



University
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**UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 11:00 a.m.
Senate and Board Chambers**

OPEN BOARD

MINUTES

- Attending:** Dr. Erich Mohr (Chair), Mr. Nav Bassi, Ms. Jane Butler McGregor, Prof. Jamie Cassels, Ms. Ida Chong, Mr. Michael Kennedy Ms. Lindsay LeBlanc, Ms. Isobel Mackenzie, Ms. Emily Rogers, Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven, Prof. Barbara Whittington, Dr. Julia Eastman (Secretary)
- Regrets:** Dr. Peter Driessen, Mr. Murray Farmer, Ms. Lucia Heffelfinger Orser, Ms. Tracy Redies
- By Invitation:** Dr. Howard Brunt, Vice-President Research, Ms. Carmen Charette, Vice-President External Relations, Mr. Neil Connelly, Director of Campus Planning and Sustainability, Ms. Gayle Gorrill, Vice-President Finance and Operations, Dr. Reeta Tremblay, Vice-President Academic and Provost, Ms. Sivonne McFall, Administrative Assistant

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved upon motion (N. Bassi/J. Cassels)

2. Minutes

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 28, 2014

MOTION (L. LeBlanc/B. Van Ruyven):
THAT the minutes of the open session of the regular meeting of April 1, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising

There was none.

4. Remarks from the Chair

Dr. Mohr reported that the faculty and staff elections to the Board had concluded and he congratulated Nav Bassi on his re-election for a 3-year term as a staff representative. He also noted that two new faculty members had been elected; Helene Cazes and Ana Maria Peredo.

Dr. Mohr also reported that following the student elections to the Board, one student had been elected, Kayleigh Erickson and that an election for a second student representative was being conducted.

Dr. Mohr said that the Board would miss Ms. Rogers, Ms. Heffelfinger Orser, Dr. Driessen and Prof. Whittington. He also acknowledged Ms. Butler-McGregor whose second term would be coming to an end at the end of July.

Dr. Mohr also informed Board members that this was Prof Whittington's last meeting as she was retiring from the university, and reminded them that there was a celebration taking place at the University Club that afternoon.

5. Correspondence

Dr. Mohr said that the only item of correspondence was that under the Finance Committee's section of the agenda. He confirmed that Ms. LeBlanc would discuss this under that section of the agenda.

CONSENT

6. Operations and Facilities (M. Kennedy)

a. Status Report on Capital Projects BOG-Apr01/14-08

b. New and Revised Awards BOG-Apr01/14-15

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the following new and revised awards:

- *Karen McFadzean Bursary (new) **
- *Paul R.N. Spencer Bursary (new)*
- *Gina Quijano Unsung Hero Award (new) **
- *Langford-Seaborne Scholarship (revised)*
- *Margaret Ann (McIntyre) Tront Scholarship (new)*
- *Donna Trenholm Staff Award in Humanities (revised)**
- *Frank Hori Foundation Scholarship (new)*
- *Sharyl Yore Award (revised)**
- *Boehm Family Award for Excellence in Science (new)**
- *Howe/Docherty Rugby Award (new)**
- *Martin and Diana Hocking Scholarship in Chemistry (new)**
- *Martin Collis Undergraduate Bursary (revised)**

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7. Finance Committee (L. LeBlanc)

- a. **Short Term Investment Report to December 31, 2012** BOG-Apr01/14-04
- b. **Collection & Remission of Student Fees for University of Victoria Students' Society** BOG-Apr01/14-06

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors collect and remit the fees as approved by the UVSS members and as outlined in the letter of March 17, 2014 from the Chairperson of the UVSS to Jim Dunsdon, Associate Vice-President Student Affairs.

- c. **Collection & Remission of Student Fees for Graduate Students' Society** BOG-Apr01/14-07

MOTION:

That the Board of Governors collect and remit fees for the GSS in 2014/15 at the same levels as in 2013/14, subject to confirmation by the GSS of compliance with section 27.1 of the University Act.

Pro Forma Motion (B. Whittington/J. Butler McGregor):

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

CARRIED

REGULAR

8. Operations and Facilities Committee (M. Kennedy)

Mr. Kennedy provided an overview of the Operations and Facilities Committee's consideration of the following items.

- a. **Annual Report on the Implementation of the Strategic Plan** BOG-Apr01/14-18
- b. **Enrolment Projections** BOG-Apr01/14-19

Mr. Kennedy said that the committee had received a report and recommendation from the Vice-President Academic and Provost. He noted that enrolment was above targets for graduate students and international students. He reported that they had a discussion about support for international students and international student recruiting.

MOTION (M. Kennedy/J. Cassels):

That the Board of Governors approve the enrolment projections for 2014/15 as approved by Senate at its meeting on January 22, 2014.

CARRIED

c. Interim Report on Provincial Core Review and Next Steps BOG-Apr01/14-14

Mr. Kennedy said that the committee had received an update from the Vice-President Academic and Provost on the process and had been provided with a copy of the interim report.

d. Final Report on the Sustainability Action Plan: Campus operations 2009-2014 BOG-Apr01/14-09

Mr. Kennedy provided an overview.

e. 2013 Policy Review Annual Report BOG-Apr01/14-13

Mr. Kennedy said that this report was a routine annual item required by the University's Policy on Policies.

f. Deferred Maintenance and Capital Renewal BOG-Apr01/14-10

Mr. Kennedy said that the committee had received a presentation on deferred maintenance and capital renewal from the Facilities Management team. He reported that they had adopted a system called VFA and received a briefing on how the system worked. In summary, the state of UVic's facilities required attention but compared favorably to some universities.

Following Mr. Kennedy's report, Ms. Gorrill introduced Neil Connelly, Director of Campus Planning and Sustainability who provided a presentation on the Sustainability Action Plan 2009-2014.

Dr. Mohr congratulated Mr. Connelly and others on the progress made in the last 5 years.

9. Finance Committee (L. LeBlanc)

Ms. LeBlanc provided an overview of the Operations and Facilities Committee's consideration of the following items.

a. 2014/15 to 2016/17 Planning and Budget Framework BOG-Apr01/14-03

MOTION (L. LeBlanc/I. MacKenzie):

THAT the Board of Governors – taking into account PART I of the 2014-15 to 2016-17 Planning and Budget Framework summarizing the results of the integrated planning process – approve PART II of the 2014-15 to 2016-17 Planning and Budget Framework and authorize the President to develop and implement the detailed operating budget for the 2014/15 fiscal year.

CARRIED

b. UVSS Request to Divest UVic Foundation Investments in Fossil Fuels BOG-
Apr01/14-05

Ms. LeBlanc summarized the letter received from the University of Victoria Students' Society regarding the divestment of fossil fuel investments.

In response to a question, Ms. LeBlanc confirmed that the letter would be brought forward to the June board meeting for discussion.

Ms. Rogers stressed the importance of the issue to many students. Prof. Cassels noted that this was an important issue about which many students were passionate. Prof. Cassels said this was an opportunity for members of the university to educate themselves about this important issue.

10. President's Report

Federal Update

Prof. Cassels reported that:

- the federal budget had been announced on February 11 and that there were some good outcomes including:
 - the announcement of the new "Canada First Research Excellence Fund with a \$1.5 billion investment over 10 years starting in 2015-16; and,
 - starting in 2014-15, an additional \$46M per year in funding to granting councils.
- there was federal commitment to move ahead with the science and technology strategy and Tanker Safety Project.

Prof. Cassel's commented on the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) meeting in Winnipeg the week of April 7th. He said the highlight would be a meeting with Shawn Atleo. Prof. Cassels said that he had agreed to serve as a member of the Standing Advisory Committee on Educational Issues and Funding (SACEIF).

Provincial Update

Prof. Cassels reported that:

- the Provincial budget was as expected. On a pro-rata basis the base grant reduction was \$1.9M in 2014/15 with a further budget cut of 2.3 million forecast for 2015/16. Prof. Cassels said UVic was communicating to the Minister the consequences of reductions.
- Recent good news was year-end funding for LE_NONET (\$75,000) and CanAssist (\$2M).
- The Vancouver Island Post-Secondary Alliance had re-affirmed the institution's agreement to collaborate whilst recognizing their individual missions.
- The Research Universities' Council of British Columbia (RUCBC) was seeking to raise awareness of universities' responsiveness to the policy priorities of the government. Prof. Cassels said that he would be participating in a CKNW radio panel with two other presidents on April 11 and a BCBC Panel with two other PSE presidents on April 24th.

UVic Updates

- Prof. Cassels thanked Board members for their participation in the Joint Senate and Board Retreat, about which excellent feedback had been received.
- Prof. Cassels reported that the appointment of the new Vice-President Research, David Castle, had been announced.
- Prof. Cassels reported on changes in the organization of international activities at UVic. He said that leadership had now been taken on by the Vice-Presidents Academic and Research and that Andrew Marton would be taking on directorship of Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI). He said the position of Associate Vice-President International would be disestablished and the responsibilities re-assigned to pertinent associate Vice-Presidents.
- Prof. Cassels reported on the following events on campus:
 - the Donor Alumni event which was part of a very successful Alumni week.
 - The President's Distinguished Service Awards presentation (February 20) which honored staff who have gone above and beyond their terms of employment.
 - Co-Op/Career Employees Appreciation Reception (February 25) which was attended by 200 employers.
 - IdeaFest events in early March which showcased research and creative activities at UVic. It attracted over 4,000 participants from both on and off campus.
 - Victoria Leadership Awards presentation (held on February 26) where Dr. Helene Cazes and Prof. Donna Greschner of the Faculty of Law had received UVic awards.
- Prof. Cassels reported on the following awards and prizes:
 - the 2014 QS World University Rankings had ranked UVic among the top 200 in the world for scholarship and research in six academic fields; English language and literature, psychology, earth and marine sciences, geography, physics and astronomy and law.
 - the announcement of the following new and renewed Canada Research Chairs:
 - Afzal Suleman: Tier 1 CRC in Computational and Experimental Mechanics
 - Roberta Hamme: Tier 2 CRC in Ocean Carbon Dynamics
 - Farouk Nathoo: Tier 2 CRC in Biostatistics for Spatial and High-Dimensional Data
 - Margaret Cameron: renewal as the Tier 2 CRC in Aristotelian Tradition.
 - good SSHRC results soon to be announced.
 - UVic had been named one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers for the third year in a row. Specific reasons cited included; the Mental Health Task Force, the Positive Space Network, the Immigrant Employee Support Network and the Community Building Fund.
 - Catherine (Katy) Mateer had been awarded the *International Neuropsychological Society Distinguished Career Award* in recognition of her lifetime outstanding contributions in the field of neuropsychology and to the International Neuropsychological Society.
 - Michael Prince was the BC winner of the CUFA Distinguished Academic of the Year Award.
 - Verena Tunnicliffe was the winner of the 2014 Murray A. Newman Award for Significant Achievement in Aquatic Research and Conversation from the Vancouver Aquarium.

- Francis Zwiers was being awarded an honorary Doctorate of Science from Western University
- UVic student, Tye Landels, was one of ten 2014 3M National Student Fellowship winners.

Ms. Rogers thanked Prof. Cassels for his advocacy with the province.

Prof. Whittington suggested Dr. Tremblay convey the Board's congratulations to Dr. Mateer on the receipt of the *International Neuropsychological Society Distinguished Career Award*.

11. Other Business

a. Office of the Auditor General Examination of University Board Governance BOG- Apr01/14-22

Dr. Eastman provided the Board with an update on the outcome of the Auditor General's examination of university Board governance in BC. The University of Victoria had been one of three universities selected for the examination, based on size, location and other factors. She said that the Office of the Auditor General's report contained one recommendation for UVic, which had also been recommended to the other two institutions, which was that the Board review and approve the institutional accountability plan and report annually before it is submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education. Heretofore, this report had been treated as a matter of administrative compliance. The Board had accepted the recommendation. Dr. Eastman said that the full OAG report was available on the OAG website.

12. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Original signed by Erich Mohr, Board Chair
and Julia Eastman, University Secretary