



Board and Board Committee Meetings
Monday June 26, 2023

University
of Victoria

Open Session

Monday June 26, 2023 3:15 p.m.

Senate and Board Chambers, Jamie Cassels Centre

SUMMARY RECORD

Present: Merle Alexander (Chair), Chekwube Anyaegbunam, Shailoo Bedi, Marion Buller, Brian Cant, Kevin Hall, Adam Monahan, Erinn Pinkerton, Paul Ramsey, Jyoti Stephens, Carrie Andersen (Secretary)

By Invitation: Elizabeth Croft, Chris Horbachewski, Lisa Kalynchuk, Kane Kilbey (for part), Kristi Simpson

Regrets: Keith Barbon, Josh Blair, Christina Clarke, Monica Prendergast

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: (A. Monahan/B. Cant)

THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of June 26, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held May 30, 2023

MOTION: (S. Bedi/J. Stephens)

THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held May 30, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Summary Record

There was none.

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair opened the meeting with a territorial acknowledgement. He noted that five Board members will be ending their term as of June 30, 2023 and thanked them for their contributions to the Board.

5. Correspondence

There was none.

6. President's Report

Kevin Hall, President and Vice-Chancellor presented his report. On behalf of the university's executive team, he thanked the Board members who are finishing their terms.

2023 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings

UVic was ranked 9th in the world overall and 3rd in Canada for university contributions to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), out of nearly 1,600 institutions. UVic placed third in the world and first in Canada for SDG 13: Climate Action and fourth in the world for SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Spring Convocation

K. Hall spoke of the honour of presiding with Chancellor Buller over nine convocation ceremonies as well as three Indigenous student recognition ceremonies.

As part of the ceremonies, two honorary degrees were awarded. Ann Livingston received the Honorary Doctor of Laws and Zainub Verjee received the Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts.

President's Chair

K. Hall noted that the President's Chair recognizes and celebrates the university's most outstanding scholars and is the highest honour UVic can bestow on a faculty member. He extended his congratulations to Natalie Ban, a marine conservation scientist in UVic's School of Environmental Studies.

Awards

K. Hall extended congratulations to the following:

- Erin McGuire, Anthropology, Faculty of Social Sciences, who has won the West Coast Teaching Award.
- Laura Minet, Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science who has received a Google Scholar Award in Applied Science.
- Nigel Mantou Lou, Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences, who has won the McKeachie Early Career Award for Motivation in education Research.
- Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya, Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science who has received the Walter Shanley Award from the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering.
- Richard Fox, Department of Pacific and Asian Studies, Faculty of Humanities who has received a Henry Luce Foundation grant for half a million USD to support their Canadian Southeast Asian Studies Initiative.

7. External Relations Update

BOG-Jun26/23-16

Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President External Relations presented his report. He highlighted the June 20, 2023 Alumni Association annual general meeting.

He noted a new slate of officers and stated that Kat Bellamano is the new incoming President. C. Horbachewski recognized B. Cant for his service to the Alumni Association from 2010 to 2023.

In response to a question regarding the speakers' bureau, C. Horbachewski noted that the requests come from a variety of sources such as school groups, community organizations. Faculty members offer a full range of engagement opportunities.

CONSENT

8. Finance Committee (Paul Ramsey)

a. University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan 2022 Report to Members and Financial Statements BOG-Jun26/23-02

b. University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Compliance Report BOG-Jun26/23-03

c. University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Investment Performance Report for the period ended March 31, 2023 BOG-Jun26/23-04

d. Collection and Remission of Student Fees for the Graduate Students' Society (GSS) BOG-Jun26/23-06

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors collect and remit GSS health and dental fees for the GSS in 2023/24 as outlined in the letter of June 05, 2023 from the Executive Director of the GSS to the Vice-President Finance and Operations.

9. Operations and Facilities Committee (Shailoo Bedi)

a. Status Report on Capital Projects BOG-Jun26/23-14a

b. Due Diligence Reports 2022 BOG-Jun26/23-13
- Financial Services
- Occupational Health, Safety and Environment

c. 2024/25 Five Year Capital Plan

Pro Forma Motion: (P. Ramsey/B. Cant)

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

CARRIED

REGULAR

10. Finance Committee (Paul Ramsey)

a. 2022/23 Year End Management Statements and Budget Review BOG-Jun26/23-08

P. Ramsey introduced the report. He highlighted the positive budget variance as well as the central budget shortfall resulting from tuition revenue being \$14M less than budget.

b. Statement of Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2023 BOG-Jun26/23-09

P. Ramsey introduced the report, noting it was required under regulation and included previously approved audited financial statements.

MOTION: (P. Ramsey/E. Pinkerton)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Statement of Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2023 and that the Chair of the Board of Governors and the Vice-President Finance and Operations be authorized to sign on the Board's behalf.

CARRIED

c. University of Victoria Combination Pension Plan, Amendment 37 BOG-Jun26/23-05

P. Ramsey reviewed the amendments.

MOTION: (P. Ramsey/B. Cant)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the attached Amendment 37, an amended Trust Agreement and Schedule A for the University of Victoria Combination Pension Plan ("Combination Plan") and that amendments to Clause IV and VI of the Trust Agreement be effective June 27, 2023 and that the amendment to Section 1.01 of Schedule A be effective October 1, 2019.

CARRIED

d. University of Victoria Money Purchase Pension Plan, Amendment 16 BOG-Jun26/23-07

P. Ramsey reviewed the amendments.

MOTION: (P. Ramsey/C. Anyaegbunam)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the attached Amendment 16, an amended Schedule A to the Trust Agreement for the University of Victoria Money Purchase Pension Plan ("Money Purchase Plan"), and that the addition of Appendix A be effective September 16, 2013, and that the amendment to Section 1.01 be effective October 1, 2019.

CARRIED

11. Operations and Facilities Committee (Shailoo Bedi)

**a. 2022/23 University of Victoria Institutional
Accountability Plan and Report**

BOG-Jun26/23-18

S. Bedi noted the report was presented to the committee by Elizabeth Croft, Vice-President Academic and Provost and Tony Eder, Associate Vice-President Academic Resource Planning. This report highlight's UVic's achievements and key performance measures from the past year as well as high-profile initiatives for the coming year.

MOTION: (S. Bedi/P. Ramsey)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2022/23 University of Victoria Institutional Accountability Plan and Report

and

THAT the Board of Governors that the Board of Governors authorize the Board Chair and the President to make additional edits to the 2022/23 University of Victoria Institutional Accountability Plan and Report prior to its submission to the Ministry on July 14, 2023.

CARRIED

b. Annual Report on Research Centres

BOG-Jun26/23-17

S. Bedi stated that this annual report is provided to Board members for their information in accordance with governance requirements. The report outlined the success of the research centres this year and new funded projects.

c. Update on Accessible BC Act

BOG-Jun26/23-25

S. Bedi noted very good progress on the development of the Accessibility Committee, Accessibility Plan and a tool to received feedback from the university community on accessibility.

**d. Approval of Revisions to Policy on Scholarly Integrity
(AC1105-A and AC1105-B)**

BOG-Jun26/23-23

S. Bedi introduced the motion.

MOTION: (S. Bedi/M. Alexander)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the changes to the Policy on Scholarly Integrity (AC1105-A and AC1105-B) effective immediately.

CARRIED

13. Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Originals signed by Paul Ramsey, Board Chair and Carrie Andersen, University Secretary.