



The University of British Columbia
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MINUTES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022
8:57 a.m. to 9:18 a.m.

VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Approved: June 29, 2022

Chair	Ms. Nancy McKenzie	Administration
Vice-Chair	Ms. Alison Brewin	Ms. Marcia Buchholz, Vice-President Human Resources
Vice-Chair	Mr. Raghwa Gopal	Dr. Ainsley Carry, Vice-President Students
Members	Dr. Santa Ono, President and Vice-Chancellor	Ms. Robin Ciceri, Vice-President External Relations
	Mr. Jessie Dusangh	Dr. Lesley Cormack, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal, UBC Okanagan
	Dr. Anna Kindler	Ms. Jennifer Kain, Chief Assurance & Risk Officer
	Dr. John Klironomos	Dr. Dermot Kelleher, Vice-President Health
	Ms. Tashia Kootenayoo	Mr. Hubert Lai, Q.C., AVP Office of University Counsel
	Mr. Azim Lalani	Ms. Heather McCaw, Vice-President Development & Alumni Engagement
	Professor Mark Mac Lean	Dr. Rehan Sadiq
	Ms. Anthonia Ogundele	Provost and Vice-President Academic <i>pro tem</i> , UBC Okanagan
	Mr. Joel Solomon	Dr. Gail Murphy, Vice-President Research & Innovation
	Mr. Bill Sundhu	Mr. Peter Smailes, Vice-President Finance & Operations
	Mr. Kavie Toor	Dr. Gage Averill
	Ms. Nicole Udzenija	Provost and Vice-President Academic <i>pro tem</i> , UBC Vancouver
	Ms. Georgia Yee	
Regrets	Ms. Alison Brewin	Board Secretary
	Dr. Natalie Chan	Ms. Karen Hakkarainen
	Ms. Chaslynn Gillanders	
	Mr. Max Holmes	
	Ms. Miranda Lam	
	Hon. Steven Point, Chancellor	

Board Chair Nancy McKenzie called the open session of the May 10, 2022 meeting of the Board of Governors to order at 8:57 a.m. She respectfully 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. BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1.1 Opening Remarks

Board Chair Nancy McKenzie noted that although the May meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, it had not been preceded by Committee meetings, and therefore, there would be no Committee reports during the meeting.

The Chair welcomed newly elected Board member, Tashia Kootenayoo, as student representative from the Okanagan Campus. She also welcomed Gage Averill, the acting Provost and Vice-President of the Vancouver Campus, to his first Board of Governors meeting in that role.

The Chair acknowledged Peter Smailes’ 30 years of service at UBC in various capacities, as well as his partnership with the Board on several major projects and initiatives. She noted that, in his role as Vice-President, Finance & Operations, Peter has been the executive sponsor of the Integrated Renewal Project - Human Resources and Finance, had helped spearhead UBC’s responsible investing strategy, oversaw the prudent fiscal management of UBC through the pandemic, and was the steward and strategist behind the management of the UBC endowment

for the long-term benefit of the University and generations of students and academic leaders. She thanked Peter for his loyal service and many contributions to UBC, noting that he would be missed as a leader and business partner, and wished him well in his future endeavors.

The Chair concluded her remarks by observing that the next Board meeting would be held on June 29th on the Okanagan Campus, adding that it had been over two years since they had been able to travel there and everyone is looking forward to visiting the campus once again.

President and Vice-Chancellor, Santa Ono, began his remarks by welcoming new student Governor, Tashia Kootenayoo to the Board, and also expressing his thanks to Peter Smailes for his long-time service to the University.

The President announced that the Blue & Gold Campaign had raised over \$211 million, more than double the original goal, and UBC had raised over \$227 million and engaged with 86,181 alumni during the past fiscal year. He went on to thank Heather McCaw, Vice-President Development & Alumni Engagement and her team, and everyone throughout the institution, as well as the donors who stepped up, for their efforts to raise money for bursaries and scholarships for UBC students, and in support of the institution.

The President noted that the Provincial Mandate Letter, which would be discussed later in the meeting, had five foundational principles: (1) putting people first, (2) reconciliation, (3) equity and antiracism, (4) fighting climate change and (5) a strong sustainable economy. It also asked the university to make progress on resuming full-campus learning and services and implementing education and training for British Columbians, particularly those affected by COVID19 and vulnerable and underrepresented groups. While noting that the University had a bicameral form of governance, and was an autonomous institution, the President acknowledged that the principles put forward in the government's Mandate Letter aligned with his priorities and those of the University, and looked forward to working with all stakeholders towards achieving them.

The President concluded his remarks by reminding everyone that graduation ceremonies would take place later in May at UBC Vancouver and during the first week of June at UBC Okanagan. He encouraged participation in these celebratory events, observing that the past two years had been particularly challenging for students, staff, and faculty making these achievements even more special.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The Board Secretary reviewed attendance and confirmed quorum was in place. The Board Chair asked if any Governor wished to move an item from the consent agenda to the discussion portion of the agenda, no requests were made to move any item. The Board Chair further asked if any Governor had a real or perceived conflict of interest with any of the agenda items and none were declared.

The following resolution was moved, seconded and **CARRIED**:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approves as circulated the Agenda for the May 10, 2022 open meeting of the Board of Governors.

1.3 Provincial Mandate Letter 2022-2023

Responsible Executives: Nancy McKenzie, Board Chair

The Board Chair introduced the Provincial Mandate Letter for discussion, explaining that this letter was received annually from the Provincial Government and set out expectations for institutions in the public post-secondary sector. She also noted the strong alignment of the government's stated priorities with the University's values and priorities that have been set for the President. She added that, following approval of the letter, she would sign the letter and submit it to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training.



Governors commented on the importance of academic freedom, the University's governance framework which included a bicameral system of both a Board and Senates, and recognizing the autonomy of the University in the context of responding to the Provincial Mandate Letter. A Governor suggested communication with the Senates to clearly convey that the approval of the motion for this item was made within the framework of academic and institutional autonomy.

The following resolution was moved, seconded and **CARRIED**:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Governors authorizes the Board Chair to sign, on behalf of the Board of Governors, the 2022-2023 Mandate Letter from the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board Chair noted that the following items had been provided on the consent agenda for information:

2.1 Briefing regarding Annual Calendars for the Board's Standing Committees'

The Chair commented on this item by acknowledging the work by the Board of Governors' Secretariat Office in developing the annual calendars and noting the benefits the new tool, a tangible result of the efforts around ongoing continuous improvement and enhancing good governance, will have supporting the work of the Board.

There being no further business, the open session of the May 10, 2022 meeting of the Board of Governors adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

