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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This briefing lists endowment funds approved by the President on the recommendation of the University Counsel in accordance with the Endowment Policy (FM5), and is presented to the Learning & Research Committee of the Board of Governors for information only.

Under the Endowment Policy, responsibility for administration of endowment funds, including approval of endowment documentation (endowment trust agreement or terms of reference) rests with the Board of Governors. 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.

The President has approved the establishment of the endowment funds listed in Appendix 1 on the recommendation of the University Counsel in accordance with the Endowment Policy.

APPENDICES

1. New Endowments

The University Counsel has recommended and the President has approved the establishment of the following endowment funds (where the University is providing additional funding to donor endowments, the amount and source is indicated in brackets following the description):

NEW ENDOWMENTS

UBC Okanagan Student Awards

NEW AWARDS – SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

1. **Beyrouti and Meola Family Women’s Basketball Award:** A gift of \$25,000 from Anthony Beyrouti along with matching funds from The University British Columbia, has established an endowment fund known as the “Beyrouti and Meola Family Women’s Basketball Award Endowment Fund” (the “Beyrouti and Meola Family Endowment Fund”). The Beyrouti and Meola Family Endowment Fund will support awards for outstanding members of the UBC Okanagan Heat Women’s Basketball teams in any year of study who are in good academic standing and have demonstrated excellent leadership skills. Awards are made on the recommendation of the Athletics Awards Committee. (First award available for the 2022/2023 academic year) (UBC match: \$25,000 UBCO ASPIRE Campaign match)

UBC Vancouver Faculty of Medicine

1. **MS Translational Research Endowment Fund:** An anonymous donor has pledged a grant of \$5,000,000 to establish an endowment fund known as the “MS Translational Research Endowment Fund” (the “MS Research Fund”). The MS Research Fund will support multiple sclerosis research at the University through supporting a chair in MS translational research.
2. **Dr. Susie Clee Memorial Endowment Fund:** A gift of \$100,000 from Carolyn and Michael Clee to establish an endowment fund to be known as the “Dr. Susie Clee Memorial Endowment Fund” (the “Clee Fund”). The Clee Fund will support the training and education of students studying cellular and physiological sciences at the University.

UBC Vancouver Student Awards

NEW AWARDS – ACADEMIC MERIT-BASED

Awards

3. **Masuhara Family Award in Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice:** A gift of \$60,000 from Dr. Joy Masuhara (B.Sc. (Pharm.) 1980, M.D. 1991) has established an endowment fund known as the “Masuhara Family Award in Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice Endowment Fund” (the “Masuhara Fund”). The Masuhara Fund will support awards for undergraduate students in Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice programs who are in need of financial assistance to complete their education and are from communities that have been historically, persistently and systemically marginalized. Preference will be given to women who are First Nations, Inuit, or Métis students of Canada, or identify as Black, Asian, or as a Person of Colour, 2SLGBTQIA+ or those with disabilities. Dr. Masuhara is a physician, and understands how various inequities affect health outcomes. She established this award to honour her ancestors, in particular her parents, Takayasu Frank and Wakako Masuhara, and her grandparents, Yohei and Kishi Masuhara, and Ukiyoshi and Tsuyu Yasui, who were early settler immigrants to B.C. Dr. Masuhara created this award to reflect the societal areas she is passionate about, and to help remove barriers for future generations of students. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice. (First award available for the 2022/2023 academic year)
4. **Dr. Richard J. Kerekes Award in Chemical and Biological Engineering:** A gift of \$50,000 from Dr. Joe R. Zhao has established an endowment fund in honour of Dr Richard Kerekes (B.A.Sc., M.A.Sc., Ph.D.) known

as the “Dr. Richard J. Kerekes Award in Chemical and Biological Engineering Endowment Fund” (the “Kerekes Fund”). The Kerekes Fund will support awards for Bachelor of Applied Science students majoring in chemical and biological engineering who have good academic standing and an interest in the forest products and related industries. Dr. Kerekes was the founding director of the UBC Pulp and Paper Centre and served as the director for twenty-two years. He taught many students and made significant research contributions to the science and technology of the pulp and paper industry. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)

5. **Dr. Siavash Jafari Memorial Award in Medicine:** Gifts totaling \$50,292.33 from family, friends and colleagues in memory of Dr. Siavash Jafari (1969–2021) has established an endowment fund known as the “Dr. Siavash Jafari Memorial Award in Medicine Endowment Fund” (the “Jafari Fund”). The Jafari Fund will support awards for first-generation Canadian M.D. undergraduate students. Dr. Jafari graduated from Shiraz Medical School in Iran in 1999, and went on to obtain his specialty training in public health and preventive medicine, and a fellowship in mental health and addiction in the Faculty of Medicine at UBC. He also held the positions of associate chief medical information officer and clinical assistant professor in the Faculty of Medicine. Dr. Jafari’s expertise was in the treatment and research of addiction medicine, mental health, preventative medicine, and chronic pain, which led him to serve on the Royal College Regional Advisory Committee from 2016–2020. Dr. Jafari was also a board-certified physician and member of the American Board of Addiction Medicine. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Medicine. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)

6. **Dr. Philip S. Vassar Pathology Prize:** A bequest of \$250,000 from the estate of Theodora Elinor Vassar (1930–2020) has established an endowment fund in memory of Dr. Philip S. Vassar (1924–1976) known as the “Dr. Philip S. Vassar Pathology Prize Endowment Fund” (the “Vassar Prize Fund”). The Vassar Prize Fund will support a prize for a medical resident in their final year of training who has demonstrated clinical excellence in research, innovation, and quality improvement in pathology. Originally from the United Kingdom, Phillip (M.B., B.S.) received his medical degree from the University of London. In 1956, he moved to Vancouver and worked as a surgical pathologist at the Vancouver General Hospital. At this time, Phillip also joined UBC’s Department of Medicine as a clinical instructor and in 1965, he was appointed as a professor. Phillip was internationally renowned for his research in cancer pathology and was a well-respected member of the UBC Department of Medicine. The award is made on the recommendation of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)

7. **Anderson Family Centennial Award in Business:** A gift of \$32,000, with an additional pledged amount of \$93,000 for a total gift of \$125,000, from Ron Anderson has established an endowment fund known as the “Anderson Family Centennial Award in Business Endowment Fund” (the “Anderson Fund”). The Anderson Fund will support renewable entrance awards for outstanding women entering the Bachelor of Commerce program directly from secondary school or transferring from another post-secondary institution. Recipients are academically qualified and would not be able to attend UBC without financial assistance. In addition to academic merit, consideration is given to qualities such as leadership skills, community service and recognized extra-curricular achievement. Subject to continued good academic standing, the awards will be renewed for a further three years of study or until the first undergraduate degree is obtained (whichever comes first). Three generations of the Anderson Family have received Bachelor of Commerce degrees from UBC: Ron’s father, Donald McLeod Anderson (B.Com. 1948); Ron Anderson (B.Com. 1979); and Ron’s daughter, Dominique Anderson (B.Com. 2015). This Centennial award was established to help make pursuing an education in business more accessible to women leaders who face financial barriers, especially those who are also involved in team sports. The family hopes these students will remember this assistance and may give something back to UBC Sauder School of Business to assist other women. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Centennial Scholars Entrance Award Committee. (First award

available for the 2023/2024 academic year)

Scholarships

8. **Dean Robert Helsley Graduate Scholarship in Business:** Gifts of \$50,000 from colleagues in the UBC Sauder School of Business made in honour of Robert Helsley, former dean of the Sauder School of Business, has established an endowment fund known as the “Dean Robert Helsley Graduate Scholarship in Business Endowment Fund” (the “Helsley Fund”). The Helsley Fund will support scholarships for outstanding Ph.D. students studying business. Dean Helsley’s legacy at UBC spans over three decades, during which he served as the Senior Associate Dean, Faculty and Research, Director of the UBC Centre for Real Estate and Urban Economics, and Chair of the Urban Land Economics Division. In 2012 he became Dean of the UBC Sauder School of Business and the Grosvenor Professor of Cities, Business Economics and Public Policy. Dean Helsley helped lead the School to its current level of prominence by managing initiatives to significantly renew and expand the School’s academic faculty and staff, and played a central role in the revitalization of its teaching facilities. The awards are made on the recommendation of Robert H. Lee Graduate School of Business, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2022/2023 academic year)
9. **Anna Isabel Allen Scholarship in Social Work:** A bequest of \$152,807 from the estate of Anna “Ann” Isabelle Allen (1926–2020) has established an endowment fund known as the “Anna Isabel Allen Memorial Endowment Fund” (the “Allen Fund”). The Allen Fund will be used to support the “Anna Isabel Allen Scholarship in Social Work” which will support scholarships for outstanding graduate students studying social work. Ann (B.A. 1947, B.S.W. 1950, M.S.W. 1951) received the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal in 1992 and the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 in recognition of her devotion to improving the Child Welfare Program in British Columbia. During a wide-ranging career, Ann worked in roles related to social work for the Province of British Columbia over a period of nearly 30 years. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Social Work, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2022/2023 academic year)
10. **Lewis Family Scholarship in Marine Biodiversity:** A gift of \$100,000 from Carolyn and Dr. Alan Lewis (B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D.) has established an endowment fund known as the “Lewis Family Scholarship in Marine Biodiversity Endowment Fund” (the “Lewis Fund”). The Lewis Fund will support scholarships for graduate students whose supervisor is a member of the Biodiversity Research Centre and who is studying the role copepods play in marine biodiversity. Research areas may include biology, taxonomy, and/or ecology. Conditional on the recipients’ continued satisfactory academic progress, the scholarships may be renewed for an additional year of study. Dr. Lewis is a Professor Emeritus of Earth and Ocean Sciences, whose research focuses on the interactions between oceans and plankton. He joined UBC in 1964 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Zoology in what was then known as the Institute of Oceanography. Dr. Lewis served as the Acting Head of the Department of Oceanography from 1995 to 1996, after which the Department became part of the Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences, and as the Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Biology Graduate Program. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Science, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)
11. **Vishwa and Leela Mathur Scholarship in Wood Science:** A gift of \$50,000 from Dr. Vishwa Mathur has established an endowment fund known as the “Vishwa and Leela Mathur Scholarship in Wood Science Endowment Fund” (the “Mathur Fund”). The Mathur Fund will support scholarships for graduate students in the Faculty of Forestry studying Wood Science. Preference will be given to students researching or studying wood preservation. Dr. Vishwa Mathur (B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D.) completed his M.Sc. degree in Physics at Aligarh University in 1957 and joined the Wood Preservation Research group of Koppers Company Inc. in Orrville, Ohio in 1960. He returned to India in the summer of 1961 to marry Leela Mathur (1936-2013).

He completed his Ph.D. at Michigan State University in 1964, and moved to Vancouver in 1965 where he was employed by MacMillan Bloedel Research for over ten years. He then served as a Scientific Advisor for the Canadian Forest Service in Ottawa, Ontario. Dr. Mathur has authored numerous research papers, reports and patents in the field of wood science. Leela Mathur (M.A.), was born in Allahabad, India and lived in Michigan, British Columbia and Ontario with Vishwa. She raised her family in Canada and built a community of family and friends. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Forestry, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2022/2023 academic year)

12. **Rosser Stevens Scholarship in Forestry:** A gift of \$100,000 from Western Coast Enterprises Ltd., under the leadership of Jerry Mi, has established an endowment fund known as the “Rosser Stevens Scholarship in Forestry Endowment Fund” (the “Rosser Fund”) in honour of Rosser Stevens. The Rosser Fund will support awards for outstanding third- and fourth-year Bachelor of Science in Forestry students majoring in Forest Resources Management or Forest Operations. Rosser spent more than forty years in the timber industry and worked in roles in Alaska, the United States mainland, and British Columbia. He was involved in the international trade of logs to countries such as China, Japan, and South Korea. Rosser’s commitment to learn about the cultures of the countries he was selling logs to, and how the logs were being utilized, helped to set him apart from other traders. His commitment to understanding his customers and their needs was the backbone to his success in the western round log trade. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Faculty of Forestry. (First award available for the 2022/2023 academic year)

13. **Tracy Truant Memorial Scholarship in Nursing:** Gifts of \$116,322 from family, friends and colleagues in memory of Tracy Truant (1963–2021) has established an endowment fund known as the “Tracy Truant Memorial Scholarship in Nursing Endowment Fund” (the “Truant Fund”). The Truant Fund will support scholarships for outstanding graduate students in the School of Nursing who are focusing on cancer nursing through research or projects. Tracy (B.S.N. 1988, M.S.N. 1998, Ph.D. 2018) played a leading role in the development of cancer nursing, not only in British Columbia, but also internationally. She was instrumental in the establishment of national practice guidelines, and promoted models of care designed to support the experience of cancer patients and their families in the safest, most equitable and compassionate manner possible. A widely published scholar, innovator and collaborator, Tracy was an enthusiastic champion for knowledge integration to advance oncology practice. This included supporting graduate students in building the knowledge base that is foundational to equity and quality in patient- and family-centered cancer care. In 2018, Tracy received the Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology’s Lifetime Achievement Award, and in 2019 she received the UBC School of Nursing Centenary Medal of Distinction. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Nursing, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2022/2023 academic year)

14. **Mary and Kathleen Tierney Memorial Scholarship in Music:** With proceeds from an estate gift from Mary Tierney (1918-2007), the University has established an endowment fund known as the Mary and Kathleen Tierney Memorial Scholarship in Music Endowment Fund” (the “Tierney Fund”), in memory of Mary and her sister, Kathleen Tierney (1914-1956). The Tierney Fund will support scholarships for outstanding third- and fourth-year undergraduate students and graduate students in the School of Music with a major or concentration in a string instrument. Preference will be given to students studying violin. Mary and Kathleen were born in Calgary, Alberta. They gained recognition for their talents in violin and in the 1930s were both granted scholarships to the Royal Academy of Music in London, England. After completing school, Kathleen remained in London and played with the Sadler’s Wells Orchestra which was conducted by her husband, John Fisher. Mary returned to Canada and joined the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra in 1944, where she played until her retirement. Kathleen acquired two Neapolitan Violins during this period, which were given to Mary after Kathleen’s passing in 1956. Mary bequeathed the violins to the UBC School of Music, and their sale was used to establish this scholarship. The awards are made on the recommendation of the School of Music, and in the case of a graduate student, in consultation with the

Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)

NEW AWARDS – FINANCIAL NEED-BASED

Bursaries

15. **Bishop Dharney Memorial Bursary in Law:** A bequest of \$678,294 from the Estate of Ellen Mary “Penny” O’Donnell (1930-2019), in memory of her foster brother, Bisham “Bishop” Karn Dharney (1912-2007), has established an endowment fund known as the “Bishop Dharney Memorial Bursary Endowment Fund” (the “Dharney Fund”). The Dharney Fund will support bursaries for undergraduate and graduate students in the Peter A. Allard School of Law. Mr. Dharney was born in Jandila District, Jullunder, Punjab, India. He was called to the Bar of British Columbia as a solicitor in 1958 and as a barrister in 1959. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)
16. **Eileen Lois Brennan Bursary in Nursing:** A bequest of \$142,500 from the Estate of Eileen Lois Brennan (1928-2021) has established an endowment fund known as the “Eileen Lois Brennan Bursary in Nursing Endowment Fund” (the “Brennan Fund”). The Brennan Fund will support bursaries for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the School of Nursing. Eileen (B.S.N. 1966) was born in rural Saskatchewan and then moved to Ontario as a child. Although she started her professional career working in a bank, she had a long career in nursing. Her first role in the nursing profession was in psychiatric nursing in Montreal, before moving to British Columbia to work on Burnaby Hospital’s maternity ward and as a Public Health Nurse for the City of Burnaby. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)
17. **Margaret Alexander Bursary:** A bequest of \$50,000 from the Estate of Susan Marion Foster has established an endowment fund known as the “Margaret Alexander Bursary Endowment Fund” (the “Alexander Fund”). The Alexander Fund will support bursaries for undergraduate and graduate students. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)
18. **Dean Henry C. Gunning Bursary in Nursing:** A gift of \$10,000, with an additional pledged amount of \$40,000 for a total gift of \$50,000, from Patricia Gunning (B.S.N. 1963), in memory of her father, Dean Henry C. Gunning (1901-1991), has established an endowment fund known as the “Dean Henry C. Gunning Bursary in Nursing Endowment Fund” (the “Gunning Fund”). The Gunning Fund will support bursaries for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students. Dr. Gunning (B.A.Sc. 1923, M.Sc. 1926, Ph.D., D.Sc. 1967) served as Head of the Department of Geology and Geography (1949-1959) and Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science (1954-1959). He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1935 and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree from UBC in 1967. While at UBC, Dr. Gunning took tremendous pride in the achievement of his colleagues and his students and continued throughout his life to have a deep and meaningful relationship with the University. He was particularly proud of his involvement with the UBC School of Nursing and the aptitude for learning and resilience exhibited by the student nurses. During Dr. Gunning’s tenure as Dean, the School of Nursing replaced its four-year diploma programs offered in partnership with Vancouver General Hospital with a five-year integrated Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2024/2025 academic year)
19. **Steven Scotton Bursary in Civil Engineering:** A gift of \$32,066 from the Estate of Steven Scotton (1948-2021) has established an endowment fund known as the “Steven Scotton Bursary in Civil Engineering Endowment Fund” (the “Scotton Fund”). The Scotton Fund will support bursaries for fourth-year civil engineering students who are Canadian citizens in good academic standing and enrolled in geotechnical engineering courses, and who have done well in soil mechanics courses. Mr. Scotton (B.A.Sc. 1971, M.A.Sc. 1978) was a resident of Victoria, BC and worked for many years as a geotechnical engineer. The bursaries are adjudicated by Enrolment Services. (First award available for the 2023/2024 academic year)

NEW AWARDS – SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

20. **Barb Hart Harris Thunderbird Women’s Field Hockey Award:** A gift of \$50,000 from Barb Hart Harris (B.A. 1957, M.Ed.) has established an endowment fund known as the “Barb Hart Harris Thunderbird Women’s Field Hockey Award Endowment Fund” (the “Harris Fund”). The Harris Fund will support awards for outstanding members of the UBC Thunderbirds Women’s Field Hockey team who have demonstrated leadership. Barb was a member of the UBC Thunderbirds Women’s Basketball Team (1953-1955) and the UBC Thunderbirds Women’s Field Hockey Team (1956-1958). She represented Canada at the 1959 and 1963 Women’s Field Hockey World Championships. Barb helped plan the 1979 Women’s Field Hockey Championships, which were held in Vancouver, British Columbia, and has been involved with a variety of organizations including the Canadian Women’s Field Hockey Association, the 1973 Canada Summer Games and the International Federation of Women’s Hockey Associations. She was inducted into the Field Hockey Canada Hall of Fame in 2020 in recognition of her achievements as an athlete and organizer, and her efforts to champion the sport of field hockey in Canada. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Head Coach of the Women’s Field Hockey team and the Athletics Awards Committee. (First award available for the 2022/2023 academic year)
21. **John F. Anderson Leadership Award in Law:** Gifts of \$80,000 from the Gooding Family Foundation, the Anderson family, and friends, in memory of John F. Anderson (1962- 2021), has established an endowment fund known as the “John F. Anderson Leadership Award in Law Endowment Fund” (the “Anderson Fund”). The Anderson Fund will support awards for outstanding domestic students entering third-year of the J.D. program who have achieved academic excellence and demonstrated an interest in corporate law through academic pursuits, student leadership and community service. John (LL.B. 1990) practiced at Stikeman Elliott for thirty years as a corporate and securities lawyer. While studying at UBC, he received the Westbrook Scholar Award in recognition of his outstanding academic achievement and leadership skills, and the Raymond G. Herbert Award that recognized John as the best all-round graduating student in his class. John was highly regarded in the legal community for his intellect, kindness, mentorship and the friendship he showed towards his colleagues and clients. The award is made on the recommendation of the Peter A. Allard School of Law. (First award available for the 2022/2023 academic year)