



ANNUAL REPORT

2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT– BOARD OF GOVERNORS SUPPORT STAFF REPRESENTATIVE

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I suspect that this year would be considered a ‘busy’ year for the Board of Governors (BofG) but it is going to seem pretty tame in this report. Mostly we get updates on finances (looking backward) and budget (looking forward), health building progress and fundraising, strategic planning, and Campus Master Plan, along with monthly reports from the Chair, the President, Education Council, PISE, and Executive. We get introductions to new exempt staff and occasional presentations from Student Society and various departments doing noteworthy stuff.

In October 2018 I had the opportunity to participate in the provincial Board of Governance Workshop and Convention held at the Union Club in downtown Victoria. The workshop had sessions on BofG members adding value to their institution, fiduciary roles and responsibilities, and governance training. The next day during the convention, we had a talk by the Minister of Advanced Education and a presentation by the Assistant Deputy Minister. We also had lots of opportunities to network and to meet with other board members and college and institute presidents to discuss various topics from the first day’s sessions.

In November 2018 we had our Focus on Education session. Each year, the Board Chair (Ron Rice) and Camosun President (Sherri Bell) try to introduce the board members to aspects of the college, especially students, since most members are not part of the working college community. This year, we did a tour of Interurban campus with presentations by students on programs offered at that campus. Highlights were meeting with students in the Mental Health and Addictions program and getting to be some of the first to try out the new Culinary Arts food truck.

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In our March 2019 meeting, we were finally presented with a public version of the plan to address the major moves related to the opening of the new health building in Fall 2019, as well as the 20-25 year long view Campus Master Plan prepared by Thinkspace and Noun Consulting.

2019 is the end of my three year term with the Board of Governors. I have submitted a nomination form to run again for 2019-2022.

I am also a member of the Board Finance Committee and have just joined the Policy and Standards committee, a sub-committee of Education Council. If re-elected, I hope to carry on with these sub-committees over my next term on the board.

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