



VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2022

5:30 p.m. Room 5025, Broadway Campus & Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Joey Hartman (Chair, Board/HRC)
Libby Davies (Vice Chair)
Jeffrey Yu (Chair, FAC)
Mahin Rashid (Chair, Governance)
Karen Brooke
Ladan Sahraei
Nadia Belokopitov
Paul Yeung
Seung Oh
Shobha Rajagopalan
Sue Hammell

Staff Resources

David Wells VP, Academic & Applied Research
Ian Humphreys VP, Admin & International Development
Kate Dickerson VP, People Services
Jane Shin VP, Students & Community Development
Elmer Wansink AVP, IT & CIO
Clayton Munro AVP, Student & Enrolment Services
Tannis Morgan AVP, Academic Innovation
Jamie Choi ED, Finance & CFO
Karen Wilson ED, Marketing & Communications
Patris Aghakian AD, Institutional Research **REGRETS**
Deborah Lucas EA, Board of Governors

Ex-Officio

Ajay Patel President & CEO
Natasha Mandryk Chair, Education Council

Guests

Taryn Thomson President, VCCFA
Chris Joyce President, CUPE Local 4627
Stefan Nielsen Advocate, Governance, 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

- The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. J. Hartman presented the land acknowledgement and recognized the upcoming National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept 30. The VCC Board will continue holding space for these conversations. A facilitated session on Indigenous cultural safety will be held at the board retreat in December.
- J. Hartman presented opening remarks:
 - Thanked Minister Kang for attending the on-campus Pride event on Jul 27.
 - VCC has received letter of appreciation from Vancouver Coastal Health for providing a COVID-19 vaccination site which accommodated approximately 3,500 children. The Board and Leadership acknowledge VCC’s Director of Safety, Security & Risk, Surinder Aulakh and his team for their continued efforts to support local government and more importantly, the VCC community.
 - On Nov. 10 the Board will be represented by the Chair and J. Yu at a governance training event, hosted by the Ministry. This is the second event they have hosted for appointed members.
 - A. Patel has joined the College & Institute Canada (CiCan) Board of Directors in the role of At-Large Director from an institution. J. Hartman commended him on his dedication to participate in discussions on important sectoral issues.

- Congratulated VCC’s Leadership Team for signing Memorandums of Understanding with universities in Taiwan and Ireland. Expanding opportunities for international collaboration aligns with the strategic direction of college, supported by the Board.
- Announced that VCC is now Canada’s first Center for Automotive Diversity, Inclusion and Advancement (CADIA) certified automotive school. It recognizes organizations who strive to be Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) champions. EDI is woven throughout VCC’s Strategic Innovation Plan.

Ajay Patel presented opening remarks:

- Acknowledged Sept 30 as National Truth and Reconciliation Day. He encourages everyone to go out to communities and listen to the truths, the impacts, and continue sharing this knowledge, making it an everyday commitment.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: THAT the VCC Board of Governors approve the Sept 28, 2022, agenda, with the addition of items:

- 10.1** Campus Plan Update
- 10.2** Funding Review Update

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

- 2.1** Minutes: Jun 29, 2022, Public Meeting
- 2.2** Board Correspondence
- 2.3** News & Events

Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

3. ACTION TRACKER

- No brought forward actions from Jun 29, 2022, Board of Governors Public Meeting.

4. CONSTITUENCY GROUP UPDATES

4.1 CUPE Local 4627

- No report.

4.2 Student Union of Vancouver Community College (SUVCC): Presented by S. Nielsen, Organiser, Advocacy & Governance

- S. Nielsen was welcomed by the Board, who are happy to see a dedicated position to governance and advocacy.
- S. Nielsen highlighted that with increasing grocery costs, students are facing food insecurity issues. The SUVCC has launched a grocery cart program and will be looking to government for sustainable solutions.
- The SUVCC continues to support the BC Federation of Students in their advocacy for low tuition, with campaigns such as Fund It, Fix It.

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

- Enrolment in English as an Additional Language (EAL) has increased since the collaboration between the Registrars Office and the departments. The faculty and staff were acknowledged.

5. INSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN & REPORT 2021-2022

- E. Wansink introduced the Institutional Accountability Plan & Report (IAPR) (2021-2022) by thanking VCC's Institutional Research team and the departments who contributed to its development.
- The IAPR has been prepared in accordance with the Ministry Accountability Framework Standard Manual and Guidelines, and provides outlines of goals, objectives, and outcomes for 2021-2022. It indicates achievements and accomplishments which align with the government's priorities as stated in the annual Mandate Letter. The report was distributed to the Board for review in advance of the meeting.
- Highlights include:
 - VCC was recognized as one of B.C.'s Top Employers in 2021 and 2022, offering reliable and rewarding employment to over 1,200 people in Metro Vancouver.
 - VCC's newly implemented Strategic Innovation Plan (approved June 29, 2021). This plan supports VCC's community who have been impacted by COVID-19, including members of vulnerable and underrepresented groups, to participate fully in growing career opportunities.
 - Working with the Canadian Mental Health Association, VCC has unveiled a Mental Health and Well-Being Framework that will guide the college's efforts in promoting mental health for the next five years.
 - Establishing partnerships to create customized, accessible training courses for people with disabilities and those facing barriers to education.
 - VCC continues to provide the in-demand trades skills experiential training, include low-cost public services, e.g., restaurant services, hairstyling, esthetics, graphic design, auto repair, and dental care.
 - VCC is the only institution in B.C. to offer Adult Basic Education (ABE) at fundamental levels (beginner to Grade 8) which is essential to the success of many newcomers, refugees, and other British Columbians with interrupted education.
 - With the introduction of alternate formats of learning, survey results show that VCC students rated the quality of blended learning and their experience accessing required educational supports very favourably. There's equity in the responses between the different demographics.
 - VCC graduates report a higher-than-average employment outcome across the province, contributing to a stable and robust economy.

MOTION: THAT the Board of Governors approve the VCC Institutional Accountability Plan and Report, 2021-2022 Reporting Cycle.

Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

6. EDUCATION COUNCIL (EdCo)

6.1 Education Council Chair's Report

- The Board were informed of the Concept Paper for the new Event Management Short Certificate Program. It is the only one of its kind offered by a recognized institution in BC which includes wedding planning. There's an anticipate 9.1% growth in this area, as event bookings are continuing to exceed pre-pandemic numbers.
- Education Council and Board of Governors elections are underway. The results will be announced Oct 14. Daria Rabadzija, Education Council Assistant, was acknowledged for her work recruiting students. In addition to participating in Welcome Days at both VCC campuses, she co-organized and held a student information session about governance with Deborah Lucas, Executive Assistant to the Board. Departing members were thanked for their contribution.

7. FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (FAC) REPORT

7.1 Chair's Report

- The Finance and Audit Committee met on Sept 21, 2022.
- Agenda item 7.2 Financial Performance was received for information and items 7.3 & 7.4, were considered and approved for recommendation to the board.
- The next FAC meeting is on Nov 9, 2022.

7.2 2% Increase in Domestic Tuition and Mandatory Fees

- To offset increased operating costs and to maintain financial stability and sustainability, FAC are recommending an increase in domestic tuition and mandatory fees by 2%, effective August 1, 2023, and as capped by the Ministry

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approve the implementation of a 2% increase in domestic tuition and mandatory fees, effective August 1, 2023.

Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

7.3 4% Increase in International Tuition and Mandatory Fees

- To offset some of the increased operating costs and to maintain financial stability, FAC are recommending an increase to international tuition and mandatory fees by 4%, effective August 1, 2023. There is no Ministry cap.
- FAC discussed the matter at great length, including accessibility and affordability. It was noted that VCC's fees for international fees remain lower than other post-secondary institutions. is catching up with other post-secondary institutions with its international fees. Establishing tuition which covers true costs helps supports program sustainability.
- Some board members highlighted the burden of tuition increases on VCC's international students, who already pay high rates.
- This discussion reiterates the importance of the funding review and advocating to government for appropriate funding.

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approve the implementation of a 4% increase in international tuition and mandatory fees, effective August 1, 2023.

Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Opposed: A. Sahagun, Abstain: K. Brooke)

8. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (GC) REPORT

8.1 Chair's Report

- In partnership with People Services, the Governance Committee has identified a facilitator who will present three Indigenous cultural education sessions to the Board. The first will take place at the Board Retreat in December.
- The next Governance Meeting is Oct 13, 2022.

9. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (HRC) REPORT

9.1 Chair's Report

- The Human Resources Committee (HRC) has conducted the mid-year review of the President's Objectives and reported to the Board that the results were very satisfactory. People Services are supporting the identification of review process, by looking at current best practices.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Campus Plan Update

- I. Humphreys provided an update on the Campus Plan, detailing the business plan components. It includes a financial analysis, options identified, e.g., new build, rent. There are schematics, risk assessments and implementation strategy. It's a significant undertaking and he acknowledged the team dedicated to its development. Further updates will be presented as they come.

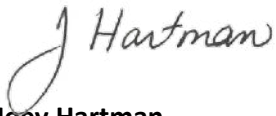
10.2 Funding Review

- A. Patel informed the Board that the Funding Review Findings Report is pending. With Ministry consultations with First Nations still in progress and a new Premier expected, the report may be delayed. Institutions Funding Review submissions are accessible online.
- The plan "Future Ready: Skills for the Jobs of Tomorrow" is a multi-ministry initiative. It's anticipated that funding will be allocated to programs which the government identifies as priorities, e.g., expansion of dual credit programs and health programs. Work integrated learning opportunities and collaborations between institutions.

11. NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

- The next regular Board of Governors Public Meeting is on Nov 23, 2022. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVED AT THE NOV 23, 2022, PUBLIC BOARD MEETING



Joey Hartman
Chair, VCC Board of Governors