



Board of Governors
LEARNING & RESEARCH COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Thursday, September 12, 2019
11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

UBC Vancouver
 Robert H. Lee Family Boardroom
 The Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre
 6163 University Boulevard

1. Approval of Minutes	DECISION REQUESTED IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED that <i>the Learning & Research Committee approve as circulated Minutes of the June 5, 2019 meeting of the Learning & Research Committee.</i>
2. Academic Renewal Working Group	Update
3. Program for Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE) Update	The Program for Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE) supports innovative pilot projects that will broaden access to, and enhance, undergraduate research experiences, a key priority (Strategy 8) in UBC’s strategic plan, <i>Shaping UBC’s Next Century</i> .
4. Research Excellence Clusters Update	UBC’s Research Excellence Clusters pilot program furthers specific strategies from <i>Shaping UBC’s Next Century</i> , including enabling interdisciplinary clusters of research excellence in pursuit of societal impact (Strategy 6), improving the ecosystem that supports the translation of research into action (Strategy 9), fostering a strong and diverse research culture (Strategy 10), deepening the relevance and public impact of UBC research and education (Strategy 16), and building and sustaining strategic global networks that enhance impact (Strategy 19). The report provides an initial analysis of the involvement of hundreds of UBC researchers across all career stages and across multiple disciplines in the UBC Vancouver Grants for Catalyzing Research Clusters (GCRC) initiative.
5. Overview: Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies, UBC Okanagan	The Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies was established at the onset of UBC Okanagan, and focuses on creative, critical and interdisciplinary perspectives on art, culture and society. The report summarizes the Faculty’s current activities, and steps the Faculty is taking to introduce new programming in order meet its vision “to be the best interdisciplinary Arts Faculty in Canada, recognized globally for its explicit commitments to indigenization and community engagement”.
6. President’s Excellence Chairs Update and Discussion	With an allocation of \$21M from the Academic Excellence Fund, the President’s Excellence Chairs were created to attract outstanding faculty members who will enable cutting-edge research and an excellent student learning experience to appeal to top students. The report identifies the seven theme areas selected, highlights the recruitment status, and the future of the program.
7. Graduate Students in the Research Enterprise	

Consent/Information Agenda Subject to Governor request for discussion

8. Terms of Reference Review
 Learning & Research Committee Terms of Reference circulated for review.

9. Establishment of New Endowments
 Endowment funds listed under the docket submission have been approved by the President on the recommendation of the University Counsel in accordance with UBC Policy #113 (Endowment Management) and are presented to the Board of Governors for information only. Under UBC Policy #113 (Endowment Management), the Board of Governors has delegated authority to the President to approve, upon the recommendation of the University Counsel, the establishment of new endowment funds. Spending may begin upon execution of the endowment documentation by the President.