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**Date:** February 4, 2026  
**To:** Distribution List  
**From:** Carrie Andersen, University Secretary  
**Re:** Items Considered by the Board of Governors at the Open Session – February 3, 2026

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### MOTIONS

The Board of Governors approved the motions listed below at the open session on February 3, 2026:

#### New and Revised Awards

E. Croft

BOG-Feb03/26-11

#### MOTION:

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

- *Axelrad Avenir Award\* (New)*
  - *Empresa Properties Vikes Cross Country & Track Award\* (Revised)*
  - *'Stand Out from the Crowd' Prize in Physics & Astronomy\* (Revised)*
  - *ÁTOL,ÁNW: A Season of Just and Fair Treatment Scholarship \* (Revised)*
  - *Bruce & Connie More Choral Music Award\* (Revised)*
  - *Craig Harms Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre Award\* (New)*
  - *Dr. Marion Porath Award in Education\* (Revised)*
  - *Evan and Kay Blake Scholarship (New)*
  - *Helen Lansdowne Award\* (New)*
  - *Henry, Annie and Harry Cathcart Award\* (Revised)*
  - *Martin Bonham & Lloyd Howard Travel to Italy Award\* (Revised)*
  - *Jessie H. Mantle Fellowship in Nursing Endowment\* (Revised)*
  - *Judy Payne Memorial Award (Revised)*
  - *Martha Carlsen Entrance Award\* (New)*
  - *Robin and Jane Hall Business Award\* (New)*
  - *Samit & Reshma Sharma Scholarship in Mental Health and Addiction\* (Revised)*
  - *Sheila Ryan and Eileen Ryan Award in Child and Youth Care\* (Revised)*
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- *Vic Scott Award in Voice Accompaniment\* (Revised)*
- *Warren Magnusson Graduate Scholarship in Political Theory\* (New)*
- *Yvonne Allen Cancer Research Scholarship\* (Revised)*
- *Black Student Leadership Entrance Award (Revised)*
- *Arbutus Law Group Award (New)*
- *CFUW Victoria Margaret Lowe Memorial Scholarship\* (Revised)*
- *Doreen Sutherland UG Award for Permanent Residents, Protected Persons & Refugee Women in HEIS\* (Revised)*
- *Eleanor Mitchell Allen Award in Nursing\* (Revised)*
- *Excellence in Math Scholarship\*(Revised)*
- *Jim Ounsworth Undergraduate Award for Indigenous Part-time Students (Revised)*
- *Qukin Scholarship – Joyce Green and James Johnson \* (Revised)*
- *Nazareno Dominelli and Maria Giuseppa Tassone Award\* (New)*
- *Phyllis Margaret Wilson Scholarship\* (New)*
- *Ronald C. Corbeil Award for Merit in Program Evaluation\* (Revised)*
- *Royal Canadian Legion Award (New)*
- *The Ann Scarfe Award in Biology Field School\* (New)*
- *Youson Vikes Soccer Annual Award (New)*
- *Harold Serson Scholarship for Women in Engineering (New)*

*\* Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

**Proposal to establish a non-credit Certificate in Gerontology**

E. Croft

BOG-Feb03/26-12

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a non-credit Certificate in Gerontology, as described in the document "Certificate in Gerontology", and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.*

**Proposal to establish a non-credit Certificate in Trade and Construction Management**

E. Croft

BOG-Feb03/26-16

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a non-credit certificate in Trade and Construction Management, as described in the document "Certificate in Trade and Construction Management", and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.*

**Proposal to establish a Minor, General and Major in Media Studies (MDIA)**

E. Croft

BOG-Feb03/26-32

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a Minor, General, and Major in Media Studies (MDIA), as described in the document "Minor, General, and Major in Media Studies (MDIA), and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.*

**Proposal to establish a Master of Community Planning Program**

E. Croft

BOG-Feb03/26-33

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a Master of Community Planning program, as described in the document "Master of Community Planning", and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.*

**Proposal to discontinue the Bachelor of Science programs in Biochemistry and Microbiology**

E. Croft

BOG-Feb03/26-15

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to discontinue the Bachelor of Science programs in Biochemistry and Microbiology, as described in the document "Discontinuation of the BSc Programs in Biochemistry and Microbiology".*

**Proposal to establish a Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular Life Sciences**

E. Croft

BOG-Feb03/26-14

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish a Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular Life Sciences, as described in the Document "Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular Life Sciences", and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.*

**University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan – New Responsible  
Investment Policy and Annual Policy Reviews**  
BOG-Feb03/26-06

K. Simpson

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve and adopt the Staff Pension Plan Responsible Investment Policy attached hereto, effective February 3, 2026.*

*THAT the Board of Governors approve and adopt the changes shown in the redlined version of the Staff Pension Plan Governance Policy attached hereto, effective February 3, 2026.*

*THAT the Board of Governors approve and adopt the changes shown in the redlined version of the Staff Pension Plan Statement of Investment Policy and Procedures attached hereto, effective February 3, 2026.*

**Policy for the Establishment, Review and Closure of Research  
Centres (RH8300)**  
BOG-Feb03/26-34

L. Kalynchuk

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed revisions to the policy for the Establishment, Review, and Closure of Research Centres (RH8300).*

**FOR INFORMATION**

The Board of Governors received for information and/or discussion the items listed below at the open session on February 3, 2026:

**External Relations Report**  
BOG-BOG-Feb03/26-30

C. Horbachewski

**Status Report on Capital Projects**  
BOG-Feb03/26-08a

K. Simpson

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