



MEMORANDUM

Date March 23, 2022

To Board of Governors

From Mark Mac Lean, Chair, Learning & Research Committee

Subject **Chair's Report to Board from Learning & Research Committee
Open Session held March 16, 2022**

The Learning & Research Committee met in open session on March 16, 2022. Items received for information, discussed, or approved by the Committee under delegated authority at that meeting are listed under the Board's March 31, 2022 Consent Agenda.

In response to a request from the Committee Chair, the Committee received a briefing assessing the implications for UBC of 2U, Inc.'s acquisition in 2021 of edX, an online course-management company used by a consortium of universities and industry groups founded by MIT and Harvard in 2014.

The Committee was advised that 2U is contractually obliged to uphold for five years the contracts with educational institutions (including UBC) that were in place at the time of the acquisition, and that there continues to be strong interest from some Faculties/faculty members in developing and/or maintaining UBCx programming on the platform. The Administration will monitor edX's evolution under 2U's stewardship to ensure UBC's interests and goals continue to be met.

With authority delegated by the Board of Governors, the Committee approved recommendations from the following meetings of UBC's Senates circulated under the Consent Agenda:

- Vancouver Senate - November 2021
- Vancouver Senate - December 2021
- Okanagan Senate – December 2021
- Okanagan Senate – January 2022
- Vancouver Senate – February 2022
- Okanagan Senate – February 2022
- Council of Senates – February 2022

The following briefings were circulated under the Consent Agenda for the Committee's information:

- Amendments to the Procedures of the Information Systems Policy (SC14)
- Establishment of new Endowments