



**Board and Board Committee Meetings**  
**Monday November 25 and Tuesday November 26, 2019**

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University  
of Victoria

Open Session

Tuesday November 26, 2019 11:00 a.m.

Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre

**SUMMARY RECORD**

**Present:** Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven (Chair), Mr. Merle Alexander, Mr. Rizwan Bashir, Dr. Marilyn Callahan, Prof. Jamie Cassels, Ms. Daphne Corbett, Dr. Peter Driessen, Ms. Isabella Lee, Ms. Cathy McIntyre, Ms. Eslam Mehina, Ms. Shelagh Rogers, Ms. Carolyn Thoms, Dr. David Zussman, Ms. Carrie Andersen (Secretary)

**By** Ms. Carmen Charette, Dr. Lisa Kalynchuk, Ms. Gayle Gorrill,

**Invitation:** Ms. Kimberley Kennard (Board Coordinator)

**Regrets:** Dr. Elizabeth Borycki

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** (D. Corbett/S. Rogers)

*THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of November 26, 2019 be approved.*

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held September 24, 2019**

**MOTION:** (C. McIntyre/E. Mehina)

*THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held September 24, 2019 be approved.*

**CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising from the Summary Record**

There was none.

**4. Chair's Remarks**

There were no remarks from the Chair.

**5. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**6. President's Report**

Prof. Cassels announced that Chris Horbachewski was appointed as the Vice-President External Relations, effective February 1, 2020.

### Fall Convocation

Prof. Cassels recognized Chancellor Shelagh Rogers for presiding over four convocation ceremonies November 12-13, 2019. Ms. Rogers commented on ceremonies and the honorary degree recipients.

### Westshore Initiative

Prof. Cassels provided an update on the Westshore initiative, which is being led by Royal Roads University in collaboration with University of Victoria and Camosun College.

### International

On September 30, UVic hosted 60 Ambassadors, High Commissioners and Consuls General from 50 nations as part of the Heads of Mission tour of BC. Prof. Cassels said the guests spent the day on campus learning about leading work towards reconciliation, oceans research and climate change.

In October, Prof. Cassels joined a delegation to three cities in Australia – Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney. He reported that they visited seven top Australian Research Universities and signed two new agreements of cooperation. Networking events were held with attendees representing Global Affairs Canada, the Australian government, Australian post-secondary institutions, the Association of Commonwealth Universities and UVic alumni.

### Vikes

Prof. Cassels congratulated the Vikes women's field hockey team and the men's rugby sevens for their national championship wins.

### People in Cyber Conference

Prof. Cassels congratulated a team of UVic Engineering and Computer Science students who took the top prize at the national People in Cyber Conference in Toronto on October 19.

There were no questions for Prof. Cassels.

## **7. External Relations Update**

BOG-Nov26/19-14

Carmen Charette, Vice-President External Relations introduced the report. She noted an increase in UVic's profile in the media. Ms. Charette commented on the Speakers Bureau. She provided an update to the report on three events that Chancellor Rogers had attended.

Ms. Charette updated the Board on fundraising to date.

There were no questions from Board members.

## **CONSENT**

### **8. Finance Committee (Dr. David Zussman)**

#### **a. Reporting on Long Term Disability Trust**

BOG-Nov26/19-10

### **9. Operations and Facilities Committee (Ms. Daphne Corbett)**

#### **a. New and Revised Awards**

BOG-Nov26/19-16

#### **MOTION:**

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the new and revised undergraduate and graduate awards set out in the attached document and listed below:*

- *Norman M. Lewis Bursary (new)\**
- *Vikes Honour Roll Provost Award for Excellence (revised)*
- *Nimrod Hungarian Mobility Award (revised)\**
- *Michael Daniska Memorial Bursary (revised)\**
- *Leeder Family Memorial Bursary in Economics (revised)\**
- *Leeder Family Memorial Bursary in Mathematics (revised)\**
- *Rita Perry Hammett Award (revised)\**
- *Vikes Recreation Student Leadership Award (revised)\**
- *Criswick Bursary in Astronomy (revised)\**
- *Alan J. Hodgson Memorial Scholarship in Music (new)\**
- *Dr. Hinda Avery Holocaust Studies Scholarship (new)\**
- *Vancouver Island Trails Information Society Scholarship (revised)*
- *Promise Bursary (new)*
- *Department of Civil Engineering Graduation Medal (new)*
- *Orca Book Publishers Award in Indigenous Language Revitalization (new)*
- *Gail O’Riordan Memorial Graduate Award for Cello (new)*
- *Van Dusen Graduate Scholarship (revised)*
- *British Columbia Paraplegic Association/Rotary Club of Victoria Scholarship (revised)\**
- *Indigenous Health Career Scholarship (revised)*
- *Roy & Marguerite Watson Bursary in Social Work (revised)\**
- *Doreen & John Windsor Bursary (revised)\**
- *Embassy of Iceland Book Prize (new)*
- *Dr. Hinda Avery Graduate Scholarship in Animal Rights and Law (new)\**
- *Dr. Marion Porath Legacy Scholarship in Education (revised)*

- *Henry Poulton Fund (revised)\**
- *Edra Ferguson Graduate Scholarship (revised)\**
- *Law Foundation of BC Public Interest Award (revised)*
- *“Stand Out From the Crowd” Prize in Physics and Astronomy (revised)*
- *Mandell Pinder LLP Indigenous Law Scholar Award (new)*
- *Lambert Joseph Schill Award (new)\**
- *Beatrice Patriquin Scholarship (new)\**
- *David McGillivray Scholarship in Chemistry (new)\**
- *University of Victoria Youth in Care Award (revised)*
- *25th Olympiad Scholarship (revised)*
- *Blakes Scholars Award (revised)*
- *Canadian National Scholarship (revised)\**
- *Drs. Douglas & Anathalie Taylor Lee Memorial Award (revised)\**
- *Henry & Marian Thiel International Business Award (revised)\**
- *Orca Book Publishers Student Mobility Award in Teacher Education (new)*
- *Wilson S.C. Lai Scholarship (revised)*
- *Harper Scholarship in History (revised)\**
- *Robertson Wiens Mathematics Bursary (new)\**
- *Engineers & Geoscientists BC Municipal Engineers Division Award (new)*
- *All Our Relations Award (revised)*
- *30 by 30 Women in Engineering Award (new)*
- *Mansell-McLellan Entrance Scholarship (revised)\**
- *Marion Ricker Memorial Scholarship in Nursing (revised)\**
- *Open Graduate Scholarship\* (new)*
- *Ted and Helen Hughes Entrance Award (new)*
- *Oliver Prentice Memorial - Saanich Rotary Scholarship\* (revised)*
- *John Money Memorial Prize in British History (new)*
- *One Heart for Reconciliation Award\* (new)*
- *Clark Wilson Recruitment Inclusion Award (new)*
- *Stó:lō Legacy Scholarship (revised)*
- *Pemberton Holmes Award in Honour of Davine Burton\* (revised)*
- *Indigenous Engineering and Computer Science Entrance Scholarship (new)*
- *Women in Engineering and Computer Science Entrance Scholarship (new)*
- *Dave Ian Dunnet Music Education Scholarship\* (revised)*
- *Chris Markoff Memorial Award (revised)*
- *Takao Tanabe Undergraduate Award in Visual Arts (new)*
- *Takao Tanabe Graduate Award in Visual Arts (new)*

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- b. Proposal to Change the Secondary Post-Degree Professional Program (Diploma) to a Bachelor of Education Degree Program** BOG-Nov26/19-02

**MOTION:** *THAT the Operations and Facilities Committee recommend to the Board of Governors that the Board of Governors approve the proposal to change the Secondary Post-Degree Professional Program (Diploma) to a Bachelor of Education Degree Program, as described in the memorandum dated March 14, 2019.*

- c. Due Diligence Report** BOG-Nov26/19-09

- d. Status Report on Capital Projects** BOG-Nov26/19-8a

**Pro Forma Motion:** (D. Corbett/D. Zussman)

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

**CARRIED**

**REGULAR**

**10. Finance Committee (Dr. David Zussman)**

- a. Responsible Investment – Stakeholder Consultation** BOG-Nov26/19-12a

Dr. Zussman reported on the review of the university policy on responsible investment. He noted that in preparation for the meeting, the members of the Board of Governors had been informing themselves about responsible investment and how UVic can respond to the challenges of climate change and broader environmental issues.

Dr. Zussman reported that on November 14, Board members participated in a very valuable education session where a wide variety of views and perspectives were explored. He thanked everyone, and especially the student presenters, who met with the Board. Dr. Zussman said the Finance Committee had also been informed by many documents including the policy on Social Responsibility and UVic Investments, and the Short-Term Investment Policy. The committee also looked at the responsible investment issue in the context of the Strategic Framework, and received information regarding consultations about the policy review.

Dr. Zussman shared information about the Finance Committee’s discussion regarding responsible investment.

He reported that there was a consensus that climate change is an important issue and there is a commitment to making a positive change. There was agreement that it is more important to get the policy right than to rush to a policy.

Dr. Zussman said that a number of areas of agreement had arisen through the committee's conversation, including: the value of looking at investments using a positive screening technique; a commitment to applying the principles of ESG – environment, social and governance – to investment decisions; the possible effectiveness of influencing corporate behaviors by engaging in direct dialogue; examining the possibility of being a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI); and making a statement and having goals with respect to our investments that show leadership and alignment with our Strategic Framework. In addition, Dr. Zussman said the discussion focused on financial and other risks, unintended consequences and the role of a university in taking a position. He said committee members agreed that more information is needed in order to make any recommendations for changes to our current policy. Further discussion is also required on divestment, including its ultimate impact.

Dr. Zussman said management was asked to bring back a working draft on areas of agreement and provide options on areas requiring further discussion to the January Board meeting. He said that, given the importance of the issue, the Finance Committee would look for ways to engage in advance of the January meeting.

**11. Operations and Facilities Committee (Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven for Ms. Daphne Corbett)**

**a. 2019/20 Enrolment Analysis Report**

BOG-Nov26/19-03

Ms. Corbett provided highlights of the report.

**b. Report on Student Financial Aid**

BOG-Nov26/19-17

Ms. Corbett stated that the report provided an overview of financial assistance available to undergraduate students and need-based funding received by graduate students during the 2018-19 academic year. She noted that the university's gross expenditures for scholarships and bursaries was \$36 million in 2018-19, which was a 7.7 % increase from 2012-13.

**12. Executive and Governance Committee (Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven)**

**a. Proposed Changes in Procedures of the Board 2019/20** BOG-Nov26/19-20

Ms. Van Ruyven stated that the proposed change to the Procedures provided guidance to the Board Chair to recess or adjourn the Open meeting in the event that the Board is unable to conduct its business.

**MOTION:** (C. Thoms/E. Mehina)

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the revised Board Procedures, as attached, for the year 2019/20.*

**CARRIED**

**13. Other Business**

- a) Review of action items identified  
There were no action items.

**Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Originals signed by Beverly Van Ruyven, Board Chair and Carrie Andersen, University Secretary.