



University  
of Victoria

## Board and Board Committee Meetings Monday September 23 and Tuesday September 24, 2024

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Open Session  
Tuesday September 24, 2024  
Via Videoconference

### SUMMARY RECORD

**Present:** Paul Ramsey (Chair), Samantha Allan, Marion Buller, Erin Campbell, Brian Cant, Christina Clarke, Roshan Danesh, Kevin Hall, Tamunobelema Itamunoala, Marne Jensen, Val Napoleon, Erinn Pinkerton, Laylee Rohani, Ivan Watson, Carrie Andersen (Secretary)

**By Invitation:** Elizabeth Adjin-Tettey, Elizabeth Croft, Elango Elangovan, Fraser Hof, Chris Horbachewski, Kristi Simpson, Robina Thomas

**Regrets:** Jyoti Stephens

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** (V. Napoleon/L. Rohani)

*THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of September 24, 2024 be approved.*

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held June 25, 2024**

**MOTION:** (I. Watson/V. Napoleon)

*THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held June 25, 2024 be approved.*

**CARRIED**

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

There was none.

**4. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair provided a territorial acknowledgement and welcomed faculty, staff and students back to campus. He introduced the new Board members.

**5. Correspondence**

**McKinnon Pool Closure**

P. Ramsey acknowledged the receipt of the correspondence and noted that President Hall would provide remarks related to the pool in his report.

## **6. President's Report**

Kevin Hall, President and Vice-Chancellor thanked the Chair for his opening remarks.

K. Hall mentioned some of the campus orientations that took place in the first weeks of September and spoke about Thunderfest with free music and sporting events. He appreciated being able to speak at many of these events and welcome all to UVic.

K. Hall stated that there was a communication sent out during the beginning of term with relation to upholding campus values and policies in the face of disruptions on campus. The university is committed to fostering an environment where the free exchange of ideas, civil discourse and peaceful protest are welcomed. Acts of Islamophobia, Antisemitism, harassment or discrimination and damage or destruction of university property are completely unacceptable.

K. Hall updated the Board on the steps being taken to make campus safer for everyone. Nearly 100 naloxone kits were installed around campus and on every floor or lounge in residence buildings alongside new signage to help with directing emergency responders. Training opportunities on naloxone use are available on campus. Emergency notification practices have been modified. He noted that more information and resources are available on UVic's overdose prevention and harm reduction webpage.

With regard to the McKinnon Pool, based on the significant interest of the campus community, a more detailed engineering study is being commissioned to develop a comprehensive understanding of the work needed to keep the pool open. The aim is to provide greater detail on the work and costs necessary to keep the pool operating as an interim solution while longer term options can be fully explored.

The university is looking forward to exploring partnerships with local and provincial governments, community users and private funders to determine what a long-term aquatic facility could look like for our community and region. K. Hall thanked the pool users, partners and members of the community for their patience and commitment to the community as next steps are explored.

In response to a question on the next steps regarding the pool closure, K. Hall stated that the pool was closed on September 15, 2024 and drained to enable the detailed engineering assessment. He noted that talks will continue with community partners regarding the potential of a new pool.

K. Hall congratulated Wendy Tayler who was appointed as University Registrar.

K. Hall noted that Alexandra D'Arcy's current one-year term as Interim Associate Vice-President Research is ending on April 30, 2025. A committee for an internal AVP Research search will be struck in accordance with policy GV0350 and the committee will start meeting in the new year. A campus-wide call for committee members will go out in the second week of October.

K. Hall reported that UVic has ranked as a top performer according to STARS, an acronym for Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System, which is a program of The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

K. Hall stated that the Vikes Championship Breakfast is coming up on October 8 at 7:00am.

With respect to awards, K. Hall announced that

- Paul F. Hoffman, adjunct professor in Earth and Ocean Sciences, won the prestigious Kyoto Prize in Basic Sciences.
- Alexandre Brolo (Chemistry) received the Canadian Society for Analytical Sciences and Spectroscopy's Gerhard Herzberg Award.
- Barbara Hawkins (Biology) won the 2024 Magister Teaching Award.
- Yang Shi (Mechanical Engineering) received the 2024 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Canada Outstanding Engineer Silver Medal Award.
- Stephen Lindsay (Psychology) has received the 2024 Clifford T. Morgan Distinguished Leadership Award from the Psychonomic Society.
- Aaron Devor (Sociology) received the King Charles III Coronation Medal.
- Francis Juanes (Biology) received the American Fisheries Societies' Award of Excellence for 2024.

He announced the following Royal Society of Canada (RSC) Fellowships:

- Lin Cai (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Carey Newman (Visual Arts), Janelle Jenstad (English), and Ryan Rhodes (Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education)

K. Hall reported on the following RSC College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists:

- Heidi Kiiwetinepinesiik Stark (School of Indigenous Governance)

Finally, K. Hall shared the following RSC Medals – Yvan Allaire Medal:

- Val Napoleon (Law) won the Yvan Allaire Medal, which recognizes outstanding contributions in governance of public and private organizations.

- 7. External Relations Update** BOG-Sep24/24-30  
In addition to the circulated External Relations report, C. Horbachewski noted that the energy and excitement on campus is an embodiment of the impact the university is making on the surrounding community. He mentioned that there are currently 150,000 – 160,000 UVic alumni. In response to a question regarding the numbers of alumni living on Vancouver Island, C. Horbachewski said that 80,000 alumni reside on the island which has a huge impact for community.

C. Horbachewski referenced the Distinguished Alumni Awards 2025 and stated that nominations are now open until October 18, 2024. The recipients will be announced in the spring of 2025.

## **CONSENT**

- 8. Finance Committee (Laylee Rohani)**
- a. Working Capital Investment Report – For the six months ended June 30, 2024** BOG-Sep24/24-04
- 9. Operations and Facilities Committee (Brian Cant)**
- a. Status Report on Capital Projects** BOG-Sep24/24-08a
- b. Equity and Human Rights Annual Report** BOG-Sep24/24-11
- c. Annual Report on Research Centres** BOG-Sep24/24-10
- d. Annual Academic Staffing, Recruitment and Vacancies Report** BOG-Sep24/24-09

P. Ramsey noted the consent items were for information only.

## **REGULAR**

- 10. Finance Committee (Laylee Rohani)**
- a. 2024/25 Budget Expenditure Allocation Report** BOG-Sep24/24-01  
L. Rohani noted that this is an informational report related to the budget framework. Kristi Simpson, Vice-President Finance and Operations added that after two years of international enrolment challenges, a 4% reduction in costs was necessary to balance the budget for 2024/25. She provided the background on the approach taken to reductions.

**b. University of Victoria Responsible Investment Report – March 31, 2024** BOG-Sep24/24-05

This report is presented semi-annually to the Board. K. Simpson referred to the responsible investment policy and the requirement to report on responsible investment activities. K. Simpson noted that the policy would be coming to the Board for review at a future meeting.

**11. Operations and Facilities Committee (Brian Cant)**

**a. Procedures for the Appointment of the Vice-President Indigenous** BOG-Sep24/24-15

B. Cant introduced the policy, noting that it is a new appointment policy.

**MOTION:** (V. Napoleon/M. Buller)

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the Procedures for the Appointment of the Vice-President Indigenous.*

**CARRIED**

**b. Policy on Non-remunerated Academic Appointments** BOG-Sep24/24-13

B. Cant introduced the policy, which is a new policy ensuring academic appointments are managed consistently across the university.

**MOTION:** (L. Rohani/K. Hall)

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the Policy on Non-remunerated Academic Appointments.*

**CARRIED**

**12. Audit Committee (Erinn Pinkerton)**

**a. PSAS Budget Approval and Government Reporting Entity Quarterly Report** BOG-Sep24/24-21

E. Pinkerton introduced the report and provided a high level summary.

In response to a question regarding the coming year's forecast, K. Simpson responded that it is on track with international enrolment.

**MOTION:** (I. Watson/B. Cant)

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the budget and associated forecast prepared for inclusion in the reporting on the 2024/25 University of Victoria Consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Public Sector Accounting Standards, as per Schedules A and B.*

**CARRIED**

**13. Executive and Governance Committee (Paul Ramsey)**

**a. Procedures of the Board 2024/25**

BOG-Sep24/24-27

P. Ramsey noted that there were no substantive revisions. The Board Procedures were edited to remove gendered language.

**MOTION:** (V. Napoleon/M. Buller)

*THAT the Board of Governors approve the Board Procedures for the year 2024/25 and the Statement of Responsibilities of the Board of Governors and its Members.*

**CARRIED**

**14. Other Business**

**a) Presentation on Transnational Education**

A. R. (Elango) Elangovan, Associate Vice-President Global Engagement and Elizabeth Adjiin-Tetty, Associate Vice-President Academic Programs provided a presentation on Transnational Education.

As there were time restraints following the presentation, P. Ramsey suggested that the questions could be answered at a future gathering of Board members.

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

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