



Board and Board Committee Meetings
Monday September 28 and Tuesday September 29 2020

Open Session

Tuesday September 29, 2020 12:30 p.m.

Via Videoconference

SUMMARY RECORD

Present: Ms. Cathy McIntyre (Chair), Mr. Merle Alexander, Mr. Keith Barbon, Dr. Shailoo Bedi, Prof. Jamie Cassels, Ms. Katherine Fairley, Dr. Adam Monahan, Dr. Monica Prendergast, Mr. Paul Ramsey, Ms. Shelagh Rogers, Ms. Carolyn Thoms, Ms. Juliet Watts, Dr. David Zussman, Ms. Carrie Andersen (Secretary)

By Invitation: Ms. Gayle Gorrill, Mr. Chris Horbachewski, Dr. Lisa Kalynchuk, Ms. Kimberley Kennard, Dr. Valerie Kuehne

Regrets: Dr. Marilyn Callahan, Ms. Beverly Van Ruyven

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: (D. Zussman/K. Barbon)

THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of September 29, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held June 30, 2020

MOTION: (S. Rogers/C. Thoms)

THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held June 30, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Summary Record

There was none.

4. Chair's Remarks

Ms. McIntyre began the meeting with a territorial acknowledgement. She extended a warm welcome to the new Board members.

Ms. McIntyre noted this was Prof. Cassels' last meeting with the Board and expressed on behalf of the Board, gratitude for his service as President.

5. Correspondence

Ms. McIntyre noted that the Board was in receipt of several pieces of correspondence. The responses to the writers were included in the meeting docket where appropriate.

There were no questions from the Board.

6. President's Report

Prof. Cassels thanked Ms. McIntyre for her remarks.

He joined the Chair in welcoming all the new members of the Board and stated how much he appreciated their service, contribution and commitment.

Passing of Elder Gabriel (Skip) Sam

Prof Cassels informed the Board of the passing of Elder Gabriel (Skip) Sam on September 20, 2020. Skip was a founding member of the Elders' Voices Council and provided cultural support to students, staff and faculty at UVic over the years.

Bamfield Bus Crash

Prof. Cassels acknowledged the one year anniversary of the Bamfield bus crash that tragically took the lives of two UVic students, Emma Machado and John Geerdes, and significantly impacted the lives of many others. He provided an update on the review undertaken to adopt best practices for the safety of the students, staff and faculty in the conduct of field schools. UVic sought advice from the students and parents on

Anti Racism

Prof. Cassels spoke of the awareness that this is a time when there is much needed concern and dialogue about systemic racism in society and institutions. At UVic, the Office of Equity and Human Rights, with the full engagement of the entire executive, is leading the development of UVic's response. That response includes:

- The development of a climate survey to have a better understanding of the issues
- The development and deployment of more robust anti-racism training, including for campus security staff
- Redoubled efforts to ensure diversity, including BIPOC representation everywhere in the university, including senior administration
- Leadership through EQHR with full16 (h)4 (e)3 (tTnTB.BDC /C20n.28 Td@b078Fnac)4 (4 -1.

This included contributions from the provincial and federal governments and the Law Society of BC for the National Centre for Indigenous Laws.

Mr. Horbachewski informed the Board that the Fall 2020 Convocation ceremonies would not be able to proceed in their traditional way. Similar to Spring 2020, UVic will celebrate through the provision of a graduation box as well as a series of virtual gathering opportunities for graduates.

Mr. Horbachewski noted that the Orange Shirt Day virtual event would be accessible from the UVic home webpage.

There were no questions from the Board members.

CONSENT

8. Operations and Facilities Committee (Mr. Merle Alexander)

a. Status Report on Capital Projects

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9. Executive and Governance Committee (Ms. Cathy McIntyre)

a. Joint Senate Board Retreat Committee Appointments

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors appoint Merle Alexander, Katherine Fairley, and Marilyn Callahan to the Joint Senate Board Retreat Committee for 2020-2021.

Pro Forma Motion:

MOTION: (D. Zussman/M. Alexander)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the budget and associated forecast prepared

b. Review and Approval of Board Governance Checklist

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Ms. McIntyre noted this is an annual review and was conducted in light of the Board evaluation that took place in June. There are no changes recommended to the checklist.

MOTION: (S. Bedi/D. Zussman)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the posting of the updated board governance checklist, as circulated, on the university's website for 2020/21 as part of UVic's accountability framework.

CARRIED

14. Other Business

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