



University  
of Victoria

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Tuesday, January 28, 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, Dr. Peter Driessen, Mr. Murray Farmer, Ms. Lucia Heffelfinger Orser, Ms. Lindsay LeBlanc, Ms. Isobel Mackenzie, Ms. Tracy Redies, Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven, Ms. Barbara Whittington, Dr. Julia Eastman (Secretary)

**Regrets:** Mr. Michael Kennedy, Ms. Emily Rogers

**By Invitation:** Dr. Howard Brunt, Vice-President Research, Ms. Carmen Charette, Vice-President External Relations, Ms. Gayle Gorrill, Vice-President Finance and Operations, Dr. Reeta Tremblay, Vice-President Academic and Provost, Ms. Samantha Watkins, Executive Administrative Assistant

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved upon motion (T. Redies/L. Heffelfinger Orser)

**2. Minutes**

**a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 26, 2013**

**MOTION** (B. Whittington/N. Bassi):

*THAT the minutes of the open session of the regular meeting of November 26, 2013 be approved.*

**CARRIED**

### 3. Business Arising

There was none.

### 4. Remarks from the Chair

There were none.

### 5. Correspondence - Nil

## CONSENT

### 6. Finance Committee (L. LeBlanc)

- a. University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Investment Performance Report for the period ending September 30, 2013 BOG-Jan28/14-10
- b. Staff Pension Plan – Temporary Contravention of Restrictions in Section III of Statement of Investment Policies and Goals BOG-Jan28/14-16
- c. Revision to University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan, Amendment No. 28 BOG-Jan28/14-17

#### **MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the following revision to Amendment No. 28, upon recommendation from the University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Governance Committee.*

#### **From:**

*(3) Contribution Reductions*

*(a) If the Plan actuary determines that there is sufficient surplus for contributions to be made at a rate below the basic normal actuarial cost determined in subsection (1) above, the University may choose to reduce its contribution rate to the extent necessary to recover special contributions made under subsection (2) above,*

#### **To:**

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*(a) If the Plan actuary determines that there is sufficient surplus for contributions to be made at a rate below the basic normal actuarial cost determined in subsection (1) above, the University may choose to reduce its contribution rate to the extent necessary to recover special contributions made under subsection (2) above, and as permitted under the requirements of the Pension Benefits Standards Act.*

**7. Operations and Facilities Committee (M. Kennedy)**

**a. Status Report on Capital Projects BOG-Jan28/14-14**

**b. New and revised awards BOG-Jan28/14-18**

**MOTION:**

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

- *English Faculty Bursary (revised)\**
- *Kalman Award for International Heritage Studies (new)\**
- *Best Master's Project in Community Development Scholarship (new)*
- *Cameron M. Hay Scholarship (new)\**
- *Neena Chappell Scholarship (revised)\**
- *Dr. David Chuenyan Lai Scholarship (revised)\**
- *James A. & Laurette Agnew Memorial Scholarship (new)\**
- *Joey Weisbrodt Memorial Basketball Award (new)\**
- *Albert Hung Chao Hong Scholarships in International Business and Entrepreneurship\* (revised)*
- *Ryszard Borzuchowski Scholarship\* (new)*
- *Shirley M. Dawson Bursary\* (new)*
- *Ten Mile Fine Arts Student Assistance Fund (revised)*
- *Gerald G. Few Bursaries\* (revised)*
- *Michiko Warkentyne Scholarship in Japanese Studies (new)*
- *Dianne Bourne Memorial Bursary\* (revised)*

*\* Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

**c. Proposal for Addition of Option to an Existing Program: Master in Music Performance – Emphasis in String Quartet BOG-Jan28/14-19**

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the option of a Master in Music Performance – Emphasis in String Quartet to be offered by the School of Music.*

**d. Renewal of the Centre for Biomedical Research BOG-Jan28/14-20**

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Biomedical Research (CBR) for the five year period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018.*

**e. Course Based Master of Nursing BOG-Jan28/14-21**

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the establishment of a Course Based Master of Nursing, as described in the document "Proposal to revise the Master of Nursing in Advanced Practice Nursing (MN), so that the MN APL option and MN NUED option become a Course-Based Master's Program", dated December 4, 2013, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.*

**f. Interdisciplinary Minor in Health and Society BOG-Jan28/14-22**

**MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve subject to funding, the establishment of an Interdisciplinary Minor in Health and Society, as described in the document "Interdisciplinary Minor in Health and Society (IMHS)", dated June 2013, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. Once Senate and the Board of Governors have approved the proposal, the proposal must be posted on the Ministry of Advanced Education website for peer review for a period of 30 days.*

**Pro Forma Motion** (M. Farmer/B. Van Ruyven):

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

**CARRIED**

**REGULAR**

**8. Operations and Facilities Committee (M. Kennedy)**

Ms. Van Ruyven reported on discussions at the Operations and Facilities Committee meeting the previous day.

**a. The UVic Difference: Positioning for Success BOG-Jan28/14-31**

Ms. Van Ruyven said the committee had heard from Vice-President External Relations Carmen Charette that her team had launched a new initiative to enhance the university's external profile.

Ms. Charette described the project. She said that presently the project was in the research and discovery phase with a website launching later in the week inviting faculty, staff and students across campus to take part. Ms. Charette estimated that there would be an opportunity to update the Board in March and the project would be complete by June.

**b. Continuing Studies Building Addition – Approval to award construction contracts**  
BOG-Jan28/14-15

Ms. Van Ruyven reminded Board members that at previous meetings the Board had approved the construction contracts as well as the budget but had not authorized the Vice-President Finance and Operations to award those contracts.

**MOTION** (L. LeBlanc/I. Chong):

*THAT the Board of Governors authorize the Vice-President Finance and Operations to award construction contracts up to the approved budget of \$13.7M.*

**CARRIED**

**9. President's Report**

President Cassels announced two appointments to the university, including Dr. Bruce Wright as the new head of the Division of Medical Science, and Mr. Tamás (Tom) Zsolnay as the new Associate Vice-President Alumni and Development.

Ms. Charette briefly reviewed Mr. Zsolnay's biography.

Prof. Cassels disclosed that the appointment of a new Vice-President Research would be publicly announced shortly.

Prof. Cassels provided Board members with an update on government and community relations, including recent visits by a number of ministers to campus.

He said that the Minister of Advanced Education Amrik Virk had come to campus for the second time this fall and had spent over two hours on campus learning more about the university.

Prof. Cassels reported that the Minister of Environment Mary Polak had visited in mid-December. He reported on meeting with several other government officials.

Federal:

President Cassels reported that Uvic graduate and Minister of State for Science and Technology for Northern Ontario Greg Rickford had recently been on campus to announce a substantial federal contribution to the Ocean Networks Canada Innovation Centre. The letter had received \$4M to assist with the commercialization and technology transfer initiatives.

International:

Prof. Cassels explained that there had been a discontinuity between government policy in relation to international students and their experience. He said that governments had been enthusiastic about international recruitment but had recently passed regulations required that anyone giving immigration advice be certified, which had the unintended effect of shutting down student advice centres on campuses. He said that the university would be putting some temporary solutions in place including hiring consultants and training staff.

UVic:

Prof. Cassels reported that the faculty salary arbitration from the 2012-2014 contract had concluded and salary adjustments would all be implemented by January 31. He thanked the staff in Payroll and the Office of the Vice-President Finance and Operations for their hard work to expedite implementation of the changes.

He announced that going forward there would be a new set of negotiations in a new environment as members of the Faculty Association had recently voted to become a certified union. He said he would work to maintain the very special collegial environment that UVic is known for.

Prof. Cassels reported on his “Campus Conversations” initiative. He said that he was working on implementation of the priorities and next steps for continuing the conversation. He said he would be enhancing internal communications – the need for this having become apparent during the consultations.

Prof. Cassels provided an update on Influenza and H1N1 activity on campus. He said the issue continued to grow although not to the level of anxiety and concern as a number of years ago. He said the university had reinstated policies from four years ago to deal with the threat of a widening H1N1 influenza, including advising faculty and staff not to come to work if they have the flu and not requiring students to get doctors notes to miss class.

Prof. Cassels reported on a number of awards. He announced that biochemistry student Dylan Collins had received a Rhodes Scholarship.

Prof. Cassels reported that several weeks before Dr. Ian MacPherson had passed away, Senate had approved an honorary degree for him. The degree had been presented posthumously at a wonderful celebration of his life.

Prof. Cassels announced that Dr. Verena Tunnicliffe, the Director of VENUS, had received the Vancouver Aquarium Award for Excellence in Aquatic Research and Conservation.

Dr. Brunt announced that Associate-Professor Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly of the School of Public Administration had received two major awards that would impact 50-60 students, the SSHRC partnership award of \$3.7M, and the European Union Centre of Excellence Award.

Dr. Tremblay announced that Board of Governors member Barbara Whittington would be receiving the 2014 Provost’s Advocacy and Activism Award. She said that Prof. Whittington was truly deserving of this award.

Prof. Whittington said that UVic student Jessie Housty would be receiving the same award.

Prof. Cassels announced that the Provost’s Diversity Research Forum would begin the following day. He said that UVic would be hosting the Royal Society of Canada Governor General’s Lecture Series with a lecture by Dr. Patrick Keeling.

Ms. Charette noted that the following week would mark the beginning of Alumni Week with events for alumni both in town and out of town. Prof. Cassels said that the week would include the Distinguished Alumni Awards hosted by himself and Chancellor Murray Farmer, and would end with a President's Run.

Dr. Brunt announced the upcoming IdeaFest from March 3-8 and encouraged Board members to participate.

## **10. Other Business**

### **a. Chancellor Search**

Dr. Mohr updated Board members on the search for the next Chancellor.

He said that suggestions and nominations were still being accepted.

Dr. Eastman said the deadline for suggestions and nominations was February 28, 2014. She said that the search committee was encouraging everyone to think of potential candidates for the role. She said information could be found on the website that could be accessed through the UVic main page and that the committee would welcome any suggestions.

### **b. Presentation on Enhanced Planning: Making Choices – Dr. Reeta Tremblay, Vice-President Academic and Provost**

Dr. Tremblay provided Board members with an update on enhanced planning.

In response to a question, Dr. Tremblay said that there was consultation with the Associate University Secretary and Senate Committee Chairs to select members of Senate to sit on the committee.

Dr. Driessen asked if there would be an opportunity for faculty at large to provide input. In response, Dr. Tremblay said that the advisory committee would be asked to provide a recommendation about the communication and consultation process in phase one.

## **11. Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

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