



**University  
of Victoria**

**UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 11:00 a.m.  
Senate and Board Chambers**

**MINUTES - OPEN BOARD**

**Present:** Dr. Hélène Cazes, Ms. Ida Chong, Mr. Bradley Cranwell, Dr. Ana Maria, Ms. Tracy Redies, Mr. Nav Bassi, Ms. Kayleigh Erickson, Dr. Erich Mohr, Prof. Jamie Cassels, Mr. Peter Gustavson, Mr. Murray Farmer, Ms. Lindsay R. LeBlanc

**Regrets:** Mr. Michael Kennedy, Ms. Isobel Mackenzie, Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven

**By Invitation:** Dr. David Castle, Ms. Carmen Charette, Ms. Gayle Gorrill, Dr. Valerie Kuehne

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved upon motion (B. Cranwell/A. Peredo) with the move of the Discontinuation of Canadian Studies Certificate Program BOG-Nov25/14-18 to the regular agenda.

**2. Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 30, 2014**

**MOTION (L. LeBlanc/N. Bassi):**

*THAT the minutes of the open session of the regular meeting of September 30, 2014 be approved.*

**CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising**

Vice-President External Relations Carmen Charette said that a forum on climate change would be held on January 26, 2015 as had been discussed at the June Board meeting. She said the forum was a joint effort with the Pacific Institute for Climate Studies (PICS) and was being planned as an exchange of various viewpoints. As part of the planning, discussions with Divest UVic, the Faculty Association and Professional Employees Association (PEA) were taking place.

**4. Remarks from the Chair**

Dr. Mohr reminded Board members that it was Chancellor Murray Farmer's last Board meeting. He said there would be an opportunity to recognize him at the end of the meeting.

Dr. Mohr reported that Operations and Facilities Committee Chair Michael Kennedy was not able to attend the meeting and he would report out on items from this committee on Mr. Kennedy's behalf.

Dr. Mohr reported that Board members had participated in a short workshop the previous day organized by University 101 and 102 alumni volunteers. He said Board members had very much appreciated the opportunity. They found it enlightening as well as a humbling experience and were delighted to see what had been achieved with relatively few resources. Copies of the University 101 and 102 student journals, provided for Board members by the organizers of the workshop, were distributed to Board members.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **a. Letter of October 30, 2014 to Mr. Lee Doney, PSEC re: Code of Conduct Guidelines**

Dr. Mohr reminded Board members that the government had directed post-secondary institutions to submit revised codes of conduct for employees or to show how their policies were aligned with provincial standards of conduct for the public sector. He noted that UVic's response was linked to the agenda.

## **CONSENT**

## **6. Operations and Facilities Committee (M. Kennedy)**

### **a. Status Report on Capital Projects BOG-Nov25/14-09**

### **b. Due Diligence Reports – Facilities Management BOG-Nov25/14-10**

### **c. Proposal for a Minor in Education BOG-Nov25/14-15**

#### **MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal for a Minor in Education and that the program be withdrawn if the program is not offered within five years of the granting of the approval.*

### **d. Proposal for a Minor in Geographic Information Technology BOG-Nov25/14-17**

#### **MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve Minor in Geographic Information Technology and that the program be withdrawn if the program is not offered within five years of the granting of the approval.*

### **e. New and Revised Awards BOG-Nov25/14-19**

#### **MOTION:**

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

- *Wanosts'a 7 Scholarship (new)*

- *Class of 1981 Entrance Scholarship in Honour of Anne Fraser (new) \**
- *Vera Allen Travel Award for Medical Sciences (new) \**
- *Elias Mandel Prize for Study Abroad in Humanities (new) \**
- *Susan Hill and Susanne Diakiw Bursary in Education (new) \**
- *Susan Hill and Susanne Diakiw Bursary in Earth and Ocean Sciences (new) \**
- *Cloverdale Paint Bursary (revised)*
- *Michiel Horn and Cornelia Schuh Scholarship (revised) \**
- *Mansell-McLellan Entrance Scholarship (revised) \**
- *Lorene Kennedy Field Course Award (revised) \**
- *Mrs. Matilda M. Schill Scholarship (new) \**
- *Heather Raven Leadership Award (revised) \**
- *Hamber Foundation Women's Studies Bursary (revised)*
- *Aldyen Hamber Entrance Scholarship (revised)*
- *School of Public Administration Leadership Legacy Award (new)*
- *Victoria Real Estate Board Past Presidents Scholarship (new)*
- *Petch Bursary in Women's Studies (revised) \**
- *Peter B. Gustavson School of Business Entrance Tuition Scholarship (revised)*
- *Class of 1996 Bursary (revised) \**
- *Dorothy & Ernest Ayton Memorial Scholarship (revised) \**
- *Edward Mothersill Scholarship in Philosophy (new) \**
- *Norman J. Ruff Scholarship (revised) \**
- *Political Science Alumni Scholarship (new)*
- *Iola Worthington Scholarship in Business (revised) \**
- *DuMoulin Black LLP Prize in Securities Regulation (new)*
- *Microserve Scholarship in Business, Management Information Systems (new)*
- *Lorene Kennedy Restoration of Natural Systems Diploma & Certificate Selected*
- *Project Award (new) \**
- *Motion Picture Technicians Union Local 891 Bursary (revised)*
- *Denise Heap Bursary (new) \**
- *Dr. Ian MacPherson Memorial Scholarship (new)*
- *Hartwig Industries Graduate Award in Concussion Research (new)*

*\* Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

**Pro Forma Motion (A. Peredo/T. Redies):** *That the above items be approved by the Board of Governors by consent.*

**CARRIED**

## **REGULAR**

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

#### **a. Discontinuation of Canadian Studies Certificate Program BOG-Nov25/14-18**

Acting Vice-President Academic and Provost Valerie Kuehne reported there had been no new applicants for the program since 2008. In response to a question that had been raised at the Operations and Facilities Committee about what courses or programs would continue to be available to students who are interested in Canadian studies she said the

Canadian Studies Diploma would still be offered through the Division of Continuing Studies and included a number of Canadian content courses.

**MOTION (H. Cazes/B. Cranwell):**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the request to discontinue the Canadian Studies Certificate Program.*

**CARRIED**

**b. 2014/15 Enrolment Analysis BOG-Nov25/14-02**

Dr. Mohr reported this item had been presented for information. He said it described the enrolment levels for the current year. There were no questions.

**c. Report on Student Financial Aid 2013/14 BOG-Nov25/14-16**

Dr. Mohr reported this item had been presented for information. He said it provided an overview of the type and level of assistance available to undergraduate and graduate students and of need based funding. He reported it had been received positively by the committee.

**8. President's Report**

President Cassels provided a brief introduction to the ensuing presentation, University Rankings, commenting on the significance and the limitations of rankings. He then introduced Director of Institutional Planning and Analysis Tony Eder.

**a. Presentation on University Rankings – Mr. Tony Eder, Director of Institutional Planning and Analysis**

Mr. Eder gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2014 university rankings. Mr. Eder responded to a question from Ms. Redies about how reputational surveys are conducted. Prof. Cassels summarized the findings of the UVic Difference Project regarding the university's reputation.

**b. Update on Strategic Research Plan Website**

Vice-President Research David Castle announced the launch of the Strategic Research Plan website and information available at [uvic.ca/research](http://uvic.ca/research). He reported that in addition to the website his office would be implementing an engagement process to generate input and observations about research and proposed strategic research directions at UVic. He said the draft plan would be brought to the Board in early fall of 2015 for final input.

**c. Other matters**

President Cassels provided his report.

He spoke about developments at the Provincial level, including:

- a recent BC trade mission to India in which he and other university presidents had participated. He also shared data from a recent report by the Research Universities Council of British Columbia (RUCBC) on employment outcomes for university graduates in 2008.

Referring to the Federal level:

- President Cassels reported on a recent visit to Ottawa and Toronto.
  - He said he had attended a conference on contributions of universities to innovation and economic development with representatives of universities from Israel and Germany.
  - He said Minister of State, Science and Technology Ed Holder had spoken to a meeting of university presidents about the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) and the science and technology strategy.
  - Dr. Castle reported it had been announced that \$15 million would be provided for community research through the Community and College Social Innovation Fund. He said universities could partner with community organizations and apply for up to \$200,000 toward projects that fall under the umbrella term of social innovation.
- President Cassels announced that the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) would be changing its name to Universities Canada. He reported on his participation in current and future AUCC activities.

President Cassels reported briefly on developments at the municipal level.

Finally President Cassels provided an update on campus news:

- He described steps UVic was taking to develop a more robust approach to internal communications, including the new electronic "Campus checklist," updates for the campus community by members of the university executive, and new social media instruments.
- President Cassels reported on demographic changes that would be seen over the next 10 years with a shrinking youth population. He said UVic would need to work hard to sustain and strengthen its status as a university of choice and a destination university.
- He reported on the Oct 22 launch of UVic's Student Mental Health Strategy.
- He reported on his attendance at the launch of Ariel I at the TRIUMF nuclear lab at the University of British Columbia. He said Ariel I was the first of two new particle accelerators that would produce rare isotopes for a variety of research purposes including medical testing.
- President Cassels thanked Board members who had participated in November Convocation ceremonies. He extended a personal thank you to Chancellor Murray Farmer for all his contributions to convocation and to the university.

## **9. Other Business**

Dr. Mohr recognized and thanked Chancellor Murray Farmer for his tremendous commitment to the University of Victoria and the Board of Governors. He noted that Chancellor Farmer had been the longest serving appointed or elected member of the Board.

Dr. Mohr presented Chancellor Farmer with a print in recognition of his Board service.

In response, Chancellor Farmer commented on the quality and the effectiveness of the Board. He said this was due not only to the high calibre of the individual members, but also to the way Board members with diverse perspectives come together to make decisions in the best interests of the university. He said he had enjoyed working with the Board and expressed gratitude for the opportunity.

## **10. Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

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