



University  
of Victoria

## Board and Board Committee Meetings Monday March 30 and Tuesday March 31, 2026

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Open Session  
Tuesday March 31, 2026  
Senate and Board Chambers, Jamie Cassels Centre

### SUMMARY RECORD

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

**By Invitation:** Elizabeth Croft, Chris Horbachewski, Lisa Kalynchuk, Lalita Kines, Kristi Simpson

**Regrets:** Param Bhatti, Marion Buller, Jyoti Stephens, Robina Thomas

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

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** (V. Napoleon/I. Watson)

*THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of March 31, 2026 be approved.*

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held February 3, 2026**

**MOTION:** (M. Jensen/V. Napoleon)

*THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held February 3, 2026 be approved.*

**CARRIED**

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

There was none.

**4. Chair's Remarks**

Brian Cant, Chair provided a territorial acknowledgement and brief opening remarks.

**5. Correspondence**

**a. Faculty Association Bargaining Petition**

The correspondence was acknowledged as updated with additional signatories since last received.

**6. Acting President's Report**

The Acting President was absent.

**7. External Relations Report**

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Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President External Relations presented his report. Pulling on the theme of optimism, he spoke about the celebration of the Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients.

There were no questions for C. Horbachewski.

**CONSENT**

**8. Operations and Facilities Committee (Paul Ramsey)**

**a. New and Revised Awards**

BOG-Mar31/26-19

**MOTION:**

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

- *Afghan Women in Engineering and Computer Science Entrance Scholarship (Revised)*
- *Crabtree Award of Excellence in Legal Research & Writing (New)*
- *David Leeming Math Scholarship\* (New)*
- *Douglas E. Baer Conference Travel Award\* (New)*
- *IEEE Dr. Nandi Scholarship (Revised)*
- *John and Ann McLaren Award\* (New)*
- *Mary and Fred Colthorpe Award in Music\* (New)*
- *Nazareno Dominelli and Maria Giuseppa Tassone Award (Revised)*
- *Nimrod Hungarian Mobility Award (Revised)*
- *Soleil Brooks Vikes Women's Rugby Award\* (Revised)*
- *The Purple Squirrel Award for Academic Diversity (New)*
- *Vikes International Athlete Award (Revised)*
- *Eunice Lowe Award for Entrepreneurship Studies\* (Revised)*
- *Michaela Tokarski Entrepreneurship Award\* (Revised)*
- *Tim Price Scholarship in Entrepreneurship\* (Revised)*
- *Joanne Stewart Award\* (New)*
- *Alzheimer Society of BC and Yukon Doctoral Award (New)*
- *Anthany Dawson Justice Award\* (Revised)*
- *Anthony (Tony) Chan Memorial Bursary\* (Revised)*
- *Douglas E. Baer Training in Quantitative Methods Award\* (New)*
- *Dr. Ian Stuart MBA Scholarship in Sustainable Innovation\* (Revised)*
- *Elizabeth (Betty) Valentine Prangnell Scholarship\* (Revised)*
- *Ethel Clark Entrance Bursary\* (Revised)*
- *Faculty Association Bursary\* (Revised)*

- *Faculty of Science Research Scholarship\* (Revised)*
- *Langford-Seaborne Scholarship\* (Revised)*
- *Mariane Johnson Scholarship in Education\* (New)*
- *Marine Geoscience and Oceanography Scholarship\* (New)*
- *Norah & Calvin Banks Indigenous Leadership Award in the Sciences\* (Revised)*
- *Phyllis Margaret Wilson Scholarship\* (Revised)*
- *Ross & Stephanie Bailey Graduate Award\* (Revised)*
- *Syd Bulman-Fleming Collaborative Piano Award (New)*
- *UVic WIS STEM Leadership in Diversity Scholarship\* (New)*
- *ÁTOL, ÁNW: A Season of Just and Fair Treatment Scholarship\* (Revised)*
- *B. Anne Tolmie Wood Scholarship for Indigenous Students\* (Revised)*
- *Cecilia Tatti Tutcho Graduate Scholarship in Indigenous Language Revitalization\* (Revised)*
- *Courage to Persevere Award (Revised)*
- *Dr. Margaret “Marmie” Perkins Hess Graduate Fellowships in Earth, Ocean, Astronomy and Environmental Sciences\* (Revised)*
- *Jim Ounsworth Graduate Scholarship for Indigenous Students (Revised)*
- *John Michael Brownutt Graduate Scholarships\* (Revised)*
- *Marianne Johnson Scholarship for Bipolar Disease Research\* (New)*
- *Mary & David Norton Indigenous Leadership Fellowship\* (Revised)*
- *Mya and Marcus Indigenous Graduate Scholarship in Visual Arts\* (Revised)*

*\* Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

**b. Proposal to establish a Professional Specialization Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)** BOG-Mar31/26-20

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a Professional Specialization Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), effective September 2026, 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 of Engineering – Biomedical Systems program** BOG-Mar31/26-21

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed changes to the Master of Engineering – Biomedical Systems program, as described in the document “Master of Engineering – Biomedical Systems: Program Change”, effective September 2026.*

**d. Proposal to discontinue the Computer Science Major and Honours Options in Computer Graphics and Gaming, Computer Communications and Networks, Software Systems, and Theory**

BOG-Mar31/26-22

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to discontinue the Computer Science Major Option in Computer Graphics and Gaming, as described in the document “Computer Science Major and Honours Options: Computer Graphics and Gaming, Computer Communications and Networks, Software Systems, and Theory”, effective September 2026.*

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to discontinue the Computer Science Major Option in Computer Communications and Networks, as described in the document “Computer Science Major and Honours Options: Computer Graphics and Gaming, Computer Communications and Networks, Software Systems, and Theory”, effective September 2026.*

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to discontinue the Computer Science Major Option in Theory, as described in the document “Computer Science Major and Honours Options: Computer Graphics and Gaming, Computer Communications and Networks, Software Systems, and Theory”, effective September 2026.*

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to discontinue the Computer Science Major and Honours Options in Software Systems, as described in the document “Computer Science Major and Honours Options: Computer Graphics and Gaming, Computer Communications and Networks, Software Systems, and Theory”, effective September 2026.*

**e. Proposal to discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Post-Diploma Program (PDP)**

BOG-Mar31/26-23

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Post-Diploma Program (PDP), as described in the document “Bachelor of Science in Nursing Post-Diploma Program (PDP)”, effective September 2026.*

**f. Status Report on Capital Projects**

BOG-Mar31/26-13a

**9. Finance Committee (Jyoti Stephens)**

**a. Collection and Remission of Student Fees for the University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society (GSS)**

BOG-Mar31/26-08

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve Graduate Students' Society Fees 2026-27, effective May 1, 2026.*

*Pro Forma Motion:* (M. Jensen/V. Napoleon)

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

**CARRIED**

**REGULAR**

**10. Finance Committee (Brian Cant for Jyoti Stephens)**

**a. Planning and Budget Framework 2027-2029**

BOG-Mar31/26-04

B. Cant noted that the budget framework had been brought to the Finance Committee on February 2, 2026. He stated that of the two scenarios presented, the Board was supportive of developing the budget based on the planning scenario, as it conservatively balances risks associated with enrolment planning while modestly decreasing the enrolment contingency. This approach results in a balanced operating budget for 2026/27 with no institutional budgetary reductions.

**MOTION:** (S. Allan/P. Ramsey)

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the Planning and Budget Framework 2027–2029, including the tuition and other fee increases contained therein, and authorize the President to develop and implement the detailed operating budget for the 2026/27 fiscal year.*

**CARRIED**

**11. Operations and Facilities Committee (Paul Ramsey)**

**a. Enrolment Projections for 2026/27**

BOG-Mar31/26-11

P. Ramsey introduced the item. He noted that the total enrolment is projected as the highest ever.

**MOTION:** (I. Watson/C. Clarke)

*THAT the Board of Governors approve a recommended enrolment level of 20,300 FTE for the 2026/27 academic year, subject to revisions in the event of new information regarding mandated growth, funding levels, application rates and world events.*

**CARRIED**

**»). Transnational Education (TNE) Partnership with PSB Academy for delivery of UVic Bachelor of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering and Management**

P. Ramsey provided an update on the approval for a TNE partnership with PSB Academy. He invited Elizabeth Croft, Vice-President Academic and Provost to add to the update. E. Croft noted that Senate approved the partnership in December, and it was brought to the Board for contract approval. She stated that she had recently travelled to the site and met with partners. She emphasized the good work done by Business and Engineering and Computer Science.

There were no questions for P. Ramsey.

**c. Academic Accommodations**

P. Ramsey noted that on Monday March 30, the Operations and Facilities Committee received a presentation from the Provost outlining ongoing work to strengthen academic accessibility and provided a summary of information shared with the Board. He acknowledged that the Board appreciates the progress to date and recognizes that more work lies ahead. The university executive will continue to keep the Board informed as this work moves forward.

**12. Other Business**

There was none.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 am.

Originals signed by Erinn Pinkerton, Acting Board Chair and Carrie Andersen, University Secretary