



University of British Columbia
Board of Governors
MINUTES

Thursday, December 3, 2009
UBC Vancouver
Ponderosa Centre
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Board Members

Mr. Brad Bennett, Chair
Chancellor Sarah Morgan-Silvester
President Stephen Toope
Ms. Theresa Arsenault
Dr. Nassif Ghoussoub
Ms. Bonnie Bates Gibbs
Mr. Michael Duncan
Mr. James Eccott
Mr. Robert Fung
Dr. Arun Garg
Ms. Maureen Howe
Dr. Andrew Irvine
Mr. Barry Lapointe
Mr. William Levine
Dr. Barrie McCullough
Ms. Janet Pau
Mr. Ross Smith
Ms. Susan Yurkovich

Administration

Ms. Lisa Castle
Dr. David Farrar
Ms. Barbara Miles
Mr. Pierre Ouillet
Mr. Stephen Owen
Dr. Doug Owram
Mr. Brian Sullivan

Ms. Reny Kahlon

Regrets:

Mr. Bijan Ahmadian
Ms. Alexandra Caldwell
Ms. Anne-Marie Fenger

Dr. John Hepburn

1. REMARKS

1.1 Chair

The Board Chair welcomed members of the UBC Women's Field Hockey Team, 2009 CIS National Championship gold medal winners and the team's Head Coach, under whose direction the team has won seven national titles.

Also presented to the Board at this meeting were members of UBC's first iGem team; gold medal winners at a prestigious international competition in the field of synthetic biology.

The Chair extended congratulations on behalf of the Board.

1.2 President

The President spoke of recent events and student actions at UBC Vancouver as examples of the 'civil society' for which UBC strives.

Professor Toope outlined his goals for 2009/2010, focused on implementation of [*Place and Promise: The UBC Strategic Plan*](#).

As required by UBC policy, the subcommittee responsible has reviewed the President's goals for the coming year.

1.3 Chancellor

No remarks.

2. AUDIT COMMITTEE Chair: Mr. Ross Smith

Members: Mr. Brad Bennett, Mr. James Eccott, Ms. Maureen Howe, Mr. Barry Lapointe, Mr. Bill Levine, Chancellor Sarah Morgan-Silvester, President Stephen Toope

2.1 Financial Forecast Quarterly Report – September 30, 2009

The financial forecast was reviewed in detail and approved by the Audit Committee in October 2009. It was reported at that meeting that performance against budget is generally as predicted; large variances are not expected.

2.2 Financial Statements Quarterly Report – September 30, 2009

The financial statements were reviewed in detail and approved by the Audit Committee in October 2009.

2.3 Faculty Pension Plan 2008 Summary and Financial Statements

Audited financial statements (fiscal year ending December 31, 2008) of the UBC Faculty Pension Plan were circulated in the docket; the statements received an unqualified audit opinion.

2.4 Staff Pension Plan 2008 Summary and Financial Statements

Audited financial statements (fiscal year ending December 31, 2008) of the UBC Staff Pension Plan were circulated in the docket; the statements received an unqualified audit opinion.

3. GOVERNANCE Chair: Dr. Arun Garg

Members: Mr. Bijan Ahmadian, Ms. Theresa Arsenault, Mr. Michael Duncan, Ms. Bonnie Bates Gibbs, Dr. Nassif Ghossoub, Mr. James Eccott, Dr. Andrew Irvine, Ms. Susan Yurkovich *Ex officio*: Mr. Brad Bennett, Chancellor Sarah Morgan-Silvester, Professor Stephen Toope

3.1 Place and Promise: The UBC Strategic Plan

The Board Chair expressed the Board's support for *Place and Promise: The UBC Strategic Plan*.

Board members were encouraged to visit the [website](#) to provide feedback to the plan on an ongoing basis, in communication with other members of the UBC community.

The Governance Committee recommended approval of the motion.

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby endorses Place and Promise: The UBC Strategic Plan.*

CARRIED

3.2 Development Working Group - Dissolution

The Committee Chair reported that during discussion of this item at the Committee meeting, members raised concerns regarding the ability of the Board to continue to steward the campaign process.

In response, the President provided assurance that through the participation of Board members on the newly established Campaign Steering Committee, as well as quarterly and annual reports to the Board from the VP Development & Alumni Engagement, the Board would continue to be deeply engaged in the campaign as it progresses.

The Governance Committee recommended approval of the motion.

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby approves the dissolution of the Development Working Group.*

CARRIED

3.3 Conflict of Interest Administrator (CoIA) and Code of Conduct

Minor amendments to the *Code of Conduct for Members of the UBC Board of Governors* were reviewed at the Committee meeting.

Committee members recommended approval of both amendments and an extension to the appointment of the current CoIA.

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby approves:*

- 1. amendments to the Code of Conduct for Members of the UBC Board of Governors (the “Code”) in the form attached as Schedule “B”; and,**
- 2. extension of the appointment of Leon Getz, Q.C., as the Conflict of Interest Administrator for the UBC Board of Governors to December 31, 2010, on the same terms and conditions previously negotiated by the University Counsel.**

CARRIED

3.4 Advisory Urban Design Panel (AUDP) Appointments

The Governance Committee recommended approval of the motion.

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby approves the following appointments to the Advisory Urban Design Panel:*

- Ms. Margot Long, term to expire December 2011, and
Dr. Maged Senbel, term to expire February 2012.*

CARRIED

3.6 University Act Amendments

The Committee Chair reported that the item was discussed at length at the Committee meeting.

University Council provided an overview of recent provincial amendments to the *University Act* (via Bill 13), providing explicit authority to the UBC Board of Governors for the regulation of the use of University real estate, buildings, structures and personal property; noise and nuisance; charging of fees; towing, immobilizing and impounding vehicles and other property; and the imposition of penalties, including fines, for contraventions of regulations imposed by the Board of Governors.

In addition, wording addressing the ‘natural person powers’ of universities and their boards was clarified.

The amending legislation was effective as of October 29, 2009.

4. PEOPLE, COMMUNITY & INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Chair: Mr. James Eccott Members: Ms. Theresa Arsenault, Ms. Bonnie Bates Gibbs, Ms. Alexandra Caldwell, Mr. Michael Duncan, Ms. Anne-Marie Fenger, Mr. Robert Fung, Dr. Arun Garg, Dr. Nassif Ghossoub
Ex officio: Mr. Brad Bennett, Chancellor Sarah Morgan-Silvester, Professor Stephen Toope

4.1 UBC Fundraising & Alumni Engagement Campaign Quarterly Progress Report

The VP Development and Alumni Engagement provided an overview of the proposed reporting format and pointed out key decision points embedded in the campaign process/timeline.

Tracking includes a variety of key performance indicators addressing both financial and alumni engagement aspects of campaign goals.

A review of results to September 30, 2009 was provided for the Board; indicators for the six months previous are positive.

Expansion of the portfolio continues through hiring, as presented to and approved by the Board in July 2009; space to accommodate the growing number of staff is being sought.

Board members questioned expenses/salaries incurred to this point and learned that some front-loading of campaign expenses is common. Some costs (such as computer software) will not recur, so annual expenses will decline over the campaign period.

It was noted as well that the upcoming third and fourth quarters are expected to make a significant contribution to the annual fundraising total, improving the overall 'return on investment' picture for the current year.

It was agreed that the addition of an expenses-against-income graph would be a useful inclusion to the reporting format. **Board members expressed support for the separation of expenses related to alumni engagement from those expenses related more directly to fundraising**, to increase both transparency and accuracy of reporting.

Board members requested that a range of potential dollars be added to current reporting of the number of solicitations.

Board members expressed concerns about creating the perception that UBC has already achieved sufficient fundraising success, perhaps leading potential donors to contribute to other causes. ('Look back' gifts are counted in campaign totals only in specific instances and are not included by Development & Alumni Engagement when calculating efficiency ratios.)

Development & Alumni Engagement undergoes an annual budget review with Administration (currently underway). Fundraising expenses at UBC fall in the mid-range as compared to other Canadian universities.

Faculties at UBC Okanagan are beginning the process of evaluating goals and priorities identified 18 months ago; as goals are revised over the coming months, the Board will be provided with updates.

This process of review (both for UBC O and for the overall UBC campaign) will take place regularly as the overall campaign progresses.

Development staff at both campuses continue to work closely together. Improved information sharing will be made possible by the new, more user-friendly software.

Board members were provided with a copy of the booklet distributed to graduating students, which explains the benefits available to UBC alumni.

4.2 Naming of Campus Facilities

The Committee Chair reported that the item was discussed at the Committee meeting, and that approval of the motion was recommended.

The Committee Chair suggested that the University establish a ‘bank’ of pre-approved road names, to facilitate the naming process in future.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors hereby approves the following recommendations, forwarded by the President from the November 4, 2009 meeting of the Naming Committee (in accordance with Board of Governors’ Policy #124 (Naming) Class 1 Facilities):

- 1. that road names for the UBC Okanagan Campus be approved as identified in this report;***
- 2. that the UBC Okanagan “Student Services Centre Building” be renamed “Administration Building”; and,***
- 3. that “Hillel House” (Building #444, located at 6145 Student Union Blvd, UBC Vancouver) be renamed “Hillel House - The Diamond Foundation Centre for Jewish Campus Life”.***

CARRIED

4.3 University Square – Alumni Centre MOU

The Committee Chair reported that the item was discussed fully at the Committee meeting and that the People, International & Community Committee recommended approval of the motion.

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby approves the UBC / Alumni Association Memorandum of Understanding as circulated.*

CARRIED

4.4 UBC Okanagan Recreational / Fitness Facilities

The Committee Chair reported that a report of options under consideration was provided at the Committee meeting.

A Board member noted the pressing need for UBC Okanagan recreation and athletics facilities, a potential area for community support.

4.5 Alumni Affairs Activities Report

Board members were directed to the Alumni Affairs Activities Report, circulated in the docket for information.

4.6 Policy #69 – Student Safety Abroad

The Committee Chair reported that a good discussion took place at the Committee meeting; feedback will be incorporated into the next revision of the policy.

Both Senates are now engaged in the process of reviewing the policy, to return for Board approval at the appropriate time.

4.7 University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) Annual Report

The Committee Chair reported that the People, Community & International Committee received the UNA annual report at its November 2009 meeting.

4.8 Learning Exchange Annual Report (UBC Vancouver)

The Committee Chair reported that the People, Community & International Committee received the UBC Vancouver Learning Exchange annual report at its November 2009 meeting.

The Committee requested a similar report for the UBC Okanagan Learning Exchange, to be provided at an upcoming meeting.

4.9 Focus on People: Workplace Practices at UBC

The Committee Chair reported that highlights of the circulated Year Two Mid-Year Update were reviewed for the Committee.

4.10 UBC Brand - Update

The Committee Chair reported that the item was discussed thoroughly at the Committee meeting, with significant input provided to Administration.

4.11 Communications Strategy for the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games

The Committee Chair reported that the item was discussed thoroughly at the People, Community & International Committee meeting in November.

4.12a Award Winners - Faculty

Profiled at this meeting:

- Adele Diamond, Canada Research Chair, Professor of Psychiatry
Faculty of Medicine
- Michael Jackson, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law
- David Pulfrey, Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering
Faculty of Applied Science

Report on additional awards to and recognition of faculty members circulated in the Board docket.

4.12b Award Winners – Students, Staff, Alumni

Report on awards to and recognition of students, staff and alumni circulated in the Board docket.

Awards granted since the docket was printed were noted for the Board, as was the election of UBC Okanagan student Kevin Craig to Kelowna City Council.

5. LEARNING & RESEARCH COMMITTEE **Chair: Dr. Barrie McCullough**

Members: Mr. Bijan Ahmadian, Ms. Alexandra Caldwell, Mr. James Eccott, Dr. Nassif Ghoussoub, Ms. Janet Pau
Ex officio: Mr. Brad Bennett, Chancellor Sarah Morgan-Silvester, Professor Stephen Toope

5.1 South Campus Academic Plan

The Committee Chair reported that the item was reviewed in detail at the Committee meeting in November.

The Board had requested a rigorous academic plan for the 24-hectare south campus area; in response, the South Campus Academic Plan *Cultivating Place* proposes to turn the area into a living laboratory and world-class academic resource.

5.2 University-Industry Liaison Office (UILO) Report

The UILO Managing Director presented a brief overview of the changing Canadian innovation environment, provided examples of successful projects undertaken over the previous year, and outlined UILO goals for the coming year.

Under the previous innovation paradigm, tracked metrics included patents, licenses, and spin-off companies. The UILO has done well in these areas and will continue to track traditional metrics; however, additional measures relevant to the changing innovation environment will also be implemented.

In the coming year, the UILO will focus on industry engagement, entrepreneurship and knowledge mobilization, measuring impacts on society and relationships built.

One key change is a willingness to share information that may in the past have been considered confidential intellectual property (IP). This has implications for the creation of knowledge mobilization channels, open-source licensing, sharing of information tools, etc.

License agreements include audit and annual reporting provisions, helping to ensure that UBC receives the revenues to which it is entitled.

Since research will eventually be published in student theses and other formats, UBC does not commit to protecting industry 'trade secrets'; however, individual arrangements can sometimes be made to protect proprietary information.

As opportunities for engagement between UBC faculty and industry are created, it will be important to find the appropriate balance between industry engagement and teaching obligations.

Current challenges include leading change while managing the UILO and stabilizing the operating budget in the current financial environment. All potential sources of funding, including federal and provincial grants, are actively sought on an ongoing basis.

Changing local perceptions of UBC (now 'open for business') will require improved communications, a process that is underway and will continue for the next 12-24 months. The UILO will provide a summary of new directions for the coming year to Board members to assist in their communications with members of industry and the public.

At the UBC Okanagan UILO, the Associate Director will be retiring at the end of the year. As part of the transition, responsibility for community engagement will be transferred to the UBC O UILO office, with the UBC V UILO office providing support in areas such as IP management.

A Board member suggested that issues raised during the presentation be referred to a Board committee for further consideration. For example, UBC policies with implications for the UILO and IP could be reviewed and revised if appropriate.

5.3 ACADEMIC PRESENTATION

Guests: Alejandro Adem, Canada Research Chair, Professor of Mathematics
Arvind Gupta, Scientific Director, Professor of Computer Science

Both the Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (PIMS) and Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems Inc. (MITACS) cover a wide range of disciplines and innovative programs in education and research, with direct impact on thousands of students and researchers.

Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (PIMS)

PIMS mission is to support excellence in mathematical sciences, develop industrial and multidisciplinary collaborations and enhance K-12 through postdoctoral training.

PIMS includes in its membership all major universities in BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan, as well as the University of Washington.

Collaborative research groups are established around particular research topics, in partnership with a range of organizations and entities.

PIMS operates workshops and summer classes focused on various areas of mathematics, as well as active graduate and industrial programs. An annual contest draws 300-400 elementary students each year, and math camps and an outreach magazine work to maintain these contacts through the school years.

Outreach to Aboriginal and First Nations students has been identified as an important priority, as has increasing international connections.

Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems Inc. (MITACS)

MITACS was founded in 1999 by three mathematical institutes, one of which was PIMS, to develop math sciences tools that meet a societal need. MITACS' mandate was expanded in 2005 to address Canada's knowledge worker shortfall through both training and improving retention.

MITACS has 12 offices across the country; the head office is hosted at UBC as of June 2010. Connections exist to academic disciplines from anthropology to zoology, in Canada and internationally.

MITACS provides direct education through graduate programs and workshops, holds patents and license agreements, and has a number of start-up companies operating.

One goal for the future is identifying mechanisms for further building Canada's innovation economy through long-term research projects in partnership with industry. Engaging industry to communicate the business case for in-house research is another goal, with the intent of creating additional employment opportunities in Canada. Expansion into the not-for-profit sector is also under consideration.

5.4 Endowments

Endowment funds listed under the docket were approved by the President on the recommendation of the University Counsel in accordance with UBC Policy #113 and details circulated for information.

5.5a Senate Recommendations - UBC Vancouver

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby accepts recommendations resulting from the UBC Senate (Vancouver) meetings of October 14, 2009 and November 18, 2009, effective as of December 4, 2009.*

CARRIED

5.5b Senate Recommendations - UBC Okanagan

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby accepts recommendations resulting from the UBC Senate (Okanagan) meetings of September 23, 2009 and October 21, 2009, effective as of December 4, 2009.*

CARRIED

6. FINANCE COMMITTEE Chair: Mr. Bill Levine

Members: Mr. Bijan Ahmadian, Dr. Nassif Ghoussoub, Ms. Maureen Howe, Dr. Andrew Irvine, Ms. Janet Pau, Mr. Ross Smith *Ex officio*: Mr. Brad Bennett, Chancellor Sarah Morgan-Silvester, Professor Stephen Toope

6.1 Annual Core Canadian Consumer Price Index Adjustments to the Science Undergraduate Society Student Fee Levy

The Finance Committee recommended approval of the motion.

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby approves:*

- 1. the results of a student referendum authorizing annual adjustment to the Science Undergraduate Society Student Fee annually as per the Core Canadian Consumer Price Index for the previous calendar year, effective September 2009; and,*
- 2. a 1.7% cost-of-living increase to the Science Undergraduate Society Fee from \$22/student to \$22.37/student, effective September 2009.*

CARRIED

6.2 Policy #123 Amendment (Term Invested Fund Management)

Postponed pending further review prior to presentation.

6.3 IT Services Update (UBC Vancouver)

The Finance Committee received *Moving Forward with IT* presentation (circulated in the docket) at its November meeting.

6.4 UBC Investment Management Trust (IMANT)

The investment portfolios quarterly review was circulated in the docket and reviewed for the Board.

The IMANT board is considering overall investment strategies and will provide a report to the UBC Board of Governors once remaining issues have been resolved.

Included in the presentation were benchmarks as previously presented to the Audit Committee. Performance against benchmarks was reviewed for the individual portfolios, and areas identified where additional refinement of benchmarks is needed. Leverage related to investment strategies is also under review.

Board members requested and received clarification of information throughout the presentation.

Further review was requested re: IMANT from the perspective of expenses vs. adding value to the investment strategy; evidence to substantiate peer group comparisons; and, additional information with regard to risk tolerance in the individual portfolios. An additional meeting of the Finance Committee will be held in February, an appropriate opportunity for further discussion of these issues.

6.5 Financial Statements

The Committee Chair reported that University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA), Neighbours Fund, and UBC Foundation audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2009 were circulated for information and individually reviewed at the Committee meeting.

7. JOINT: *PROPERTY & PLANNING* and *FINANCE*

Lead Chair: Dr. Andrew Irvine Chair: Mr. Bill Levine

7.1 UBC Vancouver Child Care Expansion

The Property & Planning Committee and the Finance Committee jointly recommended approval of the motion.

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby approves the following:*

CHILD CARE (UBC VANCOUVER)

BOARD 1 and BOARD 2

Approval

Project in Principle

Consultant Selection

Preliminary Capital Budget \$3,400,000

Preliminary Operating Budget* \$130,000

Preliminary Schedule

Location

Preliminary Program

Authorization to Issue Development Permit

Proceed to Working Drawings & Tender

Funding Release \$1,000,000

* Administrative costs only; programming costs recovered through fees for care and facilities operations (\$149,000 annually) covered by Student Housing & Hospitality Services.

CARRIED

8. PROPERTY & PLANNING COMMITTEE Chair: Dr. Andrew Irvine

Members: Members: Mr. Bijan Ahmadian, Ms. Alexandra Caldwell, Mr. Michael Duncan, Ms. Anne-Marie Fenger, Mr. Robert Fung, Dr. Nassif Ghoussoub, Mr. Bill Levine, Dr. Barrie McCullough, Ms. Janet Pau
Ex officio: Mr. Brad Bennett, Chancellor Sarah Morgan-Silvester, Professor Stephen Toope

8.1 University Square – Student Union Building

The Committee Chair reported that the Property & Planning Committee received a thorough update of negotiation progress at its November meeting. The same information has been presented to the AMS Council. Support for the project continues to be expressed by both parties.

A 2014 opening for the building is still possible at this point; synergies with the Alumni Centre and points of connection with the transit station are important points of consideration for the project.

A Board member expressed concern about the level of certification sought for the building and related budget impacts. Administration expressed confidence in its analysis of costs, given recent experience with another similar project, and noted the positive impact of LEED certification on building operating costs.

8.2 UBC Renew Phase 2A – Biological Sciences West & South

The Property & Planning Committee received an overview of the project rationale, capital and operating budgets, funding sources, etc., as circulated in the docket, and recommended approval of the motion.

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby approves the following:*

**UBC RENEW PHASE 2A
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES WEST & SOUTH
BOARD 3 Conditional***

Approval

Capital Budget	\$64,188,000
Operating Budget	\$1,270,455
Award of Contract	
Funding Release	\$63,188,000

* Conditional on receipt of tenders on or below budget.

CARRIED

8.3 Development Permit Board (DPB) Annual Report and Appointments

The Committee recommended that the Board approve proposed reappointments to the Development Permit Board, as circulated in the docket.

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby approves reappointments to the UBC Development Permit Board.*

CARRIED

8.4 Earth Systems Sciences Building (ESSB)

The Property & Planning Committee received an overview of the project rationale, capital and operating budgets, funding sources, etc., as circulated in the docket, and recommended approval of the motion.

The Committee Chair noted that as site preparation involves relocation of office space, Committee members had requested and received assurance that a backup plan was in place should the project not go forward to Board 3.

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby approves the following:*

EARTH SYSTEMS SCIENCES BUILDING (ESSB)

BOARD 2 and Site Preparation

Approval

Preliminary Capital Budget	\$75,000,000
Preliminary Operating Budget	\$1,313,721
Schedule	
Authorization to Issue Development Permit	
Proceed to Working Drawings & Tender	
Funding Release	\$3,550,000

CARRIED

8.5 Sauder School of Business Building Project – Phase 2

A Phase 1 update was provided to the Board (slides displayed).

Funding for Phase 2 is not yet confirmed, and there is a possibility that trades, currently set up in the building, will move to other jobs in the interim, resulting in cost increases to the Sauder project.

Design work for Phase 2 has continued and the project could move ahead as per schedule to start construction in April 2010 if funding issues are resolved, with completion scheduled for August 2011. Delay to the start of construction could push the completion date out almost one year.

Phase 2 capital and operating budgets and space program were reviewed for the Board. A brief overview of Phase 1 funding was also provided, during which the Board learned that approval of proposed student fees would generate sufficient revenue to support debt for both phases of the project.

President Toope noted that the government did commit to funding the second phase of the Sauder project during the recent provincial election campaign.

8.6 UBC Vancouver Campus Plan Update

A brief review was provided of previous information presented to the Board, including key directions as approved in June 2008.

Materials developed between June and November 2009 incorporate feedback from the Board and comprehensive community consultation.

Highlights of the consultation process, the UBC Vancouver Campus Plan and related consideration memo were reviewed for the Board.

The consideration memo takes consultation best practices one step further in providing a response to public input, explaining reasoning behind choices made to include (or not) specific suggestions in the UBC Vancouver Campus Plan.

Designation for the 24-hectare south campus area will remain as is until the Board has approved the academic plan specific to the area.

Once policy directions for the Plan are refined, extremely clear design guidelines will be generated for distribution. Materials will be presented to the Board when completed.

A Board member suggested improving accessibility on campus (wayfinding) remain a priority as the Campus Plan is implemented.

8.7 Capital Projects Update

A presentation including photos of current projects and schedule and budget variance details was provided to the Board.

It was noted that there has been slippage to the UBC Okanagan Engineering / Management Building construction schedule.

Options for increasing clarity around funding expectations at the different Board approval levels and revenue projections were discussed. Administration continues to incorporate feedback from the Board to enhance reporting effectiveness.

8.8 Capital Priorities

The Board was provided with a list of academic and community projects that have been identified internally as priorities, but which do not yet have funding in place.

As funding is confirmed and projects receive Board 1 approval, they move from the Capital Priorities list to the Capital Projects Update list.

Board members discussed the list, noting that some projects had remained listed for many years. The question of connections between *Place and Promise* priorities and projects on the Capital Priorities list was raised. Requesting that faculties compare capital priorities identified during the *Place and Promise* planning process to those on the Capital Priorities list may result in revisions to the list.

9. OTHER

9.1 American Foundation for UBC Annual General Meeting

The Chair called the meeting of the American Foundation for UBC to order.

The resolution before the Foundation was approved by the directors of the American Foundation at the October 2009 annual meeting of the Foundation.

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby approves:*

- 1. the minutes of the November 27, 2009 meeting of the American Foundation for the University of British Columbia; and,*
- 2. the financial statements of the American Foundation for the University of British Columbia, fiscal year end March 31, 2009.*

CARRIED

10 EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMITTEE Chair: Mr. Brad Bennett

Members: Ms. Maureen Howe, Chancellor Sarah Morgan-Silvester, Professor Stephen Toope, Ms. Susan Yurkovich

10.1 UBC Staff Pension Plan University-Appointed Director

The Employee Relations Committee recommended approval of the motion.

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby approves the re-appointment of Mr. Jay Parker as a Director to the Board of Directors of the University of British Columbia Staff Pension Plan for a four-year term, effective from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2013.*

CARRIED

10.1 UBC Staff Pension Plan Amendment #1
Plan Restatement as at July 1, 2009

The Employee Relations Committee recommended approval of both motions.

An explanation was provided to the Board as to the nature of the amendment, unanimously recommended by the UBC Staff Pension Plan board.

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby approves Amendment No. 1 to the University of British Columbia Staff Pension Plan, Plan Restatement as at July 1, 2009.*

CARRIED

BE IT RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors hereby authorizes and empowers the President and the Associate Vice President, Human Resources, to approve on behalf of the Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia any revision to Amendment No. 1 to the University of British Columbia Staff Pension Plan, Plan Restatement as at July 1, 2009, as may be required:*

- A. by Canada Revenue Agency, to ensure continued registration under the Income Tax Act (Canada) of the Plan as amended;*
- B. by the Deputy Superintendent, Pensions, to ensure registration under the Pension Benefits Standards Act of the Plan as amended; or,*
- C. in the opinion of the Plan's legal counsel, to avoid any breach of the law.*

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that *the open portion of the Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.*

CARRIED