CHANCELLOR’S INSTALLATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

NOVEMBER 25, 2020
I am delighted to welcome the Honourable Steven Point (xwē lī qwēl tēl) as UBC’s 19th Chancellor.

Dr. Point has a long record of public service and advocacy. He is not only a UBC graduate and honorary degree recipient, he is a former Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. He is a member of the Skowkale First Nation and has advocated for Indigenous peoples throughout his career, pressing for greater recognition of their contributions and their fuller involvement in all aspects of life in British Columbia.

Besides his public roles presiding over all major ceremonies and convocations and representing the University in a wide range of events and activities, the Chancellor is also a great source of guidance and counsel for me. I look forward to working with Dr. Point, and am truly honoured that he has agreed to serve as Chancellor of UBC.

— Santa J. Ono
President and Vice-Chancellor
**Message from the Okanagan Nation Alliance**

The Honourable Steven Point, also known to us as xwĕ lī qwĕl tĕl, is a longstanding friend of the Syilx Okanagan Nation. His appointment as Chancellor of UBC is a credit to the university and a source of inspiration for the wider community.

xwĕ lī qwĕl tĕl is known throughout First Nations leadership in BC with much respect for his work as a Stó:lō leader and for his many achievements and contributions towards creating a fair and just society that respects the inherent rights of Indigenous peoples.

His appointment aligns with ongoing work between the Syilx Okanagan Peoples and UBC as highlighted in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Chiefs Executive Council of the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) and UBC Okanagan affirming respect for Syilx Territory and support for Syilx students.

The appointment of xwĕ lī qwĕl tĕl as Chancellor holds up an important example—for students of every age and background—of the contributions Indigenous peoples are making to academic excellence and leadership in the world today.

— Ki Law Na Ylmixwm Chief Executive Council Tribal Chair, Chief Clarence Louie

Chair, Okanagan Nation Alliance

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**Message from the Musqueam Indian Band**

On behalf of xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) I am pleased to welcome xwĕ lī qwĕl tĕl, the Honourable Steven Point, as the newest Chancellor for the University of British Columbia, which has its main campus on beautiful xʷməθkʷəy̓əm territory.

xwĕ lī qwĕl tĕl is a remarkable leader, especially for Indigenous peoples and his community, Skowkale. I am pleased to finally see a First Nations person take on this role at UBC, and I couldn’t think of anyone more deserving of this responsibility than Steven Point. Steven has many family ties to the Musqueam community and we are all excited to see him take on this opportunity.

Musqueam looks forward to working with xwĕ lī qwĕl tĕl as we continue to strengthen our relationship with UBC through mutual respect and an understanding of our shared future. hay čxʷ qa, Steven, for continuing to inspire future generations of Indigenous leaders.

— y̓ak”y̓ak”alaq Wayne Sparrow

Chief, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Indian Band
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF ALUMNI UBC

ON BEHALF OF UBC’S MORE THAN 360,000 ALUMNI, WELCOME to your new role at UBC. I’m proud and excited to see a member of our alumni community installed as the university’s most visible and respected ambassador and volunteer.

Of course, you start this work during a time of challenge and uncertainty—but it’s also a time of possibility and change. As a hotspot of creativity and ingenuity, UBC will be at the forefront of that change.

We are lucky to benefit from your wisdom, and the experience you have gained from a long and exemplary record of service to this province.

I hope your deeper involvement with UBC over the next few years will be satisfying, enjoyable and fruitful. Thank you for your commitment. I look forward to working with you.

— ROSS LANGFORD, B.COM.’89, LL.B.’89
Chair, alumni UBC Board of Directors

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, I am pleased to warmly welcome the Honourable Steven Point (xwē lî qwēl tēl) and celebrate his installation as UBC’s 19th Chancellor.

In the role of Chancellor, Dr. Point is not only the ceremonial head of the University but is also a member of the Board of Governors. Since Dr. Point joined the University earlier this year, the Board has already benefitted from his wisdom, forthright approach and compassionate nature.

Dr. Point’s advocacy and support for Indigenous peoples, as well as his decades of public service and background in the legal profession will set us in good stead over his term. His guidance will greatly assist the University as it sets forth on numerous strategic fronts, including the implementation of UBC’s ambitious new Indigenous Strategic Plan.

I, along with the members of the Board of Governors, look forward to working with Dr. Point and are very grateful to have him serve as Chancellor of UBC.

— NANCY MCKENZIE, B.B.A., CPA, CA
Chair, Board of Governors

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
MESSAGE FROM THE AMS

ON BEHALF OF ALL STUDENTS AT UBC VANCOUVER, the AMS would like to extend a warm welcome and congratulations to the university’s 19th Chancellor, the Honourable Steven Point (xwē lî qwēl tēl). We truly believe that Chancellor Point’s close ties to UBC and his exceptional history of community-based leadership will enable him to excel at the helm of this great institution. Coupled with a long career of Indigenous-based advocacy, his appointment as the first Indigenous chancellor in the university’s history will undoubtedly ensure that the needs and priorities of Indigenous communities at UBC will be addressed at the highest levels of the university.

The AMS has a long history of working closely with the university’s chancellor that goes back over a century, and we are excited to continue that relationship with Chancellor Point. We are especially heartened to hear of the Chancellor’s commitment to working with UBC students on the important issues that matter to our community. The AMS would like to wish the best of luck to the new chancellor, and we are looking forward to working on great things together. We are excited to see how the university will continue to advance as one of the leading universities in the world with the Honourable Steven Point (xwē lî qwēl tēl) as our chancellor.

— COLE EVANS
President, UBC Alma Mater Society

MESSAGE FROM THE UBCSUO

ON BEHALF OF THE UBC OKANAGAN STUDENT BODY, the SUO would like to extend our warmest welcome to the Honourable Steven Point, UBC’s 19th Chancellor. Chancellor Point’s very close relationship with our institution, as well as his exemplary leadership and service to the Province of British Columbia, signify the immense impact he will have on our community. UBC’s first Indigenous chancellor has a long history of advocating for Indigenous communities, and we look forward to his leadership in this very important area.

Our organization has been representing students on the Okanagan campus for nearly 40 years, working closely with the university to better our community. We are thrilled to continue our work alongside Chancellor Point. The SUO would like to wish Chancellor Point the best of luck and is very much looking forward to collaborating with him on the continuous growth of UBC.

— ALI POOSTIZADEH
President, Students’ Union Okanagan of UBC
THE HONOURABLE STEVEN POINT (XWȦLĪ QWĚL TȦL)

THE HONOURABLE STEVEN POINT (XWȦLĪ QWȦL TȦL) is a double alumnus of UBC and has retained close ties with the University since receiving his Bachelor of Laws in 1985. Chancellor Point served as director of the First Nations Legal Studies program at the Peter A. Allard School of Law from 1991 to 1994. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 2013 for his exceptional commitment in the field of law, legal and Aboriginal education, and his leadership in the Indigenous community.

In addition to his role as the 28th Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, Point’s career includes practising as a lawyer, working at the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs and in the Department of Employment & Immigration, serving as a provincial court judge and the Chief Commissioner of the British Columbia Treaty Commission, and chairing the advisory committee that worked to implement the recommendations from the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry.

Chancellor Point is a member of the Skowkale First Nation and has advocated for Indigenous peoples throughout his career, pressing for greater recognition of their contributions and their fuller involvement in all aspects of life in British Columbia.

Chancellor Point is a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals, the Order of British Columbia, the Joseph H. Cohen Award from the Justice Institute of British Columbia Foundation, a National Aboriginal Achievement Award, the Order of Chilliwack, and honorary Doctorate of Laws degrees from the University of the Fraser Valley and Capilano University.
PROGRAM OF CEREMONY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2020, 10:00 AM

GREETINGS
Her Honour, The Honourable Janet Austin, O.B.C., B.A.
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P., B.A., B.Ed. (Br.Col.)
Prime Minister of Canada

Premier of British Columbia

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Lesley Cormack, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.
Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal, UBC Okanagan

INSTALLATION CEREMONY
The President and Vice-Chancellor

CITATION
Dawn Machin, B.Sc. (Br. Col.)
M.Sc. student in Biology

Alexa Manuel, B.A., M.A. (Br. Col.)
Ph.D. candidate in English Literature

INSTALLATION OATH
Her Honour, The Honourable Janet Austin, O.B.C., B.A.
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

The Honourable Steven Point, O.B.C., LL.B., LL.D. (hon.) (xwē lî qwēl tēl)
Chancellor

UNIVERSITY MARSHAL
Professor, School of Music

MUSQUEAM WELCOME SONG
Alec Dan
xʷməθkʷəy̓əm | Musqueam Indian Band

WELCOME
Elder Larry Grant
xʷməθkʷəy̓əm | Musqueam Indian Band

HOST
Santa J. Ono, B.A., Ph.D., Dr. h.c.
President and Vice-Chancellor

O CANADA
School of Music

OPENING REMARKS
The President and Vice-Chancellor
ROBES OF OFFICE
Gwendolyn Point, B.Ed. (Br. Col.), M.Ed., Ed.D.

ADDRESS
The Chancellor

WITNESSES
Chief Executive Council Tribal Chair, Chief Clarence Louie
Chair, Okanagan Nation Alliance

Councillor Howard Grant
xʷməθkʷəy̓əm | Musqueam Indian Band

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Will Watkins
Regimental Secretary, 39 Service Battalion Regimental Council

CLOSING REMARKS
The President and Vice-Chancellor

OKANAGAN TRAVELLING SONG
Amber Cardenas
Syilx Okanagan Nation, Penticton Indian Band
A CEREMONIAL MACES is a highly ornamented staff, carried by the mace bearer at the start of every UBC graduation ceremony and other formal academic occasions. The mace bearer leads the platform party—consisting of the Chancellor, the President and Vice-Chancellor, and other dignitaries—onto the stage. The mace is a symbol of the Chancellor’s authority.

UBC VANCOUVER MACE
In the fall of 1957, the University commissioned Haida carver Bill Reid to undertake the project. Due to Reid’s heavy workload, he suggested that George Norris be asked to help design and carve the mace. The planning of the mace took time, and a final design was not approved until 1959.

Norris carved the mace from a block of yew and included a stylized thunderbird on the thick upper portion. The mace also featured the use of copper, which is prominent in Northwest Coast native art. This copper trimming was designed and prepared by Bill Reid. Norris completed the mace in 1959. It was first used at the fall congregation, carried by the Director of Ceremonies, Malcolm McGregor.

UBC OKANAGAN MACE
Created by First Nations artist Sheldon Louis of the Okanagan Indian Band, the University mace was carved from a single piece of alder wood, and combines Okanagan Nation traditions with university customs.

The main artwork on the mace features three symbolic spirit icons—a mother bear with her two cubs, mountains and water—that were given to UBC’s Okanagan campus in 2005 by the Okanagan Nation elders. The spirit icon gifts were selected by a group of First Nation elders, led by Andrew McGinnis, an Okanagan traditional medicine keeper from the Penticton Indian Band, and Victor Antoine, an elder of the Okanagan Indian Band. Each spirit icon was chosen carefully for its significance to the region, reflecting local Okanagan Nation tradition, culture and knowledge.

The mace also features a number of university symbols, including the UBC Okanagan logo, the University coat of arms and the UBC motto, Tuum Est—It is Yours. In addition, the back of the mace displays the word Suknaqinx, which is of the Nsyilxcen language, spoken by the Okanagan’s original people. Roughly translated, it means “the ones who stand on the hill and are seen and heard from far away.”

Carved in the shape of a paddle, the mace represents the importance of Okanagan Lake to the region’s people. It is inlaid with silver, applied by First Nations silversmith artist Justin Terbasket of the Lower Similkameen Indian Band. The mace was used for the first time at the 2009 convocation ceremonies at UBC’s Okanagan campus.
THE CEREMONIAL REGALIA

IN 2019, UBC APPROACHED the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) and Syilx Okanagan Nation to collaborate on a project that would add Indigenous symbols of host Nations of each respective campus to the academic regalia of senior administration. A Call for Artists was distributed to both communities, inviting artists to conceptualize how to Indigenize the academic regalia and acknowledge the relationship between UBC and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm, and UBC and the Syilx Okanagan peoples. The successful artist was Chrystal Sparrow.

CHRYSTAL SPARROW, MUSQUEAM ARTIST
Chrystal Sparrow is a third-generation xʷməθkʷəy̓əm artist and carver from the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Indian Band, whose ancestral and unceded territory is located on what is now called Metro Vancouver. She was mentored by her late father, Irving Sparrow, a master carver who taught her the significance of Coast Salish designing and carving techniques.

Chrystal’s work represents feminine expression that is unique in both traditional and contemporary Coast Salish art forms. She designs and carves red and yellow cedar panels, qeqən (houseposts), sculptures and works with other art mediums.

ARTIST’S VISION STATEMENT
“I believe the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Indian Band), the University of British Columbia and the Syilx Okanagan Nation share together knowledge, distinctive cultures and respectful relationships.

I created a simple Coast Salish Eye design to represent all three communities. There are four design elements: the middle circle represents people, the dart represents water, the crescent represents land and the arrow represents everyone moving forward. The eye design also represents education as a significant role and connection within all three communities. The colour red represents the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm and the Syilx Okanagan Nation. The colour black represents UBC.

The eagle design for the clasps represents the knowledge keepers and the distinctive cultures of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm and the Syilx Okanagan Nation. The Coast Salish eye design in sequences of three will adorn the front of each robe to represent the three communities. The two eagle clasp designs will symbolize all three communities upholding successful futures together.”

Chancellor Steven Point (xwē lī qwēl tēl) and President and Vice-Chancellor Santa J. Ono are honoured to wear the newly designed regalia as part of the university’s fall 2020 academic ceremonies.