

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Planning Committee was established by the UVRA Board of Directors at the board meeting on March 16, 2022. Its primary purpose is to assist the UVRA Board of Directors in planning and developing an effective strategy for discussions with the University of Victoria. Two key areas for discussion concerned preparing an improved MOU and supporting the UVRA President and Vice-President as they participated in UVic's 2022 Strategic Planning Process.

The Planning Committee met for the first time in May 2022, and has met since in September 2022, January 2023, and May 2023. The first three meetings discussed both the MOU and UVic strategic planning. Between meetings, work was done on documents related to updating and revising the current UVRA Letter of Understanding with UVic (signed in 2018), to become a Memorandum of Understanding with UVic. The May 2023 meeting was a planning session for the UVRA Board meeting with UVic President Hall on May 10, 2023.

Formal negotiations for a revised MOU have been delayed by difficulties scheduling a meeting with President Hall. The May 10 meeting went well, and we hope to be able to start negotiations over the revised MOU in the coming months. This is a difficult time for UVic, however, with significant enrollment shortfalls (because of the pandemic) having caused budget cuts and some job terminations.

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