



The University of British Columbia
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MINUTES

Thursday, June 24, 2021
9:05 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
VIDEOCONFERENCE

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Dr. Andrew Szeri

Provost and Vice-President Academic, UBC Vancouver

Board Secretary Ms. Karen Hakkarainen

1. BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Board Chair Nancy McKenzie called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. She acknowledged that UBC's Vancouver campus is situated on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Musqueam people, and that UBC Okanagan is situated on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan Nation.

1.1 Opening Remarks

The Board Chair acknowledged two tragic recent events that had impacted the University community. First was the murder of four members of a Muslim family in London, Ontario. She noted the impact that this horrifying event will have on the UBC Muslim community and Muslims across Canada. Second, she noted the growing numbers of unmarked graves of children being found at former Residential School sites across the country. The discovery of the remains of children found on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School and reports of another tragic finding of unmarked graves at a former Saskatchewan residential school are not isolated incidents. UBC stands with all Indigenous communities across the country who are seeking the truth about the missing children and grieves with the families, the communities, residential school survivors as they mourn.

It is important that both UBC community members and the broader public know that the University, through its Indigenous Strategic Plan (ISP), is committed to addressing the impact of colonialism within the University and across both its campuses. The ISP is the guiding framework to advance Indigenous peoples' human rights at UBC. Much more needs to be done to address the significant and longstanding colonial structures and systems, which have negatively impacted so many. The Board and the Administration are committed to doing this work and moving forward with meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

The Board Chair extended congratulations and welcomed two new governors appointed by the Provincial Order in Council, Dr. Natalie Chan and Anthonia Ogundele. She noted that Natalie Chan is President and Research Director of Be the Change Group, a Vancouver-based public and population health consulting and creative firm and is also a family physician. Anthonia Ogundele is the Founder and Executive Director of Ethos Lab Educational Society, a non-profit for youth ages 13-18 that provides access to emerging technologies, culture, and a community of innovators. Through this work, Ms. Ogundele has launched Canada's first Black-led Virtual Reality environment.

The Board Chair acknowledged Pride Month, an opportunity to celebrate with and to show respect to community members who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and 2-spirited. As part of UBC's commitment to Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), Pride Month embodies the University's key value of inclusivity.

She noted that June is also Indigenous History Month, a time to honour the diverse histories and cultures of Indigenous peoples across Canada and the diverse strengths, contributions, and resilience of Indigenous communities. UBC would not be what it is today without the involvement and leadership of its Indigenous community members. Only through the full inclusion of Indigenous perspectives can UBC move forward in pursuit of reconciliation, justice, excellence, and aspirations to create a better world. She further recognized that that May was Asian Heritage Month, and that UBC had hosted a National Forum on Anti-Asian racism.

Earlier this month, UBC hosted a send-off for a number of community members, students, staff, faculty and alumni, as they headed off to the Tokyo Olympic games. The Board Chair noted her pride in being a member of the UBC community and in the inspiring accomplishments of student athletes.

The Board Chair acknowledged three faculty members of notable distinction:

- In the **research category**: Susan Herrington, Professor of Landscape Architecture in the Faculty of Applied Science was honoured with the UBC Killam Faculty Research Prize in Arts & Humanities in recognition of her outstanding research and scholarly contributions. Professor Herrington's research focuses on design theories of contemporary landscape architecture. She leads studios that investigate contested landscapes, including landscapes for risk, and seminars that explore the competing ideas underpinning modernism versus postmodernism.
- In the **service category**: Patricia Vertinsky from the School of Kinesiology in the Faculty of Education had been honored with an *In Her Footsteps* Award from Sport BC, presented to women who have had a significant impact in support of women and girls in sport. Dr. Vertinsky's story will be presented and profiled in the *In Her Footsteps* exhibit at the BC Sports Hall of Fame. Professor Vertinsky has served UBC in multiple ways as Distinguished University Scholar, Associate Dean, Department Head and research professor.
- In the **teaching category**: HsingChi von Bergmann, Professor of Oral Health Sciences in the Faculty of Dentistry. Professor von Bergmann received the Killam Teaching Prize for her transformative impact on teaching and learning at an institutional, disciplinary, and societal level. In fall 2010, she became an Education Specialist with the Faculty of Dentistry to (1) conduct and mentor educational research activities in the Faculty, and (2) design modules and professional development activities to enhance students' educational experiences.

To these distinguished faculty members, and the others whose research, scholarship, teaching and other academic contributions have recently been recognized, the Board of Governors offers its recognition and appreciation.

The Board Chair spoke about plans to return to campus in the fall and strongly encouraged the entire UBC community to get their COVID-19 vaccines, if medically able to do so. She noted that with planning underway for safe return to on campus activities, she looked forward to seeing students, faculty and staff on our campuses in September.

The Board Chair turned to President Santa Ono for his opening remarks.



The President also welcomed the two newest Board members. Regarding the National Forum on Anti-Asian Racism that UBC had hosted, he noted that thousands of people from across Canada and around the world participated in the virtual forum where the devastating impacts of anti-Asian racism on individuals and communities across Canada was discussed. President Ono also noted that the discovery in Kamloops of 215 Indigenous children who never returned to their own families and communities and the mass murder this week of a family in London, Ontario because of anti-Muslim hate hung heavily over these discussions. At the Forum, it was noted that the conversation needs to continue and become action, and that there is a need to come together to struggle against this hate and factors that allow it to perpetuate. He reaffirmed UBC's commitment to working with all those who choose to come together to act as one. Coming out of the Forum, UBC will establish a Centre for Asian Canadian Research and Engagement that will carry forward the commitment for UBC to work with partners across Canada to advance anti-racism. At the Forum, BC Premier John Horgan stated that by 2022, his government will introduce legislation to begin race-based data collection. He also announced that his provincial government is working on an anti-racism act to be introduced at a later date. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that his government will increase funds to the Canadian Race Relations Foundation to help support community organizations and schools in fighting anti-Asian racism and hate-related crimes.

Turning to the matter of planning for a safe return to campus in Winter Term 1, the President noted that according to BC's Restart Plan, the aim is for normal social contact to begin September 7, provided more than 70 percent of the 18+ population has received a first vaccine dose, along with low case counts and low COVID-19 hospitalizations. Steady reductions in COVID-19 case counts, declining COVID-19 hospitalizations, and increased vaccinations are being observed and it is highly likely that everyone in the province will have the chance to be fully-vaccinated by the end of August. UBC is taking a phased approach to facilitate a return to in-person teaching, learning, research and other on-campus activities. UBC will continue to monitor the course of the pandemic, working closely with public health officials and will adjust our approach as required. This phased approach reflects input and listening sessions with students, faculty and staff on both campuses and other feedback from the members of the UBC community.

President Ono noted gratitude to the members of the UBC community for stepping up to the challenges presented by COVID-19. He thanked the Board of Governors for its ongoing patience and adaptability, and for continuing to support the high quality of teaching, learning, and research for which UBC is known. The President also noted that he had been invited to present at the 2020 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26, in Glasgow in November on November 8. He thanked Sir Jim McDonald, the President of the Royal Academy of Engineering and Principal & Vice-Chancellor of University of Strathclyde for this honour.

The Board Secretary reviewed attendance and confirmed quorum.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approves as circulated the Agenda for the open session of the June 24, 2021 Board of Governors meeting.

CARRIED

Governors Fashanu and Holmes objected.



1.3 Approval of Minutes

Governor Holmes requested that his vote on the tuition resolutions be recorded in the minutes.

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approves as amended the minutes of the April 19, 2021 open session of the Board of Governors meeting.

CARRIED

1.4 Academic Presentation

Presenters: Lesley Cormack, Ananya Mukherjee Reed, Tania Willard

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost and Vice-President Academic of the Okanagan Campus introduced Tania Willard, Assistant Professor of Visual Arts in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies at the Okanagan Campus.

Professor Willard's research and work focuses on aesthetics, language, land, and interrelated Indigenous art practices working within shifting ideas around contemporary and traditional, and intersections between Indigenous and other cultures.

Before beginning her presentation, Professor Willard acknowledged the trauma arising from recent findings of unmarked graves at the former residential school in Kamloops, noting that this was not far from her home. She acknowledged the elders and others working in her community towards cultural resurgence.

Professor Willard's presentation focused on her deep inquiry into land-based Indigenous art practices. She highlighted inequities and disparity in resource allocation for arts and culture in Canada through which Indigenous peoples have not been included in the construction or concepts of the galleries in which Indigenous artists exhibit. Although many Indigenous artists over generations challenge this and find representation in mainstream art, there has not been sustained investigation or an imagining of alternate models of aesthetics, gallery systems and research creation that might differently situate the framework of Indigenous art practice. Professor Willard's research practice works within experimental and socially-engaged practices to create understanding of existing disparities and work to imagine other possible modalities of exhibition, both within indigenous centered spaces and without. Governors asked a number of questions related to Professor Willard's work, and thanked her for her presentation.

1.5 Mandate Letter – Province of British Columbia Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training

The Board Chair noted that the Mandate Letter from the Ministry is received annually in June. She drew attention to five foundational principles in the 2021 letter: 1) putting people first; 2) lasting and meaningful reconciliation; 3) equity and anti racism; 4) a better future through fighting climate change; and 5) a strong and sustainable economy, which works for all. She noted that these principles align with UBC's values and strategic initiatives.

She further noted that the letter mandates UBC to work with the Ministry to resume full on-campus learning and services by fall of 2021 while adhering to all public health guidelines, and asks the post-secondary sector to fully support a future ready workforce and post secondary system by increasing access to post secondary education for British Columbians.

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors authorizes the Board Chair to sign, on behalf of the Board of Governors, the 2021-2022 Mandate Letter from the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training.

CARRIED



1.6 Movement Break with Move U Crew

A brief health break with some movements and activity led by UBC Recreation's Move U Crew took place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee Chair Azim Lalani reported that at its June 8, 2021 meeting, the Finance Committee was advised of the Administration's preliminary thinking with regard to allocation of incremental tuition revenue in fiscal year 2021-2022. The Committee discussed next steps, including oversight, consultation, and communication strategies. The Board will receive updates as allocation decisions are finalized. In addition, UBC IMANT President and CEO Dawn Jia provided a summary of Q1 investment results to March 31, 2021 for the Committee's information.

Under the Consent Agenda, the Finance Committee approved tuition fees for the following programs approved by the Senates and by the Learning & Research Committee:

- the Master of Education in Indigenous Education;
- the Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience;
- the Master of Science in Women and Children's Health Sciences; and,
- the Doctor of Philosophy in Women and Children's Health Sciences.

The Committee also approved the following under the consent agenda:

- the UBC Faculty Pension Plan Restatement; and,
- amendments to the UBC Staff Pension Plan Statement of Investment Policies & Procedures.

Under the Consent Agenda the following briefings were received for information:

- the 2020 Governance Report for the UBC Staff Pension Plan;
- the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the Faculty Pension Plan;
- an update from the Integrated Service Centre;
- Correspondence from the AMS; and,
- Board 4 Post-Completion Reports for the Exchange Residence (at Gage South), the UBC Exchange Transit Terminal, and the Digital Research Infrastructure project.

The Committee Chair noted that the Finance Committee had met again on June 16 2021 and at that meeting considered the Board 3 approval request for Student components of the Integrated Renewal Program and approved UBC AMS fees under the Consent Agenda.

2.1 Integrated Renewal Program (IRP) Student (Board 3)

Presenters: Lesley Cormack, Peter Smailes, Andrew Szeri, Ananya Mukherjee Reed

Members of the administration provided a presentation on the background of the Integrated Renewal Program and the need for the replacement of the current Student Information System. The budget for the next phases of IRP Student was explained as were the planned sources of funding for that budget.

Following the presentation, discussion took place on the following subjects:

- Careful attention being paid to where differences between the campuses and their needs exist.

- The significance of the budget required for IRP and its impact on resources to support the core academic teaching and learning mission of the University.
- The ecosystem approach being taken in IRP Student as a risk-mitigation strategy. It was noted that while core functionality will be provided by Workday, no single system could ever meet the needs of an organization as large and complex as UBC. It was noted that UBC’s architectural strategy is to maximize the functionality that enterprise systems can provide to the best of the University’s ability.
- The integration of the University’s strategic initiatives in the areas of sustainability and EDI into the IRP.
- The need to consult with students to ensure that their perspectives are considered in the implementation of IRP Student, particularly with the students’ elected representatives.
- The extent to which the Workday Student solution is being implemented in other North American post-secondary institutions. It was noted that at the time of the meeting there were 72 customers of the Workday Student product with 25 institutions having gone live. UBC is one of four large, complex research-based institutions poised to go live in the 2023/2024 time frame. UBC is closely collaborating with those other institutions.

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors grants BOARD 3 approval for implementation of the Student components of the Integrated Renewal Program within a total budget envelope of \$284.9 million (including \$78 million in contingency).

CARRIED

3. PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Property Committee Chair Sandra Cawley reported that the Committee had met on June 8 2021 and at that meeting had received for information the following briefings:

- the Museum of Anthropology (MOA) Great Hall Renewal Project;
- an update on the Neighbours’ Agreement 2020 Implementation;
- the University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) Annual Report and 2021-2022 Budget;
- emerging recommendations from the UBC- UNA Joint Financial Task Force;
- Capital Projects Policy (FM11) revisions to procedures as approved by the President; and,
- Board 4 Post-Completion Reports for the Exchange Residence and the UBC Exchange Transit Terminal.

3.1 UBC Five-Year Capital Plan 2022-2023 to 2026-2027

Presenters: Sandra Cawley, Peter Smailles, Andrew Szeri, Robin Ciceri, Gail Murphy, Lesley Cormack, Ananya Mukherjee Reed

The Administration provided a presentation on the Five-Year Capital plan, which would be submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training.

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approves the UBC Five-Year Capital Plan (2022-2023 to 2026-2027) for submission to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training.

CARRIED



3.2 Brock Commons Phase 2 Mixed-Use Housing Development (South Building) Board 3, UBC Vancouver

Presenters: Sandra Cawley, Peter Smailes, Ainsley Carry, Andrew Szeri

The Administration provided a presentation on the Brock Commons Phase 2 development, for which Board 3 approval had been on home for approximately a year. It was noted that approval for the North Building was anticipated to come forward for approval in the Fall of 2021.

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors grants BOARD 3 approval for the Brock Commons Phase 2 Mixed-Use Housing Development South Building as follows:

- i.* **approval of final capital and operating budgets;**
- ii.* **approval of final funding sources and financing of up to \$104.6 million at 5.75% annual interest with an amortization of 30 years, repaid by SHCS and UBC Central;**
- iii.* **authorization to proceed to award construction contracts; and,**
- iv.* **approval of final funding release of \$107,298,000.**

CARRIED

3.3 Interdisciplinary Collaboration & Innovation (ICI) Building - Board 2, UBC Okanagan

Presenters: Peter Smailes, Lesley Cormack, Ananya Mukherjee Reed

The Administration provided a presentation on the ICI building planned for the Okanagan Campus.

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors grants BOARD 2 approval for the Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Innovation (ICI) Building as follows:

- i.* **approval to apply for a Natural Environment Development Permit from the City of Kelowna*;**
- ii.* **authorization to proceed to working drawings and tender; and,**
- iii.* **approval of funding release of \$3,000,000 for the next stage of design.**

CARRIED

** A Natural Environment Development Permit is required by the City of Kelowna to ensure that environmentally sensitive areas (in this case the pond and its associated habitats and functions) are protected during construction and in the long term.*

3.4 Recreation Centre - Board 2, UBC Vancouver

Presenters: Sandra Cawley, Peter Smailes, Ainsley Carry

The Administration provided a presentation on the Recreation Centre project planned for the Vancouver Campus.

Following the presentation, discussion took place on whether recreation facilities in existence and planned for the Vancouver Campus are sufficient to meet current and growing demand, and the need for the Property Committee to consider this when reviewing proposals.

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors grants BOARD 2 approval for the Recreation Centre (UBC Vancouver) as follows:

- i.* **approval to issue the development permit;**
- ii.* **authorization to proceed to working drawings and tender; and,**
- iii.* **approval of funding release of \$1,950,000 for the next stage of design.**

CARRIED

3.5 UNA-UBC Liaison Committee Terms of Reference

Presenters: Robin Ciceri, Hubert Lai, Peter Smailes

The Property Committee Chair noted that at its July 2020 meeting, the Board of Governors had approved the 2020 UBC-UNA Neighborhoods' Agreement. She further noted that on June 8, 2021 the Property Committee had received an update on implementation of the agreement, which included the establishment of a new UNA-UBC Liaison Committee for which the Property Committee has recommended the approval of Terms of Reference to the Board of Governors.

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approves Terms of Reference for the UNA-UBC Liaison Committee*, as per UBC-UNA Neighbours' Agreement 2020.

CARRIED

* Stand-alone committee to replace the UBC Neighbourhoods Liaison Committee.

4. EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Acting Committee Chair Alison Brewin reported that at its meeting held on June 9 2021, the Employee Relations Committee considered for information revisions to procedures for the Administration Associate Vice-Presidents' Policy (AP15) made by the President under delegated authority, as well as the Annual report on Teaching Staff Appointments.

4.1 Proposed Policy Amendments Deans/Principals Appointment Policy (AP5) and Associated Procedures

Presenter: Hubert Lai

The University Counsel explained that the amendments to the Joint Board and Senates' Deans/Principals Appointment Policy (AP5) and its associated procedures being presented for approval were one set of amendments that the responsible committees of the Senates and the Board had agreed to, and that these had gone out for community consultation and received broad support.

A second concern is the outstanding issue of including an open forum for consultation with the faculty, staff and students of the Faculty for which the decanal search is taking place, and the potential for an alternative process in the event that an open forum is not suitable for whatever reason. The second concern had not yet been resolved, and that the intention of moving forward with the resolution at hand was so that the first set of amendments could move ahead.

Following this introduction, discussion on the following topics took place:

- The need for the Board of Governors, the Vancouver Senate and the Okanagan Senate to follow their respective processes in coming to agreement on revisions to Joint Board and Senate policies in general, and to do so with an appropriate sense of urgency.



- That conversations are underway among the responsible governing bodies about whether to embed open fora as a required part of decanal searches in policy.
- The importance of engagement and consultation with the academic community of a particular Faculty in connection with the appointment of its Dean.
- That open fora with faculty, staff and students in a given Faculty have been common practice in the context of a decanal search.
- That this practice can support the success of a newly appointed Dean and that this practice should be upheld while the governing bodies consider further amendments to the Policy.
- That some decanal candidates may not wish to have their candidacy publicized, and that some alterations to an open forum may assist in retaining those candidates so as to protect their confidentiality and not impede their candidacy.
- That while recently conducted decanal searches have all included some form of faculty forum, some of these have been constructed in such a manner as to protect the confidentiality of candidates.
- That fora should take place prior to a final candidate having been identified so as to allow for the academic community of a particular Faculty to provide meaningful input into the process.
- The need for the University to be able to attract top talent to its senior academic leadership.

The Provost and Vice-President Academic of the Vancouver Campus confirmed that going forward there would be a faculty forum in every decanal search and the Provost and Vice-President of the Okanagan Campus noted that there had been fora in each of the decanal searches that had been conducted while she has been in the position.

Following this discussion, the following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approves:

- i.* **amendments to the Deans/Principals Appointment Policy and its Procedures in the form set out in Appendix 1, effective on the date that is one business day after approval of the amendments by the Board of Governors, the Okanagan Senate, and the Vancouver Senate;**
- ii.* **consequential amendments to be made by the Office of the University Counsel to all other Board Policies that refer to the Deans/Principals Appointment Policy to replace reference to the “Deans/Principals Appointment Policy” with the new short title “Deans Appointment Policy”; and,**
- iii.* **until such time that the Deans Appointment Policy is further revised in consultation with the UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan Senates to explicitly address the process of faculty, student and staff consultations, common faculty practices with regard to decanal searches be maintained.**

CARRIED

5. AUDIT COMMITTEE

5.1 UBC Consolidated Financial Statements as at March 31, 2021

Audit Committee Chair Jessie Dusangh reported that the Audit Committee had met on June 14 and had reviewed the UBC Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2021 and recommended the approval of the financial statements to the Board.

The Administration provided a presentation on the Financial Statements.



The following resolution was moved and seconded:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approves the UBC Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2021 as circulated.

CARRIED

The Audit Committee Chair thanked the Financial Reporting team for all of their hard work noting the challenges of the pandemic as well as a change in the enterprise financial system in the middle of the fiscal year.

6. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Alison Brewin noted that the Governance Committee had met on June 9 2021 and had approved changes to the rules for Committee meetings that will come into effect following today's Board meeting. Under the revised rules, all committees will follow the same practices regarding closed and in camera sessions and all Governors will have access to all closed and in camera agendas, with Governors who are not Committee members permission to attend in camera sessions and access to in camera session materials at the discretion of the Committee Chair.

The Committee also approved changes to the Board Manual that formalized the role of Vice-Chair of the Board and set out clear processes for reappointment of the Board Chair and appointment and reappointment of the Board's Vice-Chair. The Committee discussed options for the development and review of Joint Board and Senate Policies and also approved the project plan for the subcommittee that has been established to review the structure of Board Committees.

Under its consent agenda, the Committee approved the University's annual Institutional Accountability Plan and Report as well as amendments to the Advisory Urban Design Panel's Terms of Reference.

7. LEARNING & RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Mark MacLean advised that at the June 8, 2021 Learning & Research Committee meeting, three briefings were received for information:

- an update on the Dimensions Program, a federal program in which UBC is participating that seeks to identify and eliminate systemic obstacles and inequities for marginalized and under-represented people in research;
- an update on the UBC Digital Research Infrastructure (DRI) two-year capital expenditure to provide institutional storage and computer capacity to researchers. The program was completed on time, within budget, and was made fully available to research in October 2020; and
- an update on plans for the upcoming Winter Session return to campus teaching and learning activities. Plans include:
 - changes in the Student Information System to allow students to search and distinguish between courses that require in-person attendance and those that can be completed remotely;
 - additional resourcing to Faculties;
 - enhancements to supports already in place; and
 - various mitigation measures to cope with challenges that may arise.

Under the Consent Agenda, the Committee approved items recommended by the Senates and received for information the Establishment of New Endowments as well as the Deaccession of Works of Art and/or Cultural Materials Annual Report.



8. PEOPLE, COMMUNITY & INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Committee Vice-Chair Kavie Toor noted that the People, Community & International Committee had met on June 9 2021 and received 5 items for information:

- the Committee discussed the Annual alumni UBC 2020-2021 progress update;
- the Development & Alumni Engagement (DAE) FY21 Year End Report;
- the Student Financial Support Annual Report for 2020-2021;
- the Retaliation, Safe Disclosure and Reporting Policy (SC18); and,
- the UBC Annual Human Rights Report.

The Committee also had the privilege of approving the renaming of the Pacific Residence complex to:

tə ʃxʷhəleləms tə kʷaʔkʷəʔaʔl | The houses of the ones belonging to the saltwater

This name captures the theme of the individual Houses which are named after creatures of the sea, and is deliberately not simplified with the expectation to have the name represented in its full form, and not shortened or abbreviated in any way. UBC and Student Housing & Community Services has committed to upholding the integrity of the meaning of the phrase by using it fully and properly when referring to this residence and its five buildings.

The Committee also received two items for information under the Consent Agenda:

- Notable Distinctions – Teaching, Research, Service
- Alumni UBC Activity Report

The Board Chair highlighted distinguished scholars in the categories earlier today in her remarks.

9. SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chair John Klironomos noted that the Sustainability and Climate Action Committee had met on June 8 2021 and had received two Academic researcher presentations:

- one on Addressing Environmental Crises through Humanities & the Arts from Dr. Astrida Neimanis from the Okanagan Campus; and
- one exploring the topic of Agriculture & the Environment from Dr. Ramankutty of the Vancouver Campus.

CONSENT/INFORMATION AGENDA

The Board Chair noted receipt of correspondence from the Alma Mater Society under the consent agenda for information under Tab 10.

An omnibus resolution to approve the following resolutions under the consent agenda was moved and seconded:

11.1 Policy Amendment - Academic Heads Policy (AP9) and Associated Procedures

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approves the amendments to the Academic Heads Policy (AP9) and its Procedures in the form set out in Appendix 1, effective June 28, 2021.

CARRIED

11.2 Delegation of Authority for Appointments of Staff under Policy AP3

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approves the delegation of authority for appointments of teaching and non-teaching staff as set out in sections 2.1 through 2.3 of Board Appointments Policy (AP3) for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

CARRIED

11.3 Registrar/Librarians Appointment Policy (AP11) and Academic Administrators Appointment Policy (AP12) and Associated Procedures – Amendments

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approves the amendments to the Registrar/Librarians Appointment Policy (AP11) and its Procedures in the form set out in Appendix 1 and to the Academic Administrators Appointment Policy (AP12) and its Procedures in the form set out in Appendix 2, effective one business day after approval of the amendments by the Board of Governors, the Okanagan Senate, and the Vancouver Senate

CARRIED

12. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

12.1 Advisory Urban Design Panel Terms of Reference – Revisions

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approves proposed revisions to the Advisory Urban Design Panel Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix 1.

CARRIED

There being no other business for the open session, the Board Chair adjourned the session at 12:10 p.m.