



# **Board of Governors**

## **Activity Summary 2016/17**

**September 2017**

**EMILY CARR UNIVERSITY OF ART + DESIGN**  
520 East 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, VANCOUVER, BC V5T 0H2



## **BOARD MEMBERSHIP 2016/17**

### **Chancellor**

Geoff Plant

### **President + Vice-Chancellor**

Dr. Ron Burnett

### **Appointed Members**

Kim Peacock (July 2015)

Shauna Bryan (July 2015)

Lucille Pacey (June 2016)

Scott Hawthorn (July 2016)

Bill Cunningham (March 2017)

Sonny Assu (December 2017)

Nicholette Prince (December 2017)

Bill Tam (December 2017)

*Rich Mischel (Dec 2010 – Nov 2016)*

*Michael O'Brian (Dec 2013 – Mar 2017)*

*Jo Delesalle (July 2015- July 2017)*

*Lynda Brown-Ganzert (July 2016 – Dec 2017)*

*Zdenka Buric (Dec 2016 – Dec 2017)*

### **Faculty Members**

Dr. Randy Lee Cutler (Nov 2014)

Alexandra Phillips (Oct 2015)

### **Employee Member**

Gaye Fowler (May 2013)

### **Student Members**

Joey Cheung (August 2016)

Joakim Zatko (August 2016)

## **BOARD COMMITTEES 2016/17**

### **Executive + Human Resources Committee**

Kim Peacock, Chair

Shauna Bryan, Vice Chair

Geoff Plant, Director-at-Large

Scott Hawthorn (as of September 2017)

Lucille Pacey (as of September 2017)

*Jo Delesalle, Director-at-Large (Sep 2016 - July 2017)*

*Zdenka Buric, Director-at-Large (Mar - Sep 2017)*

### **Finance + Audit Committee**

Bill Cunningham, Chair (as of September 2017)

*Shauna Bryan, Chair (July – September 2017)*

*Jo Delesalle, Chair (January - July 2017)*

Scott Hawthorn

Lucille Pacey

### **Governance Committee**

Lucille Pacey, Chair

Gaye Fowler

Randy Lee Cutler

Alexandra Phillips

### **Board Representatives**

Foundation Board: Kim Peacock

Senate Representative: Shauna Bryan

Sabbatical Committee: Shauna Bryan

PSEA Members' Board Compensation

Committee: Kim Peacock

Emily Carr is a public post-secondary institution governed in accordance with the University Act of British Columbia. It operates with a bicameral governance system with a duly constituted Board of Governors and Senate.

### **BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Board of Governors is the senior governing body at Emily Carr and has responsibility for the management, administration, and control of property, revenue, business, and affairs of the University. The Board operates in accordance with the University Act, Board Bylaws, Board and University policies and procedures, and other provincial legislation and direction.

The Board has 15 members, which include the Chancellor, President + Vice-Chancellor, two elected faculty members, two elected student members, one elected employee member, and eight members appointed by the Government of British Columbia.

### **SENATE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Senate is the senior academic governing body at Emily Carr and has responsibility for academic degree programs, curriculum, evaluation, and the granting of degrees. The Senate also acts in an advisory capacity to the Board and must advise the Board and the Board must seek advice from the Senate on the development of educational policy, as outlined in the University Act.

Senate has 25 members, which include the Chancellor, President + Vice-Chancellor, Vice-President Academic + Provost, all Deans, University Librarian, two faculty members elected from each Faculty, four students, an alumni member, two support staff, and a Board representative.

## **HONORARY DEGREE + EMILY AWARD RECIPIENTS 2017**

The Board was pleased to recognize the following individuals as recipients of this year's Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree and the Emily Award, which recognizes outstanding alumni.

### **Hock E Aye Vi Edgar Heap of Birds, Honorary Doctor of Letters**

For over four decades, Hock E Aye Vi Edgar Heap of Birds has created visual works that deliver critiques on colonization, modernity, identity and power. A member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, he received a BFA from the University of Kansas, and an MFA from the Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia. Heap of Birds boasts an extensive exhibition record, including the Venice Biennale, and his works are held in the collections of major museums throughout North America including the Whitney, the Smithsonian, the MET, British Museum, and the Library of Congress.

A Professor of Native American Studies at the University of Oklahoma, Heap of Birds has served as a visiting lecturer and professor at numerous universities around the world, including Rhode Island School of Design and Yale University. His artistic creations and efforts as an advocate for indigenous communities worldwide are focused first upon social justice and then the personal freedom to live within the tribal circle as an expressive individual.

### **Lisa Robertson, Honorary Doctor of Letters**

Poet and cultural writer Lisa Robertson's practice overlaps with philosophy, visual art, architecture, design and fashion. In her poems, prose, and essays she has had a profound influence on Vancouver's art community where she is also known by her former pen name, The Office for Soft Architecture. Robertson has received numerous awards and honours, including a fellowship from Cambridge University, the ReLit Poetry Award, the bpNichol Chapbook Award, and the PIP Gertrude Stein Award for Innovative Poetry. Her book, *Debbie: An Epic* was nominated for a Governor General's Award.

Previous teaching engagements include the Beaux Arts in Bordeaux, Piet Zwart Institute, American

University of Paris, California College of the Arts, the University of Cambridge, and Princeton University. Robertson has been poet-in-residence at UC Berkeley, University of Chicago, and Simon Fraser University.

### **Peeter Wesik, Honorary Doctor of Letters**

With over 30 years in the real estate industry, Peeter Wesik is widely recognized as one of the most influential leaders in BC. As President of Wesgroup Properties, he sets the vision for the company — one that embraces flexibility, diversity, sustainability and social responsibility. A much-lauded speaker on the topics of real estate, sustainable urbanism and homeownership, Wesik, was named one of the 20 most influential people in residential construction by BC Homes Magazine in co-operation with the Canadian Home Builders' Association of BC (2011).

A longstanding friend of arts and culture organizations, Wesik is passionate about the impact of the arts on the community. Through his family foundation, he has made significant gifts to the Vancouver Art Gallery, Audain Art Museum, National Gallery of Canada, Chor Leoni, Ballet BC, Arts Umbrella, and Emily Carr University. Wesik is currently a Director of the Royal BC Museum and St. George's School.

### **Pat Christie, Emily Award**

Industrial designer, entrepreneur, and social innovator, Pat Christie believes that imagination and play are fundamental to a healthy process of creation and problem-solving. After graduating from Emily Carr University in 2011, he founded DalyCo., a business established around thoughtful human-centred design with a focus on regional wood products and development. In 2013, he co-founded Yew Woodshop with fellow alumni, to share equipment, space and knowledge resources. SPACE soon followed, a creative hub and showroom where designers sell products through a low margin model and participate in hosted activities that encourage the development and exposure of new products and ideas.

Christie's activities have focused on increasing the connectivity between the academic and professional realms, spearheading multiple initiatives to create links between organizations and individuals from disparate fields. Together, his

entrepreneurial ventures form a living prototype of the innovative, collaborative, values-based working group that the local design and manufacturing community can bring together.

## **NEW CAMPUS**

For over 90 years, Emily Carr faculty, alumni, students, and staff have made significant and lasting contributions to the world of art, media, and design. This tradition will continue and expand in our new purpose-built campus at Great Northern Way. The new campus provides the Vancouver arts community with a world-class, state-of-the-art facility for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.

The Board of Governors has been actively involved, both collectively and individually, in advocating for and supporting a new campus for Emily Carr.

## **BOARD APPROVALS + ACTIVITIES**

### **September 2016**

- Kim Peacock elected Chair of the Board.
- Shauna Bryan elected as Vice-Chair of the Board.
- Geoff Plant, Jo Delesalle, and Michael O'Brian (until March 2017), elected as Directors-at-Large. Zdenka Buric elected as Director-at-large March 2017.
- Members signed the annual conflict of interest declaration form.
- Draft *Self-defining Excellence: 8 Commitments to an Emergent Future, Emily Carr University's 2016 – 2020 Strategic plan* presented by Bonne Zabolotney, VP, Academic + Provost.
- Reports from the Chair, President + Vice-Chancellor, Vice-President Academic + Provost, Vice-President Enrolment + Student Services/Registrar.
- Approval of Statement of Financial Information Report (SOFI).
- Presentation of Presidential priorities.

### **November 9, 2016**

- Approval of 2017 recommended Faculty Sabbaticals and Educational leaves.
- Oath of Office and welcome to new Board Member Lynda Brown- Ganzert.

- Discussion on succession planning.
- Approval of Board Committee memberships.
- Board appointment discussion.
- Reports from the Board Chair, President + Vice-Chancellor, VP Academic + Provost, VP, Finance + Administration, and VP, Enrolment + Student Services/Registrar.
- Thank you to departing Board member Rick Mischel.

#### **November 10, 2016**

- Board Retreat at Granville Island Hotel, Facilitators: Tara Landes + Jonathan Bennett

#### **January 12, 2017**

- Oath of office and welcome to new Board Member Zdenka Buric.
- Approval of recommended Honorary Doctorate Degree and Emily Award recipients for presentation at Convocation ceremonies in May 2017.
- Presentation of Benchmark report by KPMG.
- Approval of Purchasing + Sale of Lot 1.
- Discussion on succession planning.
- New Campus progress report.
- Discussion on naming spaces at the new campus.
- Jo Delesalle named Chair of Board Finance + Audit Committee.
- Report from the Chancellor on meeting with Honourable Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Advanced Education.
- Approval of recommended Request for Proposal (RFP): President + Vice Chancellor Search for distribution to executive search firms. Authority granted to Board Executive + HR Committee to act as procurement committee responsible for the evaluation and recommendation of a proponent that best meets the criteria outlined in the RFP.
- Reports from the Board Chair, President + Vice-Chancellor, VP Academic + Provost, VP, Finance + Administration, and VP, Enrolment + Student Services/Registrar.

- Board members invited to attend Graduation Ceremonies at the Chan Centre, Friday, May 5.

#### **March 6, 2017**

- Oath of Office and welcome to new Board member Bill Cunningham.
- Presentation of Operating Fund Analysis for ten months ended January 31, 2017.
- Discussion on succession planning, communication process and naming recommendation at the new campus.
- Thank you to departing Board member Michael O'Brian.
- Zdenka Buric elected to serve as Director-at-large on the Board Executive Committee.
- Approval of updated ECU Board Competency Matrix.
- Presentation of Draft Sexual & Gender-Based Violence and Misconduct Policy by Taskforce.
- Reports from the Board Chair, President + Vice-Chancellor, VP Academic + Provost, VP, Finance + Administration, and VP, Enrolment + Student Services/Registrar.
- Signing of the Government Mandate Letter for 2017/2018.

#### **April 20, 2017**

- Approval to prepare an interim budget for the four months ended July 31, 2017, due to ongoing budget negotiations with the Ministry.
- Review and discussion of presented updates to the Sexual & Gender-Based Violence and Misconduct Policy + Procedures.
- Approval of Procurement Committee recommendation to hire Caldwell Partners as the recruitment firm for the Presidential search.
- Succession planning timeline.
- Approval of naming the Learning / Library Commons at the new GNW campus Ron Burnett Library and Learning Commons.
- Reports from the Board Chair, President + Vice-Chancellor, VP Academic + Provost, VP, Finance + Administration, and VP, Enrolment + Student Services/Registrar.

**May 4, 2017**

- Chancellor's reception, Granville Island Hotel.
- Preview of the Degree Exhibition at ECU.

**May 5, 2017**

- Convocation at the Chan Centre.

**May 8, 2017**

- Approval of the final Sexual & Gender-Based Violence and Misconduct policy.

**May 18, 2017**

- Approval of Audited financial statements for 2016/17.
- Approval of the proposed tuition fee increases as follows: Undergraduate Domestic 2.0%, Undergraduate International 4.0%, Graduate Studies 4.0%.
- Presentation of updated, draft *Eight Commitments to an Emergent Future – Emily Carr University's Strategic Plan to 2021* by Bonne Zabolotney, VP, Academic + Provost.
- Discussion on succession planning.
- Reports from the Board Vice Chair, VP Academic + Provost, VP, Finance + Administration, and VP, Enrolment + Student Services/Registrar and Chair of Governance Committee.