Background & Purposes:

Pursuant to Section 27(2)(h) of the University Act, the Board of Governors is empowered “if the President is absent or unable to act, or if there is a vacancy in that office, to appoint an Acting President”. The purpose of this Policy is to designate the individual who will assume the responsibilities of the President if the President is absent or unable to act, or if there is a vacancy in that office.

1. General

1.1 The following are appointed in personam as acting President if the President is absent or unable to act, or if there is a vacancy in that office:

1.1.1 the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Vancouver);

1.1.2 if the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Vancouver) is absent or unable to act: the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal (UBC Okanagan);

1.1.3 if the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Vancouver) and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal (UBC Okanagan) are absent or unable to act: the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Okanagan);

1.1.4 if the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Vancouver), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal (UBC Okanagan), and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Okanagan), are absent or unable to act: the Vice-President, Research and Innovation;

1.1.5 if the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Vancouver), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal (UBC Okanagan), the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Okanagan), and the Vice-President, Research and Innovation are absent or unable to act: the Vice-President, Health;

1.1.6 if the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Vancouver), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal (UBC Okanagan), the Provost and Vice-President, Academic
(UBC Okanagan), the Vice-President, Research and Innovation, and the Vice-President, Health are absent or unable to act: the Vice-President, Finance and Operations;

1.1.7 if the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Vancouver), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal (UBC Okanagan), the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Okanagan), the Vice-President, Research and Innovation, the Vice-President, Health, and the Vice-President, Finance and Operations are absent or unable to act: the Vice-President, Students;

1.1.8 if the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Vancouver), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal (UBC Okanagan), the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Okanagan), the Vice-President, Research and Innovation, the Vice-President, Health, the Vice-President, Finance and Operations, and the Vice-President, Students are absent or unable to act: the Vice-President, Human Resources;

1.1.9 if the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Vancouver), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal (UBC Okanagan), the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Okanagan), the Vice-President, Research and Innovation, the Vice-President, Health, the Vice-President, Finance and Operations, the Vice-President, Students, and the Vice-President, Human Resources are absent or unable to act: the Vice-President, External Relations; and

1.1.10 if the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Vancouver), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal (UBC Okanagan), the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Okanagan), the Vice-President, Research and Innovation, the Vice-President, Health, the Vice-President, Finance and Operations, the Vice-President, Students, the Vice-President, Human Resources, and the Vice-President, External Relations are absent or unable to act: the Vice-President, Development and Alumni Engagement.
EXPLANATORY NOTES REGARDING THE
ACTING PRESIDENT POLICY AND ASSOCIATED PROCEDURES

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The OUC has prepared these Explanatory Notes to provide context and background regarding the Acting President Policy. These Explanatory Notes do not replace or supersede the content of the Acting President Policy and its Procedures, if any.

Policy Long Title: Acting President

Policy Short Title: Acting President Policy

Policy Number: GA1

Responsible Executive: President

Responsible Board Committee: Executive Committee

Related Policies: N/A

History:

- The Acting President Policy was first approved by the Board of Governors in April 1987;
- The Acting President Policy was revised in September 2013;
- The Acting President Policy was updated in July 2019 to reflect a new policy identification system; it is currently identified as the Acting President Policy, its long title is Acting President, and its number is GA1. The previous identification number for this policy was #19;
- The Policy was updated in September 2019 to reflect current position titles and to include the Provost and Vice-President, Academic (UBC Okanagan) and the Vice-President, Health in the succession line for an acting President in the event that the sitting President is absent or unable to act.

Related Legislation: University Act R.S.B.C. 1996, c.468