



University
of Victoria

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Monday, June 29, 2009

3:30 p.m.

Administrative Services Building, Boardroom 120

OPEN SESSION

DRAFT MINUTES

- Present:** Mr. Ray Protti (Chair), Ms. Jane Butler McGregor, Mr. John deC. Evans, Mr. Tony Gage, Dr. Robert Giroux, Ms. Lydia Hwitsum, Mr. Chris Petter, Dr. Eric Sager, Dr. David Turpin, Prof. Barbara Whittington, Dr. Julia Eastman (Secretary)
- Regrets:** Mr. Peter Ciceri, Mr. Murray Farmer, Ms. Caitlin Meggs, Ms. Susan Mehinagic, Mr. Richard Park
- By Invitation:** Dr. Howard Brunt, Prof. Jamie Cassels, Ms. Gayle Gorrill, Dr. Valerie Kuehne, Ms. Morag MacNeil

Welcome

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was declared approved.

2. Minutes

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 26, 2009 *(attached)*

MOTION (B. Whittington, J. Butler McGregor)

THAT the minutes of the open session of the regular meeting of May 26, 2009 be approved subject to the correction of a typographical error on p.9.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

4. Remarks from the Chair

Nil

CONSENT

Items 6 and 7: The Chair noted that all Board of Governors members participating in this meeting had participated fully in the committee meetings at which these items had been discussed thoroughly.

6. University Operations and Facilities Committee (S. Mehinagic)

a) Due Diligence Reports 2008 (BOG-Jun29/09-05)

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the Due Diligence Reports for 2008.

b) Project NOVA Update (BOG-Jun29/09-06)

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the June 2009 Project NOVA Update.

c) Status Reports on Capital Projects (BOG-Jun29/09-08)

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the June 2009 Status Report on Capital Projects.

7. Finance Committee (T. Gage)

a) Staff Pension Plan Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 (BOG-Jun29/09-02)

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 and the University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan.

- b) **Staff Pension Plan Investment Performance Report for the period ended March 31, 2009** (BOG-Jun29/09-03)

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Investment Performance Report for the period ended March 31, 2009.

Pro forma Motion (R. Giroux, T. Gage)

That the above items are approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors by consent.

CARRIED

REGULAR

8. Finance Committee (T. Gage)

- a) **2008/09 Year End Financial Reports** (BOG-Jun29/09-04)

MOTION (T. Gage, J. Butler McGregor)

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the 2008/09 Financial Review; and

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Statement of Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2009 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

9. President's Report

• **Federal update**

- The President reported on meetings he had attended with federal officials in early June.

• **Provincial update**

- He also reported on developments at the provincial level, including the appointment of the Honourable Dr. Moira Stilwell as the new Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development.

• **UVic update**

- On June 15, 2009 at spring convocation ceremonies, Murray Farmer was installed as UVic's tenth chancellor.
- Dr. Afzal Suleman becomes our Associate Vice-President Research on July 1, 2009.
- Mr. Don Barnhardt has joined UVic as General Counsel.

- On June 18, 2009 the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) announced funding of projects through its Leading Edge Fund and New Initiatives Fund. UVic was awarded \$33.5M in funding for four projects, placing sixth among all universities in Canada; adjusted for size using either number of faculty or size of operating budget, UVic ranks second in the country. UVic was first among comprehensive universities.
- The President reported on the recent successful trip to Hong Kong and Beijing, building on outstanding relationships with Chinese scholarship councils.
- On June 15, 2009 UVic announced the TD Bank Financial Group's donation of \$500,000 towards the university's First People's House and the Indigenous Student Career Transitions Program that assists UVic's Indigenous students in the transition to employment.
- On June 24 and 25, 2009, three funding announcements were made by Western Economic Diversification:
 - Funding to support an Ocean Technology Test Bed - Dr. Colin Bradley (\$800,000)
 - Funding to support the commercialization activities of Ocean Networks Canada (\$360,000)
 - Funding to support our Proteomics Centre for the purchase of Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization equipment – Dr. Christopher Borchers (\$600,000)
- Dr. Tom Pedersen has been named as Director of the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS). Dr. Pedersen's appointment was unanimously endorsed by all four universities involved in PICS; he will take up the position effective September 1, 2009. The Associate Dean of Science will act as Dean *pro tem*, and a search for a new dean will commence in September.
- The offices of Student & Ancillary Services and Registrar & Enrolment Services will merge into a single division called "Student Affairs" on July 1, 2009, under the leadership of Jim Dunsdon, new Associate Vice-President Student Affairs.
- Victoria painter, Ted Harrision, has donated two murals to UVic which were recently installed in the foyer of the Social Sciences and Mathematics Building.
- Student awards and financial aid update: 3604 entrance scholarships totaling \$5,021,000 were offered to 2533 admitted students.
- A Civic Engagement Steering Council, chaired by Dr. Sarah Blackstone, has been formed to develop an inventory of the current civic engagement activities across campus, and to establish an annual reporting mechanism for such activities. The council will develop ways to measure UVic's social and cultural impact on communities of interest, and explore the possibility for every UVic student to have an opportunity for some form of significant engagement with the community during his or her studies.
- Norah McRae, Executive Director of Cooperative Education, will be the new United Way Campaign Chair for UVic next year. Grant Hughes, Director of Community Relations, will be the official liaison between UVic and the United Way.
- The Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre opened in Sidney on June 20, 2009. UVic has been given temporary exhibit space and, in collaboration with Ocean Networks Canada, has created a large display focusing on VENUS and NEPTUNE.

- **Awards**

- Prof. Jeremy Webber (Faculty of Law) has been named a Trudeau Fellow by the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation. Webber is the third UVic professor to be honoured with a Trudeau Fellowship, the others being Prof. Jim Tully in 2003 and Prof. John Borrows in 2006.
- Dr. Ben Koop, Canada research chair in Genomics and Molecular Biology, has been elected as a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

- Prof. Judy Fudge (Faculty of Law) received the 2009 Bora Laskin National Fellowship in Human Rights Research. Her project will explore the intersections between labour rights and human rights.
- The Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences held its annual gathering at Carleton University at the end of May. UVic will host the Congress in 2013. At the Congress, the Canadian Historical Association presented book awards:
 - The Wallace Ferguson Prize for best book on a non-Canadian topic was won by Gregory Blue and his co-authors for *Death by a Thousand Cuts* (Harvard UP)
 - The Sir John A. MacDonald Prize is given for best book on Canadian history - Peter Baskerville received an Honourable Mention for *A Silent Revolution: Gender and Wealth in English Canada, 1860-1930* (McGill-queen's UP)
 - John Lutz won the Clio Award for best book on the history of British Columbia with *Makuk: A New History of Aboriginal-White Relations* (UBC Press).
- **Media Coverage**
 - A new edition of *Viewpoints* (media highlights) is now available.
 - Dr. Verena Tunnicliffe was profiled in the *Wall Street Journal* on April 26, 2009.
 - Community Report ran in the *Times Colonist* twice and in the *Nanaimo Daily News* in late April. Board member Prof. Barbara Whittington was one of the main subjects of the feature photo in the Report.
 - A video clip, profiling CanAssist on CBC's *The National* (TV) on May 22, 2009, was shown.

10. Other Business

The chair reminded board members to gather after the meeting for the annual Board photograph, and that the Board Volunteer Recognition Reception would follow at 5:00 pm in the Bob Wright Centre foyer.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.