

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS POLICY DIRECTION
ON
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

The university is a complex financial organization requiring careful oversight, planning, and monitoring of the acquisition, use, and protection of assets. The Board of Governors believes the university's assets are most responsibly used for support of its mission, vision, and values, mandate, and integrated strategic plan and related UFV plans. Empowered by the University Act, the Board must act as the public's trustee for the care and control of the university's assets, including investments, real property, equipment, and intellectual properties, the prudent collection of revenue, and the exercise of due care in the expending of the university's cash resources.

The university will adopt and adhere to appropriate and accepted financial practices and accounting standards, including but not limited to B.C. Ministry of Finance policy and procedure directives, fair vendor relationships, appropriate risk determination, financial reporting, effective use of public assets, and effective distribution and monitoring of funds held in trust. The university will balance the annual budget, and ensure spending does not exceed revenue.

The university will develop and maintain reporting structures for Board oversight including approval of the annual budget, limits to financial risk, fund transfers, indebtedness, investments, signing authority, and the sale and purchase of real property; additionally, the Board will set criteria for ongoing budget and asset monitoring, and ensure internal and external audits are completed.

The university will comply with government financial reporting and disclosure obligations in a timely manner.