

Board Members

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Ajay Patel	President & CEO
Natasha Mandryk	Chair, EdCo/GC

Guests

Deanne Bates	Chief Shop Steward, CUPE Local 4627
Taryn Thomson	President, VCCFA
Stefan Nielsen	Organizer, Advocacy & Governance, SUVCC

We acknowledge that Vancouver Community College (VCC) is located on the traditional and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples who have been stewards of this land from time immemorial.

1. CALL TO ORDER, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & OPENING REMARKS

- J. Hartman called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m. P. Yeung presented the land acknowledgement. Chair’s opening remarks:
 - Regrets from C. Lo, C. Sparklingeyes, J. Yu, N. Belokopitov and M. Guerin.
 - Congratulated VCC’s 1,000+ graduating students. She is excited to present greetings from the Board at the Jun 27, 2024 convocation ceremony.
 - Jul 31, 2024 marks the end of term for appointed board member S. Rajagopalan. She joined the board in 2018 and she has been a member of Finance and Audit Committee and the Governance Committee during her six-year term. She has been a valuable team member, representing the board at many events. Words of thanks were expressed by the Board and a gift was presented. In response, she expressed gratitude for the experience.
- A. Patel’s remarks:
 - VCC partnered with the Central City Foundation to host the 16th annual Fair in the Square event at downtown’s Victory Square on Jun 9, 2024. With live music and entertainment, arts and crafts and free BBQ served by VCC’s culinary department, it’s a highlight for the community and brings a positive vibe. He thanked the organizers, volunteers and community members who attended.

- Highlighting the recent Tooth Trolley, and Asian Culinary Department events, the VCC Foundation, donors and participants were acknowledged for their support. This included the Honourable Anne Kang and the Honourable Bruce Ralston, who attended the Asian Culinary fundraiser.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: THAT the Board of Governors approve the Jun 26, 2024, public meeting agenda, and the Consent Agenda items:

- 2.1 Minutes: May 29, 2024, Public Meeting
- 2.2 Board Correspondence & Activity
- 2.3 2025 Public Board Meeting Schedule
- 2.4 News and Events

Moved, Seconded & CARRIED

3. ACTION TRACKER

- No actions.

4. CONSTITUENCY REPORTS

4.1 CUPE Local 4627

- The Board received a report from D. Bates, CUPE Local 4627 Chief Shop Steward. Ten (10) \$1k bursaries have been awarded to members or members' family.

4.2 Student Union of Vancouver Community College (SUVCC)

- The Board received a report from S. Nielsen, SUVCC Advocacy & Governance Organizer. The SUVCC met with Joan Phillip, MLA, Vancouver- Mount Pleasant constituency, to talk about issues faced by VCC students.

4.3 Vancouver Community College Faculty Association (VCCFA)

- The Board received a report from T. Thomson, President, VCCFA. Faculty are considering the impact of Artificial Intelligence, and remote working on the teach and learning landscape.
- The VCCFA is concerned about the impact on VCC's programs due to changes in government guidelines for international student enrolment.

5. EDUCATION COUNCIL (EDCO) REPORT

5.1 Chair's Report

- The Education Council (EdCo) Chair's Report was included in the meeting materials. N. Mandryk, highlighted the EdCo Annual Report appendix which includes a list of the activities completed by EdCo and its sub-committees over the year. EdCo Assistant, Darija Rabadzija and EdCo Executive, Emily Simpson, who produced the report, were thanked. The Board acknowledged the level of involvement by VCC's community and thanked EdCo for their work.

5.2 New Credential: Clean Energy Technology Diploma

- The new Clean Energy Technology Diploma will support the increase in demand for skilled professionals in the field of environmental sustainability, clean energy systems and electrical technology. Responding to EdCo's feedback on Indigenizing the curriculum, the School of Trades consulted and collaborated with the Indigenous Education and Community Engagement Department and David Kirk, Dean of Curriculum and Pedagogy, to develop an "Understanding Indigenous Connection to the Land in Canada" course. There will be three (3) intakes, but this could be increased if there's demand. Generally, graduates of VCC's trade programs find employment.

MOTION: THAT, on the advice of Education Council, the Board of Governors approve the new Clean Energy Technology Diploma credential and program implementation.
Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

6. FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (FAC) REPORT - Presented by S. Oh on behalf of FAC Chair

6.1 Chair's Report

- The Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) met on Jun 12, 2024. The committee considered the Clean Energy Technology Diploma tuition (item 6.2 on the agenda).
- The next FAC meeting is Sept 11, 2024. The annual Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) will be considered for recommendation to the Board.

6.2 TUITION: New Clean Energy Technology Diploma (Domestic & International)

- When considering the tuition proposal for the new Clean Energy Technology Diploma, Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) supported the program's alignment with the government's CleanBC plan, as well, VCC's strategic goals with the construction of the new Centre for Clean Energy and Automotive Innovation. They also considered the increase in demand for professionals over the next ten (10) years. Responding to the Board's question on comparative programs, B. Griffiths confirmed that there are no direct competitors at this time. The Board approved FAC's tuition recommendation which supports program sustainability.

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approve tuition for the new Clean Energy Technology Diploma Program, effective April 1, 2025.

International: \$39,794

Domestic: \$22,440

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

7. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (GC) REPORT - Presented by P. Yeung on behalf of GC Chair

7.1 Chair's Report

- The Governance Committee (GC) met on Jun 5, 2024, and considered agenda policy items 7.2 and 7.3. They also continued discussion regarding the annual board evaluation. Recommended objectives are being considered by the Board.
- The next meeting is Sept 10, 2024.

7.2 POLICY: Revised Safe Disclosure (#203) Policy & Procedures (formerly Whistleblower)

- VCC's Whistleblower policy has undergone a review resulting in significant revisions. It has been renamed Safe Disclosure (#203) to address the mandatory requirement for universities and colleges to have a safe disclosure policy, as of June 2024.
- The revisions were informed by a sample template provided by Post-Secondary Employers' Association (PSEA), in collaboration with the Office of the BC Ombudsperson. Revisions include clear criteria for what "wrongdoing" is under the legislation, and inform who can receive and investigate disclosures, assuring there is no reprisal for disclosing. The Governance Committee (GC) had no concerns, and the Board approved their recommendation.

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, the Board of Governors approve revisions to Safe Disclosure policy and procedures #203 (formerly Whistleblower)

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

7.3 POLICY: Revised Accommodation for Students with Disabilities (# 327) Policy & Procedures

- To comply with current legislation, and VCC practices, the Accommodation for Students with Disabilities (327) Policy & Procedures has undergone a review resulting in significant revisions. The renewal of this policy is one of the action items in VCC's Accessibility Plan (2023-2026) and it's been informed by the new Accessible BC Act, as well as new Canadian legislation. N. Scott confirmed that the policy met the legislated requirement for "reasonable accommodations" to be met. The policy emphasizes that the responsibility for accommodations resides with all areas of the College. Moving forward the authority for this policy is still under the Board of Governors, but with advice from Education Council.
- The revisions will be reported in the Accessibility Plan, as well, there is broad community representation on the Accessibility Committee, who act as ambassadors, sharing information with key groups and the community. The Governance Committee (GC) had no concerns, and the Board approved their recommendation.

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of the Governance Committee with advice from EdCo, the Board of Governors approve, in the form presented at this meeting, the revised Accommodation for Students with Disabilities (327) policy and procedures, including the change of approval body to the Board of Governors, with Educational Council Advice.

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

8. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (HRC) REPORT – Presented by HRC Chair, M. Rashid

8.1 Chair's Report

- On May 31, 2024, the Human Resources Committee (HRC) approved the annual Executive Compensation Disclosure Statement, for submission to government. The statement discloses all compensation accrued and paid to the President and the next four (4) highest ranking/paid executives with an annualized base salary of \$125k. The Public Sector Employers' Council (PSEC) will inform institutions when the statements can be posted publicly.

9. INDIGENIZATION AT VCC

- On Jun 3, 2024, VCC's Indigenous Education and Community Engagement team invited the community to the annual Three Sisters Garden planting ceremony. For fostering a deeper connection with the lands of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples, guests gathered at the Broadway campus's Indigenous garden to plant one of the Three Sisters - corn, beans, or squash. It was well attended. VCC's Elders in Residence and Indigenous knowledge holders shared their knowledge about plants with guests.

10. VCC FOUNDATION UPDATE – Presented by M. Gookstetter on behalf of J. Yu

- The VCC Foundation hosted two (2) events. The Asian Culinary Department fundraising event was a great opportunity to build relationships, and \$27k was raised. The Tooth Trolley event provides free dental checks to children in the community, and it's run by VCC's Dental Assisting students dressed as colourful tooth fairies. Close to 200 children participated and \$35k worth of dental services were provided.
- From a generous donation, VCC has purchased eighteen (18) new devices for the laptop lending service operated by the Library and Learning Department. Many students benefit from this initiative that supports students who do not have access to a personal device.
- Continuing to address the issue of food insecurity faced by students, \$75k of the \$100k funding goal has been raised. Funds will be used for initiatives including access to grocery carts and lunch cards, a "snack shack" for students to access non-perishable protein items, and giveaways, e.g., rice bags. As strategies for accessing resources continue to be developed, currently one method is through referrals, e.g., counselling, SUVCC.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Board Member Debrief: Ministry of Post-Secondary Education & Future Skills: Post- Secondary Board Governance Workshop (Jun 13 & 14, 2024)

- The Ministry of Post-Secondary Education & Future Skills hosted their 1.5-day Post- Secondary Board Governance Workshop on Jun 13, 14. Bobbi Plecas, Deputy Minister, addressed attendees. Key issues for the sector are the international student situation, noting that process will be more regulated. Also, the importance of the StrongerBC: Future Ready initiative. There were panels and workshops, topics included Senates and Councils, and Cyber Security. It was well attended by the Board and Senior Team.

12. NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

- The next regular public board meeting is on Sept 18, 2024.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED SEPTEMBER 18, 2024