposed Pension Plan Amendments to Reflect Eligibility Changes for Full-Time Teaching Stream Faculty and Other Minor Administrative Changes

BOG-Jun24/25-06

K. Simpson introduced the proposed changes.

MOTION: (B. Cant/K. Hall)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the amendments to the Combination Pension Plan Trust Agreement and Plan Text as presented, and that the Executive Director, Pensions and Plan Governance be authorized to make any further immaterial changes to the amendments that may be required by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Combination Pension Plan.

And

THAT the Board of Governors approve the amendments to the Money Purchase Pension Plan Trust Agreement and Plan Text as presented, and that the Executive

Director, Pensions and Plan Governance be authorized to make any further immaterial changes to the amendments that may be required by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Money Purchase Pension Plan.

CARRIED

11. Operations and Facilities Committee (Brian Cant)

a. University of Victoria Institutional Accountability Plan and Report BOG-Jun24/25-12

B. Cant thanked the executive team for putting the plan together. It will be submitted to government this summer.

MOTION: (I. Watson/K. Hall)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2024/25 University of Victoria Institutional Accountability Plan and Report.

And,

THAT the Board of Governors authorize the Board Chair and the President to make additional edits to the 2024/25 University of Victoria Institutional Accountability Plan and Report prior to its submission to the Ministry in July 2025.

CARRIED

b. Term Research Chair in Transgender Studies BOG-Jun24/25-18

B. Cant introduced the proposal.

MOTION: (S. Allan/L. Rohani)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the renewal of the Research Chair in Transgender Studies for a five-year term, for the period of January 1, 2026–December 31, 2030.

CARRIED

c. Annual Report on UVic-Approved Research Centres BOG-Jun24/25-28

B. Cant provided a brief outline of the report.

d. 2026/27 Five Year Capital Plan BOG-Jun24/25-14

B. Cant introduced the report.

MOTION: (V. Napoleon/M. Buller)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2026/27 Five Year Capital Plan.

CARRIED

e. Proposed Update to the Capital Expenditures on Physical Plant Policy #FM5205, renamed Major Capital Projects Policy

BOG-Jun24/25-16

K. Simpson introduced the proposed policy revisions. She noted that the proposed updates consider the university's current and future state.

MOTION: (I. Watson/V. Napoleon)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed updates to the Capital Expenditures on Physical Plant policy FM5205, renamed the Major Capital Projects Policy.

CARRIED

f. Policy FM5100 Signing Authority Changes

BOG-Jun24/25-17

B. Cant introduced the proposed policy revisions.

MOTION: (K. Hall/M. Buller)

THAT the Board of Governors approve changes to the Signing Authority Policy FM5100.

CARRIED

g. Revision to the Resolution of Non-Academic Misconduct Allegations Policy (AC1300)

BOG-Jun24/25-01

B. Cant introduced the proposed policy revisions, noting that this is a temporary adjustment for part of the policy. The entire policy will be reviewed and brought back to the Board in the fall.

MOTION: (I. Watson/V. Napoleon)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the recommended changes to the Resolution of Non-Academic Misconduct Allegations Policy AC1300.

CARRIED

h. Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response Policy (GV0205) Approval

BOG-Jun24/25-31

B. Cant introduced the proposed policy revisions.

MOTION: (V. Napoleon/K. Hall)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response Policy (GV0205) effective July 1, 2025.

CARRIED

12. Executive and Governance Committee (Paul Ramsey)

a. Proposed Amendments to the Procedures of the Board BOG-Jun24/25-25

P. Ramsey asked Carrie Andersen, University Secretary to introduce this item.

She explained the amendments were necessary to update the terms of reference.

MOTION: (B. Cant/M. Buller)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed amendments to the Operations and Facilities Committee terms of reference.

CARRIED

13. Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

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