



The University of British Columbia
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MINUTES

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Okanagan Campus

University Centre

UNC200

3333 University Way

In Attendance: Board Members

Chancellor Lindsay Gordon
President Arvind Gupta
Board Chair John Montalbano
Ms. Birgit Bennett
Ms. Shannon Dunn
Mr. Darran Fernandez
Dr. Kenneth Fung
Ms. Robyn Giffen
Ms. Celeste Haldane
Dr. Richard Johnston
Ms. Nina Karimi
Ms. Alice Laberge
Dr. Darrin Lehman (*by telephone*)
Ms. Fiona Macfarlane
Mr. Lane Merrifield
Mr. Douglas Mitchell
Mr. Greg Peet
Mr. Christopher Roach
Mr. Alan Shuster
Mr. David Sidoo
Dr. Michael Treschow

Administration

Dr. Deborah Buszard
Ms. Lisa Castle
Dr. Louise Cowin
Dr. David Farrar
Dr. John Hepburn
Mr. Hubert Lai
Ms. Barbara Miles
Mr. Pascal Spothelfer

Ms. Reny Kahlon

Regrets: none

REMARKS

The Board Chair called the September 30, 2014 meeting of the Board of Governors to order; he introduced and welcomed incoming Board members President Arvind Gupta, Chancellor Lindsay Gordon, and Ms. Robyn Giffen.

The President referred the themes he raised during his [installation address](#) and spoke of his commitment to further bolstering UBC's reputation for research excellence.

He announced a [donation from Mr. Charles Fipke in support of Alzheimer's research](#).

The Chancellor remarked on the 'remarkable transformation' of the Okanagan campus and expressed his appreciation of the Aboriginal Access program.

1. AUDIT COMMITTEE

1.1 UBC Financial Statements (Consolidated) Quarterly Report

Financial statements (as received by the Audit Committee in July 2014) were received for information. There was no discussion.

2. PEOPLE, COMMUNITY & INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

2.1 University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) Update

The Committee Chair provided a summary of the report as received at Committee.

2.2 Campus Safety Working Group Progress Report

The Committee Chair provided a summary of discussion at Committee; the report received at the Committee meeting included information about ongoing and new safety-related initiatives at UBC.

Safety procedures are in place at the Okanagan campus as well, tailored as appropriate to that setting.

Also discussed briefly at the Committee meeting was the intentional use of the term 'rape culture' in the report, intended to alert readers to the seriousness with which UBC is approaching the issue of student safety. The Committee Chair reported that several Governors remain uneasy with the use of the phrase.

2.3 Focus on People: Workplace Practices at UBC

The Committee Chair provided a summary of the Committee discussion that followed the presentation of this report, received for information.

2.5 Notable Distinctions

The full listing of Notable Distinctions in the Research, Teaching and Service categories was circulated for information, including profiles of the following scholars from UBC's Okanagan campus:

- Dr. Mina Hoorfar, Associate Professor, Faculty of Applied Science, School of Engineering
- Dr. John Klironomos, Professor and Associate Dean of Research; Irving K. Barber School of Arts & Sciences
- Dr. Carole Robinson, Associate Professor, School of Nursing; Faculty of Health & Social Development

2.6 alumni UBC update

The alumni UBC report was circulated for information.

3. FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

3.1 Baseball Training Facility (Vancouver)

The Committee Chair reported that the Committee did receive a presentation outlining the intended uses of the facility, related funding and financing arrangements, and the construction schedule.

He noted for the Board's information that the project is fully funded from external sources.

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors grants BOARD 2 approval for the Baseball Training Facility project, with authorization to issue a development permit and for a funding release of \$250,000 to complete design.

Capital Budget	\$3,500,000
Operating Budget	see projection
Schedule	
Program	
Authorization to issue Development Permit	
Proceed to Working Drawings	
Funding Release	\$250,000

CARRIED

3.2 Tall Wood Student Residence – Brock Commons Phase 1 (Vancouver)

The Committee Chair reported that the Committee did receive a presentation outlining the intended uses of the facility, and potential research and partnership opportunities.

Details were provided at Committee of due diligence being undertaken to ensure the feasibility of the proposed structure.

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors grants BOARD 1 approval for the Tall Wood Student Residence project, with a funding release of \$750,000 to commence schematic design.*

Preliminary Capital Budget	\$44,000,000
Preliminary Operating Budget	see projection
Schedule	
Project in Principle	
Location	
Consultant Selection	
Program	
Proceed to Schematic Design	
Funding Release	\$750,000

CARRIED

3.3 Campus + Community Planning Engagement Principles

The Committee Chair reported that the Committee received and discussed a presentation outlining the Engagement Principles and Guiding Practices that will govern land use consultation with residents of University neighbourhoods.

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors adopts Campus + Community Planning Engagement Principles.*

CARRIED

3.4 Staff Pension Plan (SPP) Quarterly Compliance & Governance Report

The Committee Chair reported that the Committee did receive the quarterly Staff Pension Plan report for information, adding that the Staff Pension Plan currently meets all of its projected obligations.

3.8 Ministerial Approval to Dispose of Property in Duval, Washington, USA

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors approves a request to approach the Ministry for approval to sell land holdings in the City of Duvall, WA, USA (Lot 1326069142, City of Duvall at 275th Ave NE and 14800) to the City of Duvall; and, that the Board of Governors confirms that this disposal of land will not affect the future delivery of educational programs.*

CARRIED

3.9 Land Use Committee

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors concurs with the recommendation of the Land Use Committee that Ms. Celeste Haldane serve as Chair of the Land Use Committee, and that Mr. Christopher Roach serve as Vice-Chair of the Land Use Committee.*

CARRIED

3.10 Land Use Rules

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors approves:*

- a. *the amended Development Handbook dated July 2014 (Attachment 1), including a revision to development area schedule SC4.5(f) to permit a maximum of 10,000 m² of ground floor retail space, to replace the October 2009 version; and,***
- b. *the amended Residential Environmental Assessment Program version 3.0 (Attachment 2) to replace version 2.1.***

CARRIED

3.11 Land Use Plan (Vancouver)

It was noted for the record that the *Annual Implementation Monitoring Report* and the *Fall 2013 Transportation Status Report* were received by the Board of Governors for information on September 9, 2014.

3.12 UBC Transportation Plan & Housekeeping Amendments to the Vancouver Campus Plan

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors adopts the updated Transportation Plan for UBC's Vancouver campus and approves housekeeping amendments to the Vancouver Campus Plan.*

CARRIED

The following reports were received for information:

3.13 Board 4 Report: Earth Sciences Building (ESB)

3.14 UBC-Controlled, Affiliated or Related Organizations, Major Campus Tenancies & Off-Campus Properties Annual Report

3.15 Endowment Status Report as at June 30, 2014

3.16 Endowments

3.17 Faculty Pension Plan - Plan Summary and Audited Financial Statements

3.18 Staff Pension Plan - Plan Summary and Audited Financial Statements

4. LEARNING & RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Committee Chair provided a summary of discussion at the September 25, 2014 Learning & Research Committee strategic session.

4.1 Research Presentations

The Board was shown a short video about the [collaboration between Imperial College London and UBC's Okanagan campus](#).

The Board received two presentations from faculty researchers: Professor Paul van Donkelaar, Faculty of Health & Social Development at UBC's Okanagan campus, presented information about his [concussion research](#) to the Board; and Professor Rehan Sadiq, PhD, PEng, School of Engineering, Faculty of Applied Science at UBC's Okanagan campus, presented information about his [water management research](#) to the Board.

Following the second presentation, a Board member raised the question of water quality on the Okanagan campus. Professor Sadiq responded by saying that the local water manager, Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District, is limited in what it can do to improve the esthetic quality of water by a lack of technical engineering expertise on its staff.

4.2 Senate Recommendations

a. Vancouver Senate

This item was brought forward from the Consent Agenda for discussion upon request of a Board member.

The issue of concern was the level of support available to students enrolling in the proposed dual degree program; they must achieve grade level targets in each program year to continue to the following program year.

The Provost provided the Board with an explanation of the program structure and benefits to students, as well as a summary of discussion from Senate.

The Provost committed to working with UBC's Registrar to ensure that student advisors are aware of the requirements of the dual degree program, and that they are conveying information appropriately to students enrolled the program.

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors concurs with recommendations resulting from the Vancouver Senate meeting of September 17, 2014, effective September 30, 2014.

CARRIED

b. Okanagan Senate

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors concurs with recommendations resulting from the Okanagan Senate meeting of September 24, 2014, effective September 30, 2014.

CARRIED

4.3 Endowment Variations

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors, as recommended by the President and University Counsel, approves:*

- a. *Change of name of the Sean Gilbert–Mackay LLP Memorial Award Endowment Fund and the amended and restated endowment documentation;***
- b. *Change of name of the Northwood Pulp & Timber Ltd Scholarship Endowment Fund and the amended and restated endowment documentation.***
- c. *Request to vary the Simons Student Policy Research Endowment Fund and the amended and restated endowment documentation.***
- d. *Variation, collapse and transfer of the Simons endowments to create a new Simons Chair Endowment Fund; and the amended and restated endowment documentation.***

CARRIED

5. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

5.1 Faculty Pension Plan Trustee Appointments

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors approves the reappointment of Dr. R. Kenneth Carty and of Dr. Joanne Emerman as trustees of the Faculty Pension Plan, both for four-year terms from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2018.*

CARRIED

6. EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

6.4 Collective Agreement BCGEU at the Okanagan Campus

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that *the Board of Governors ratifies the negotiated Collective Agreement between the University and BCGEU at the Okanagan campus for the period between July 1, 2014 through to June 30, 2019.*

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The following resolution was moved:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that *the September 30, 2014 meeting of the UBC Board of Governors be adjourned.*

CARRIED