



VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

June 30, 2021

5:30 p.m. Zoom Video Conference

ATTENDANCE

Board Members		Staff Resources	
Joey Hartman (Chair, Board/HRC)		Deborah Lucas	Executive Assistant, Board of Governors
Libby Davies (Vice Chair)		David Wells	VP, Academic & Applied Research
Seung Oh (Chair, FAC)		Ian Humphreys	VP, Admin & International Development
Mahin Rashid (Chair, GC)		Jane Shin	VP, Students & Community Development (Interim)
Karen Brooke		Kate Dickerson	VP, People Services
Ladan Sahraei		Elmer Wansink	AVP, IT & CIO
Mike Tourigny (REGRETS)		Clayton Munro	AVP, Student & Enrolment Services (Interim)
Nadia Belokopitov		Tannis Morgan	AVP, Academic Innovation
Paul Yeung		Jamie Choi	ED, Finance & CFO
Rene-John Nicolas		Karen Wilson	ED, Marketing & Communications
Sahil Arora		Surinder Aulakh	Director, Safety, Security and Risk
Shobha Rajagopalan		Carmen Curman	Interpreter
Sue Hammell		Lisz Keallen	Interpreter
Ex-Officio		Guests	
Ajay Patel	President & CEO	Taryn Thomson	President, VCCFA
Elle Ting	Chair, Education Council	Deanne Bates	Chief Shop Steward, CUPE Local 4627
		Phoebe Patigdas	SUVCC

VCC recognizes and acknowledges the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh people, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, learn and work.

1. CALL TO ORDER, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & OPENING REMARKS

- J. Hartman called the meeting to order at 5.30 p.m. The land acknowledgement was presented by VCC Elder in Residence, Elder John Sam of the Tutshone, Tlingit and Dene First Nations. J. Hartman presented opening remarks:
 - Acknowledging the tragic discovery of 751 unmarked graves by the Cowessess First Nation, VCC lowered its flags to half-mast, and the President reached out to community through social media, followed by a formal institutional statement.
 - The graduating Class of 2021 were congratulated. Board members L. Sahraei, S. Arora and S. Rajagopalan attended the online ceremony. She thanked the organisers, the Coastal Wolfpack for an Indigenous musical performance and government ministers Anne Kang and Jenny Kwan for their encouraging statements.
 - Board member, Mike Tourigny will his 6-year term on Jul 31, 2021. Mike dedicated much of his time on the Board as Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee. A token of appreciation will be presented. S. Oh has been elected to the role of FAC Chair and L. Davies has been elected as a fourth member.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA.

MOTION: THAT the VCC Board of Governors approve the Jun 30, 2021, agenda with:

- addition of item 10.3 Risk Registry Report

and approve/ acknowledge receipt of the following items on the consent agenda:

- 2.1 Minutes: May 31, 2021, Public Board Meeting
- 2.2 2021/22 AEST Mandate Letter
- 2.3 2022 Board Meeting Schedule
- 2.4 Board Correspondence
- 2.5 News & Events
- 2.6 VCCFA Report

Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

3. ACTION TRACKER

- No brought forward actions from May 31, 2021, public board meeting.

4. COVID-19 UPDATE

- S. Aulakh presented an update to the Board. VCC is holding a Town Hall on Jul 8, 2021. The focus being return to campus preparation. Feeling they are in a safe, learning and teaching environment.

5. CONSTITUENCY GROUP UPDATES

5.1 CUPE Local 4627

- Representatives were unavailable to attend. For information, CUPE Local 4627 President, Chris Joyce, had distributed the Post-Secondary Education Recovery Campaign request. The campaign originated at VIU and is now supported by CUPE locals throughout the province.

5.2 Vancouver Community College Faculty Association (VCCFA): Presented by President, T. Thomson

- The VCCFA Report was included in the meeting materials.
- L. Davies responded to the report on staff “burn out”, reiterating that support is being provided and the report does not reflect the work being undertaken.

5.3 Student Union of Vancouver Community College (SUVCC): Presented by P. Patigdas.

- SUVCC has been providing support for students during Indigenous History Month. Teaching ways to take action and discussing how to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners.

6. EDUCATION COUNCIL (EdCo)

6.1 EdCo Chair’s Report

- EdCo Chair, E. Ting, summarised the report included in the materials.
- The Heavy Mechanical Trades (HMT) Program Feasibility Working Group is drafting a report which will outline and evaluate various options for future delivery of the HMT program.
- EdCo held an online Planning Day session on June 3. Activities and discussion were on the topics Indigenization and decolonization, as well, blending learning.
- The EdCo Annual Report was included in materials for information.

6.2 Strategic Innovation Plan (SIP)

- EdCo was consulted on the development of the Strategic Innovation Plan and input incorporated.
- Interim, VP, Student & Community Development, J. Shin was commended for her work leading the development of the SIP.
- For this matter, the motion was amended, as the Board are required to receive EdCo's advice and not a recommendation for approval.

MOTION: THAT the Board of Governors has received the advice from Education Council, supporting the VCC Strategic Innovation Plan 2022-2025, as presented at the meeting
Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

6.2 Credential: Jewellery Art & Design Certificate & Diploma Programs

- The Jewellery Art & Design (JAD) Diploma program has undergone review resulting in a refreshed program, which meets the expectations of students, employers and features a new one (1)-year Certificate exit credential and part-time delivery options to improve student access and retention.
- The educational focus is towards innovative technologies and business training that will set graduates up for success as skilled professionals.
- VCC Jewellery Department Head and project lead, Karin Jones, was commended for her work on the redesign of the program.

MOTION: THAT, on the advice of Education Council, the Board of Governors approve the implementation of the Jewellery Art & Design Certificate and Diploma programs.
Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

7. FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (FAC) REPORT

7.1 Chair's Report

- Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) met on June 17, 2021. FAC were presented two tuition matters for consideration. Item 7.2 was approved and tuition for the new Optician Diploma was approved and will be presented for board approval in September 2021.
- S. Oh was elected FAC Chair for a term ending Nov 24, 2021. M. Tourigny was thanked for his stewardship of FAC for the past six years.
- Next meeting is September 22, 2021.

7.2 Tuition: Jewellery Art & Design Diploma (Domestic)

- VCC's Jewellery Art & Design Diploma Program has a long-standing reputation and is the only two (2)-year credentialed program in BC. The program has undergone a significant review to meet student demand for a higher level of technical skills, access to newer technologies, and more comprehensive business training. The review was significant enough to warrant a review of tuition fees. The proposed tuition was approved by the Ministry, prior to presentation to FAC.
- S. Oh commented that FAC took into consideration that the program has been running at a loss year after year and has been subsidized to continue. With the proposed rate of tuition, the program costs will allow VCC to maintain its presence in this field.

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approve tuition of \$14,400 for the renewed Jewellery Art and Design Diploma Program, effective September 2022.
Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (1 Abstention: K. Brooke)

8. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (GC) REPORT

8.1 Chair's Report

- The Governance Committee (GC) met on Jun 9, 2021. The renewed Policy Framework was presented. This project is being undertaken to improve efficiencies in policy development and maintenance. The GC support the revised framework and will be providing further advice.
- The 2021 Board Evaluation has been finalized.
- Board agenda Item 8.2 was considered and approved.
- The next meeting is Oct 13, 2021.

8.2 Bylaw: Revised G.2.0 Board Governance & Rescind Policy A.1.1 Board Meetings:

- The procedures for board meetings are currently outlined in policy A.1.1 and bylaw G.2.0. G.2.0 has undergone a review, updating the board meeting section, thus eliminating the need for a policy. The matter of rescinding A.1.1 was posted for community feedback with no response.
- A major revision to G.2.0 is the introduction of a new three (3) meeting framework, guided by an Appendix with suggests topics to be addressed under the framework. It was clarified that the Appendix does not restrict the Board from adding/removing/moving items, if deemed necessary. Also, board members and management would not participate where there's a conflict of interest.
- Once implemented, the Board will consider the process for moving In Camera/Closed items to public will be considered, e.g., contract awards.
- The Board requested that Appendix A (In Camera), be amended to read: Board members ONLY and other resources, as required.
- M. Rashid thanked the GC, the Board and specifically K. Brooke and D. Lucas for their contribution outside of meetings. J. Hartman thanked the GC for their collective work.

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, the Board of Governors rescind A.1.1 Board Meetings Policy and Procedures and approve revisions to Bylaw G.2.0 Board Governance, with amendment to Appendix A.
Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

9. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (HRC) REPORT

9.1 Chair's Report

- The Human Resources Committee (HRC) have not met since May; however, they are keeping apprised of the status of the President's Objectives and shall review them in the fall.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Strategic Innovation Plan

- A. Patel thanked the Board for their input and support in the development of VCC's Strategic Innovation Plan (SIP). He acknowledged the hard work of the project team and commended them for their collaborative efforts in bringing the SIP to the point of approval.
- Interim VP, Student & Community Development, J. Shin, presented the final plan. J. Hartman thanked A. Patel, J. Shin and everyone who contributed. The Board appreciated the opportunities for consultation and look forward to receiving updates as it's implemented.

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of the President, the Board of Governors approve the VCC Strategic Innovation Plan 2022-25.
Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

10.2 Student Stories

- Continuing the series of presentations on, and from, VCC students, the board viewed a video about Angela Mawbey, recipient of the Dental Reception Coordinator scholarship, and Beatrice Antica, recipient of the Student Success Team Award for Excellence.

10.3 Risk Registry

- I. Humphreys reported that the Risk Registry project was complete, and it had been presented to the Board in a “in camera” meeting due to its nature. It highlights vulnerabilities where mitigation strategies can be implemented.

11. NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

- J. Hartman thanked EdCo and staff resources who prepared reports and briefing notes for the meeting. The next regular Public Board of Governors meeting is on Sept 29, 2021. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVED AT THE SEPT 29, 2021 PUBLIC BOARD MEETING



Joey Hartman
Chair, VCC Board of Governors