



Board of Governors



WELCOMING LAUREEN STYLES, INTERIM PRESIDENT



February 21, 2025

As we prepare for President Paul Dangerfield's departure in April, the Board of Governors is committed to ensuring continuity and leadership for Capilano University while the search progresses. Last December, we formed a committee comprised of the Capilano Faculty Association (CFA) president, MoveUP and Capilano Students' Union (CSU) representatives, a member of the board and chaired by the president. Based on their recommendation, it is my pleasure to announce Laureen Styles, EdD, has been appointed interim president & vice-chancellor by the Board of Governors, effective April 22, 2025.

Since joining the University in 2018, Laureen held the role of vice-president, academic & provost, and since last fall, was serving as a special advisor to the president.

Throughout her time at CapU, Laureen has been instrumental in the creation of [Envisioning 2030](#) and the corresponding academic plan, [Illuminating 2030](#). Laureen successfully stood up the office of [Creative Activity Research and Scholarship](#) (CARS) and the launch of the [Squamish campus](#). Her leadership was instrumental in the creation of [Indigenous Education & Affairs](#) (IEA) and [Chéñchenstway](#), a living document outlining CapU's journey of reconciliACTION and learning. Her continued presence on the leadership team significantly enhances CapU's ability to provide life-enhancing learning experiences, inspired by imagination.

Laureen holds a Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership (EdD) from the University of Calgary, a Master of Nursing and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, both from the University of Alberta. Prior to her tenure at CapU, she held the positions vice-president academic at the Justice Institute of BC, dean, Faculty of Health and Human Services at Vancouver Island University (VIU) and teaching (faculty) roles at VIU and the College of New Caledonia.

With an extensive background in higher education leadership and a strong commitment to our University's purpose and values, Laureen will guide us during this transitional period as we continue to build on our academic excellence, student success and community engagement.

Please join us in welcoming Laureen as our interim president and vice-chancellor. We look forward to her leadership and vision in the coming months.

Further updates on the search will be shared with the CapU community through the [Presidential Search webpage](#).

For questions related to the presidential search, please contact [Kartik Bharadwa](#), vice-president, people, culture & diversity.

Sincerely,

David Ayriss
Board Chair
Capilano University Board of Governors

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