1. **MANDATE**

1.1. Pursuant to section 27(2)(c) of the *University Act*, the UBC Board of Governors (the “Board”) has established a standing committee of the Board to address learning and research-related matters (the “Learning & Research Committee”).

1.2. Recognizing that section 27(1) of the *University Act* vests governance over UBC’s property, revenue, business, and affairs in the Board and section 37(1) of the *University Act* vests UBC’s academic governance in the Senates and the Council of Senates, the Learning & Research Committee considers matters relating to learning and research for the purposes of:

1.2.1. providing recommendations to the Board where Board decisions are required or where the Learning & Research Committee otherwise considers it desirable to make recommendations;

1.2.2. making decisions on behalf of the Board where the Board has delegated authority to the Learning & Research Committee to do so; and

1.2.3. considering any reports submitted for information and responding to any requests from the UBC administration for advice and input;

(collectively, the “Mandate”).

1.3. Without limiting the Mandate set out in section 1.2, the Learning & Research Committee shall:

1.3.1. promote, support, and enhance the learning and research community at UBC by reviewing policies and actions and making recommendations to the Board that enhance UBC’s standing as a global leader in research excellence, discovery, scholarship, and creative endeavours;

1.3.2. develop the Board’s policies and principles in regard to the learning and research community at UBC, and ensure that policies and principles are properly maintained, fostering a strong and diverse learning and research culture that embraces the highest standards of integrity, collegiality, and service;

1.3.3. review (in open session) Board policies as assigned by the Governance Committee;

1.3.4. review and make recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to intellectual property and technology transfer of research at UBC;

1.3.5. review recommendations of the Council of Senates, the UBC Vancouver Senate, and the UBC Okanagan Senate on all matters relating to learning and research, and advise the Board when, under the *University Act*, it should consult with any or all of these bodies, with the exception of budgetary matters; and,

1.3.6. advise and assist the Board and the President in advancing the learning and research related objectives of UBC’s strategic plan.

1.4. Appendix A of these Terms of Reference sets out some further examples of matters that fall within the Mandate. This list is provided for illustrative purposes only and is not intended to be exhaustive or constrain in any way the definition of the Mandate set out in section 1.2.
2. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

2.1. The Learning & Research Committee hereby has the authority to make the following decisions on behalf of the Board:

2.1.1. to approve recommendations from the Okanagan Senate, the Vancouver Senate, and the Council of Senates related to learning and research matters at UBC; and,

2.1.2. to approve the deaccessioning of works of art or cultural materials that may be recommended to the Board pursuant to the Deaccessioning Policy (UP11).

3. COMPOSITION

3.1. In addition to the ex officio members as required by the Committee Meeting Rules and Practices, the Learning & Research Committee will have at least four members, all of whom are to be selected in accordance with the Board Meeting Rules and Practices and the Committee Meeting Rules and Practices as may be amended from time to time. Those additional members will include:

3.1.1. one elected student Governor;

3.1.2. one elected faculty Governor; and

3.1.3. two Governors who have been appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

These Terms of Reference were approved by the Board on June 27, 2024.
Further to section 1.4 of the Learning & Research Committee Terms of Reference, the following sets out examples of matters that fall within the Mandate:

a) Academic Excellence Funds updates  
b) Reports and updates on establishment of new endowments  
c) Communication and consultation regarding approvals of academic programs and fees  
d) Campus as a Living Lab  
e) Faculty SWOT analyses  
f) Flexible Learning updates  
g) Innovation activities at UBC  
h) Inter-Campus Mobility  
i) Okanagan Campus Academic Plan  
j) Okanagan Campus Research Plan  
k) President’s Excellence Chairs updates  
l) UBC Research Excellence Clusters Initiative  
m) University Librarian Report  
n) University-Industry Liaison Office (UILO) Report  
o) Notable Distinctions  
p) Annual Enrolment Reports
## APPENDIX B*

**BOARD POLICIES ASSIGNED TO LEARNING & RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

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