

# University of Victoria

## Board of Governors 2014-15



**ERICH MOHR, Chair**

***Order-in-council appointee***

Mohr is chairman, CEO and founder of MedGenesis Therapeutix Inc., a privately-held global biopharmaceutical company based in Victoria developing treatments for disorders of the central nervous system. Mohr is an internationally recognized expert in experimental therapeutics for central nervous system disorders and has served as an advisor to several of the global pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. He has extensive experience as a board member both in the private and not-for-profit sectors. Mohr graduated from UVic with a PhD in neuropsychology. He has founded or co-founded several successful Life Sciences Companies.



**BEVERLY VAN RUYVEN, Vice-Chair**

***Order-in-council appointee***

Van Ruyven holds a BA from the University of Victoria and completed the Executive Management Program at the Richard Ivey School of Business of the University of Western Ontario. She was previously deputy chief executive officer and executive vice-president of BC Hydro, having joined the company in 1997 as manager of Key Accounts and been promoted to progressively more senior management positions including that of acting president and chief executive officer from January to May 2010. Van Ruyven chaired the board of the Western Energy Institute and served on the boards of Accenture Business Services for Utilities, Fraser Basin Council and Vancouver Board of Trade Women's Leadership Circle. Currently she sits on the board of Ocean Networks Canada as well as chairing the board of The Inner Change Foundation. She was named as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women in 2009 and 2010.



**MURRAY FARMER**

**Chancellor**

Farmer holds a BA in economics from the University of Victoria, completed the Harvard Business School's owner/president executive education program, and is a registered quantity surveyor. He is retired from the construction industry but remains active on the board of family owned firm, Accents Inns Inc. Farmer has chaired the UVic Board of Governors and the Canadian Construction Association and served as a member of the Workers Compensation Board. He has provided volunteer leadership for many local organizations, including Victoria Foundation, Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre, Royal BC Museum, Government House Foundation and Royal Jubilee Hospital Foundation. Murray was awarded both the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals for his volunteer and philanthropic leadership. He is a playing member of the Victoria and Empire Polo Clubs and he and his wife, Lynda, have an interest in an equestrian training facility for young people in Central Saanich.

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**JAMIE CASSELS, QC**

**President and Vice-Chancellor**

Cassels, QC is the University of Victoria's President and Vice-Chancellor. He was Dean of UVic Law from 1999 to 2001 and from 2001 to 2010 served as UVic's Vice-President Academic and Provost. Cassels is a renowned and dedicated scholar, teacher and educational leader. He has received numerous awards, including a 3M National Teaching Fellowship. Additionally, Professor Cassels is a member of the Bar of British Columbia and has frequently been asked for legal advice and guidance on issues of public importance. He holds a BA in law and philosophy from Carleton University, an LLB (bachelor of law) from the University of Western Ontario and an LLM (master of law) from Columbia University.



**NAV BASSI**

***Elected staff member***

Bassi is the Director of Academic & Administrative Services for University Systems at the University of Victoria, as well as the Chief Technology Officer for the Gustavson School of Business. He was responsible for building a Project Management Office for University Systems. Bassi holds a BSc in computer science and an MBA (Service Management) from UVic, as well as a Master's Certificate in project management and the Project Management Professional (PMP) credential. He has taught management information systems for the Gustavson MBA Program and economics for the Division of Continuing Studies at UVic. Bassi is also member of the University of Victoria Senate elected by the Convocation, and a Presidential Appointee to the University Human Rights

Committee.



**HELENE CAZES**

***Elected faculty member***

Cazes is a Professor at the French Department and is the Director of the Medieval Studies program. She is also the Faculty Coordinator of the Humanities Diploma Program (Continuing Studies). A specialist of humanism, understood as a critical and creative ownership of legacy, she won the 2013 Research Excellence Award in Humanities and the 2014 UVic Community Leadership Award. She is actively involved in numerous scholarly societies and journals, as well as in outreach initiatives and collaborations. Her latest book, *The Seghers Collections: Old Books for a New World* (Alcuin Society 2014 second prize for non-fiction), is produced and distributed (Open Access) by

UVic libraries.

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**IDA CHONG**

***Order-in-council appointee***

Chong first entered public life as a municipal councilor in Saanich (1993-1996), and director at the CRD (1995-1996). Most recently, she served as MLA representing the constituency of Oak Bay-Gordon Head (1996-2013). She has been minister responsible for ten different portfolios including Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation; Community, Sport and Cultural Development; Science and Universities; Healthy Living and Sport; Advanced Education; Minister responsible for the Asia-Pacific Initiative, Seniors and Womens Issues. In addition to her role as Minister she served on the Cabinet Committee for Climate Action and 12 years on BC's Treasury Board. A professional accountant, she is a fellow of the Certified General Accountants Association. Chong was recently awarded a Life Membership with the Certified General Accountants Association of BC. For nearly 20 years, she was senior partner in a practice based in Saanich catering to small and medium-sized enterprises.



**BRADLEY CRANWELL**

***Elected student member***

Cranwell completed his BA in Political Science with a concentration in European Studies in the spring of 2014, but has remained a student at the University of Victoria to represent his peers as one of two student representatives on the Board of Governors. Cranwell has visited nearly a dozen countries as an ambassador of the University of Victoria at numerous conferences and seminars. Cranwell is also heavily involved in the Global Community; assisting hundreds of international and domestic students adjust to life on campus and in the community.



**KAYLEIGH ERICKSON**

***Elected student member***

Erickson is entering the third year of her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Victoria. She is currently serving as the Chairperson of the University of Victoria Students' Society, and as an elected Student Senator representing the Faculty of Social Sciences. Erickson has been involved in student politics throughout her academic career, and has an extensive history of volunteering for non-profit organizations. Erickson is currently spearheading the UVSS' mental health campaign to reduce stigma on campus, provide funding for training and counseling, facilitate dialogue, and foster empathy and understanding amongst students. Erickson is serving a one-year term on the Board of Governors.

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**PETER GUSTAVSON**

***Order-in-council appointee***

Gustavson is President & CEO of Gustavson Capital Corporation and founder of Custom House Global Foreign Exchange. He holds an honours Bachelor of Commerce degree specializing in accounting and marketing from the University of Manitoba and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba and a Fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC. He joined the UVic Faculty of Business advisory board in 2003, and is the inspiration behind that faculty's Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Gustavson was the recipient of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2002 and the Vancouver Island Business Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005 and Deloitte's 50 Best

Managed Companies Platinum Status Award in 2009.



**MICHAEL KENNEDY**

***Order-in-council appointee***

Kennedy is vice-president and regional leader of Stantec in British Columbia, where he leads a team of over 1000 scientists, engineers, landscape architects, architects, planners and project managers. Over the course of his 20-year career, he has worked on a variety of major infrastructure projects in Canada, the US and Europe. Kennedy holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Management from the University of Manchester, is a member of the Chartered Institute of Building, a Chartered Construction Manager and is a Project Management Professional. He is a founding executive committee member of the BC District Council of the Urban Land Institute and in 2007 he was the recipient of the Business in Vancouver "Forty under 40" award.

Kennedy is a member of the Board of Governors of the Business Council of British Columbia and the Board of Directors of the BC Cancer Foundation



**LINDSAY LEBLANC**

***Order-in-council appointee***

LeBlanc is a partner with the Victoria based law firm of Cox Taylor. Her practice is a unique mix of litigation and solicitor's work focusing on land development, administrative and municipal matters, corporate structuring and restructuring, estate planning and foreclosure. Previously, LeBlanc served as director at large on the Aboriginal Law Student Scholarship Trust Committee of the Canadian Bar Association and as legal director of the Vancouver Island Sexual Health Society and was treasurer and director of the Victoria section of the Canadian Bar Association, Young Lawyers. LeBlanc continues as a frequent volunteer for the Law Society Professional Legal Training Course and mentor for law students. LeBlanc holds a BCom (Hons) from the University of

Northern British Columbia and an LLB from the University of Victoria. She was admitted to the British Columbia bar in 2006.



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**ISOBEL MACKENZIE**

***Order-in-council appointee***

Mackenzie holds a BA in Political Science and a MBA from the University of Victoria, and a Certificate in Health Care Leadership from the University of Toronto. Mackenzie was recently appointed as Canada's first Seniors Advocate. She previously held the position of CEO of Beacon Community Services. Mackenzie also serves as Director on the Board of the BC Care Providers Association and Commissioner on the Medical Services Commission of BC, and has served as the BC Director for the Canadian Home Care Association among other committee and volunteer board commitments. She was selected as BC's 2012 CEO of the Year for the not-for-profit sector by Business in Vancouver.



**ANA MARIA PEREDO**

***Elected faculty member***

Peredo is Professor in the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business, and Director of the Centre for Co-operative and Community-Based Economy, at the University of Victoria, Canada. Drawing on her background in Social and Cultural Anthropology, and experience as a journalist in her native Peru, Dr Peredo's research focuses on the role of collective, co-operative enterprise in fostering sustainable communities, especially among impoverished peoples. She has published widely in ranking scholarly journals and presented at numerous national and international academic conferences. Most recently, she was the 2013 recipient of both the University of Victoria's Craigdarroch Award for Excellence in Knowledge Mobilization and a University of Victoria Community Leadership Award.



**TRACY REDIES**

***Order-in-council appointee***

Redies holds a BA with a Double Major in Economics and Asian Studies from the University of Victoria and an MSc in Business Administration in International Trade and Finance from the University of British Columbia. She was formerly President and Chief Executive Officer of Coast Capital Savings Credit Union. Named BC CEO of the Year in 2013 by Business in Vancouver, she received a *Distinguished Alumni* award from the University of Victoria's Faculty of Social Sciences and was recognized as one of *50 Alumni Who Made a Difference*. Redies is a four-time recipient of WXN's *Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100™* award and past inductee into the *Top 100 Hall of Fame™*. She has also served on numerous boards.