

**MEMORANDUM**

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**Date** June 10, 2025

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**To** Board of Governors

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**From** Anna Kindler, Chair, Learning & Research Committee

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**Subject** **Chair's Report to Board from Learning & Research Committee June 3, 2025 Open Session**

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The Learning & Research Committee met in open session on June 3, 2025. Items approved by the Committee under delegated authority, discussed, or received for information at that meeting are listed under the open Consent Agenda for the June 20, 2025 Board of Governors meeting.

The Committee discussed the following information briefings:

- *Strategic Plan Refresh – Process Update*

The Administration provided a verbal update on the Strategic Plan refresh process, advising that feedback received to date from the Board and from the Senates has been incorporated, resulting in an increased emphasis on the University's commitment to academic excellence and on UBC's status as an internationally recognized institution, as well as on student wellbeing.

The final draft of the refreshed Strategic Plan will come forward for endorsement in principle at the June 2025 Board of Governors meeting.

- *Generative AI in Teaching and Learning at UBC – Progress Update*

The Committee received an update on the pillars of the UBC AI strategy, including the Future Digital Learning Initiative (FDLI). Committee discussion of this item focused on UBC's preparedness in the generative AI space, as well as potential implications of AI for academic integrity, sustainability, cybersecurity, and curriculum at the University. The Committee strongly supported development of courses that will enable students and other members of UBC community/alumni to engage with AI in ethical ways to support their learning and professional careers, and requested another update on AI at UBC in 12 months.

- *International Education Strategy*

The Administration provided for the Committee's information UBC's 2025-2030 International Education Strategic Plan (IES), prepared for the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills. Committee discussion explored diversification of UBC's recruitment approaches and renewed the call for creating a 'heat map' of UBC's international engagement to facilitate developing and expanding international partnerships across both campuses. The Committee looks forward to receiving a related update at a future meeting and the STAR strategy report once it is completed.



The Committee received the following briefings under the Consent Agenda for information:

- *Notable Distinctions*
- *Establishment of New Endowments*
- *Report on Revision by the President to Procedures Associated with the Scholarly Integrity Policy (SC6)*
- *Committee Action Items Status Report*

With authority delegated by the Board of Governors, the Committee approved the following items under the Consent Agenda:

- *Recommendations from the Vancouver Senate – March 2025: Awards, Curriculum, new program Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Genetics Sub-Specialization in Genetic and Genomic Counselling, and discontinuation of the Doctor of Philosophy in Genetic and Genomic Counselling*
- *Recommendations from the Okanagan Senate – March 2025: Curriculum, Establishment of Chair, and Renaming of Department*
- *Recommendations from the Vancouver Senate – April 2025: Awards and Curriculum*
- *Recommendations from the Okanagan Senate – April 2025: Awards, Curriculum, Revised Programs, and New Programs and Curriculum: Bachelor of Commerce; Bachelor of Commerce and Master of Management Dual Degree Program; Co-operative Education Program*
- *Recommendations from the Vancouver Senate – May 2025: Awards, Curriculum, Establishment of a Centre, and a New Program: Undergraduate Certificate in Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences*
- *Recommendations from the Okanagan Senate – May 2025: Curriculum and Revised Program*