



**Board and Board Committee Meetings**  
**Monday March 25 and Tuesday March 26, 2019**

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Open Session

Tuesday March 26, 2019 11:05 a.m.

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**6. President's Report**

Provincial Budget

President Cassels commented on the recent provincial budget. He outlined budget items that affected universities. He noted that the budget confirmed a promise to eliminate interest on BC Student Loans. With respect to UVic specifically, the budget included confirmation of borrowing authority for the student housing project.

Federal Budget 2019

President Cassels informed the Board that Budget 2019 investments in post-secondary education included two notable investments for UVic: \$9.1 million over three years beginning in 2019-20 to support the construction of a national centre for Indigenous law and reconciliation; and \$292.7 million invested over five years in TRIUMF to support laboratory operations starting in 2020-21. Budget 2019 also proposes that within 10 years, the Government will strive to ensure that every young Canadian who wants a work-

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e. **Proposal to Discontinue the Major and Minor  
Programs in Mediterranean Studies**

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**MOTION:**

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to discontinue the Major and Minor programs in Mediterranean Studies, as described in the memorandum dated December 6, 2018.

b. Collection and Remission of Student Fees for the  
University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society (GSS)

BOG-Mar26/19-07

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors collect and remit fees for the GSS in 2019/20 as outlined in the letter of March 11, 2019 from the Executive Director of the GSS to Gayle Gorrill, Vice President Finance and Operations, subject to confirmation of approval of the fees at the GSS SeAnnual General Meeting on March 26, 2019.

In response to disruptions from the gallery, Ms. Van Ruyven expressed her desire to carry out the meeting in Open session. She said that in order to do so, Board members needed to hear each other and the information being provided.

Dr. Zussman introduced Gayle Gorrill, Vice-President Finance and Operations.

Ms. Gorrill provided a presentation on the Planning and Budget Framework. She stated that the two year approach to increasing international student fees was recommended after careful consideration and evaluation of alternatives.

Ms. Gorrill confirmed that throughout the process communication with students and transparency had been priorities.

Ms. Gorrill reminded the Board that for 2017/18 international fees were decoupled from domestic fees and fees were increased at 4% to reflect actual inflationary costs. This was the first phase in reviewing international fees. She said UVic fees were compared to peers in Canada and abroad. Student consultations took place regarding the support and services that were important for students to succeed in their programs. These consultations included dialogue with student societies, a survey of all international students and an open house in the Fall of 2018. During the open house, Ms. Gorrill said it was confirmed that current students would have inflationary only increases consistent with the principle of grand-parenting current students.

Ms. Gorrill stated that In 2018/19 a two year approach to increasing fees was recommended. New international students starting in April 2018 would have increases of 20% in 2018/19 and 15 % in 2019/20. She acknowledged that this recommendation was a difficult one. Concerns had been heard about affordability and a reduction in the diversity of the student body. Ms. Gorrill noted that the budget provides for \$300K in scholarships for international students and \$270K in bursary funding. Ms. Gorrill restated the university's commitment to providing a high quality academic experience with student services available to help all students succeed.

Ms. Gorrill noted that in 2019/20, UVic would be developing a policy so that Indigenous students residing in the US where their nation straddles the border would be assess domestic tuition fees.

Dr. Zussman thanked Ms. Gorrill for the presentation. He said the University of Victoria values its international students who bring diverse perspectives and experiences and enriched the teaching and learning environment.



11. **Operations and Facilities Committee (Ms. Daphne Corbett)**

**a. Strategic Enrolment Plan**

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Ms. Corbett reported that the Operations and Facilities Committee had reviewed the Strategic Enrolment Plan and was looking forward to further updates.

**b. Enrolment Projections for 2019/20**

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Ms. Corbett noted that the enrolment projections for 2019/20 had been approved at the March Senate meeting.

**MOTION:** (D. Corbett/R. Bashir)

THAT the Board of Governors approve a recommended enrolment level of 18,173 FTE for the 2019/20 academic year, subject to revisions in the event of new information regarding mandated growth, funding levels, and application rates, consistent with the motion approved by Senate at its meeting on February 1, 2019 and subsequent information from the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

**CARRIED**

**Other Business**

- a) Review of action items identified  
There were no action items.
  
- b) Any other business  
There was no other business to report.

**Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Originals signed by Beverly Van Ruyven, Board Chair and Carrie Andersen, University Secretary