



**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
September 24, 2020**

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This report covers the time period from August 24 to September 23, 2020. It is intended to provide an overview (not an exhaustive list) of the activities and events that the President has participated in during the time period.

COVID-19 Recovery Planning

During the past two months, a major focus of work both internally, and with other provincial post-secondary education institutions and the provincial government, has been on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, planning for the current academic year and next fiscal year. As the fall 2020 semester begins and although a great deal is still unknown, some aspects and impacts of the pandemic are becoming clearer and will be articulated in a draft set of Planning Assumptions and related COVID-19 Impact Fast Facts. The draft planning assumptions will be presented in a separate report.

BC Post-Secondary Institution Presidents Meeting

On August 24, I along with presidents of the other 24 B.C. post-secondary institutions participated in a teleconference meeting hosted by the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training (AEST). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for the start up of the fall 2020 semester, and to receive provincial government updates regarding health and safety protocols, the restart plans for the K-12 education system, Fall/Winter institutional communications and federal/provincial reporting requirements for International Students.

BC Colleges (BCC) Executive Committee

On August 24, I attended (in my capacity as Past Chair) a teleconference meeting of the BC Colleges Executive Committee. The agenda included receiving updates from Colin Ewart, the President of BCC regarding his work over the summer and to prepare for the September 15 regular meeting of the Council of Presidents to be held via videoconference.

Port Alberni Campus Welcome Back

On August 27, I joined the Port Alberni Campus faculty, staff and administration for their online/videoconference fall semester Welcome Back meeting. It was a pleasure to speak with everyone on the call and to hear about plans for college programs and services in the Alberni-Clayoquot region.

College Update Fall 2020

On September 1, the College Update Fall 2020 newsletter was emailed to all college employees. It is posted on the College website [here](#).

Board Governance and Human Resources (GHR) Committee

On September 1, I attended the in-person meeting of the GHR Committee at the Comox Valley Campus. The meeting included a detailed review of the Committee's work in updating the Board's Governance Policies, as well as discussion regarding the Board Retreat agenda, 2020 Board evaluation results summary and proposed meeting dates for 2020/21.

Town Hall Meeting

On September 4, I hosted a college-wide videoconference Town Hall Meeting. The Vice Presidents and I provided brief remarks on the topics highlighted in the Fall 2020 College Update newsletter and answered questions on a broad array of topics from many of the 160+ college employees who attended across the region. Future Town Hall meetings this fall will focus on campus safety plans, the Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on NIC enrolment and finances, and the underlying planning assumptions upon which the College's multi-year recovery planning will be based.

Student Orientation/Welcome

On September 8, I participated in two Student Orientation/Welcome sessions delivered online via videoconference. The sessions which were attended by approximately 340 students in total, provided an overview of important information regarding the college's services and supports, including the online resources available to assist students in being successful in their studies. Felicity Blaiklock (Director, Student Affairs & PA Campus Administrator) and Dean Martin (Manager, Student Life) did excellent work preparing and facilitating the sessions.

College Board Executive Committee

The College Board Executive Committee met on September 10. A separate report on the committee meeting is included in the September 24 regular Board meeting agenda package.

North Island College Foundation (NICF)

On September 14, I attended a regular meeting of the NICF Board of Directors via videoconference. The agenda for the meeting included reports from the Chair, Executive Director, and various Board Committees.

BC Colleges (BCC) Council of Presidents (COP)

The BC Colleges COP held its regular meeting on September 15 via videoconference. The meeting agenda included updates from PSEA CEO Rebecca Maurer and AEST DM Shannon Baskerville, ADMs Kevin Brewster and Nicola Lemmer, and Executive Lead Tony Loughran and a discussion on the BC Colleges Recovery Plan Priorities 2020-21,

Post-Secondary Employers' Association (PSEA)

On September 16, I attended the PSEA Annual General Meeting held via videoconference. The agenda for the meeting included reports from the Board Chair Michael Marchbank, CEO Rebecca Maurer, Chief Operating Officer Brian Chutter, Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat, Standing Committee on HR Practices, and AEST Deputy Minister Shannon Baskerville. A Bargaining update was also provided and the PSEA 2019-20 Audited Financial Statements were reviewed and PSEA's auditor was appointed.

Irving K. Barber B.C. Scholarship (IKBBCS) Society

On September 17, I chaired a teleconference meeting of the IKBBCS Society's Transfer Scholarship Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the applications adjudication process for the Transfer Scholarship Awards and to plan for the development of a new Transitions Award program to begin in 2021.