Agricultural and Botanical Lands Subcommittee

May 29, 2024

Terms of Reference

The subcommittee provides advice and recommendations to the Okanagan Strategic Space Committee to enable UBC to deliver on its promise of strengthening shared infrastructure and resources to support research excellence and creating welcoming physical and virtual spaces to advance collaboration, innovation and community development.

The subcommittee's mandate is to advise the UBCO Strategic Space Committee on matters related to the utilization and enhancement of UBCO land that is within the agricultural land reserve and/or is used for plant- or agricultural-based research, including the area designated the West Campus Lands. Together, these lands are referred to as the UBCO Agricultural and Botanical Lands.

The subcommittee is directed to take a campus-wide perspective in evaluating requests and proposals relating to these spaces and recommending actions to the Strategic Space Committee.

Included in the mandate of the subcommittee:

- Determine guiding principles and procedures to direct planning and decision-making with respect to UBCO Agricultural and Botanical Lands.
- Set criteria for the prioritization of projects on these lands.
- Engage in consultation with faculties and schools regarding their use of these lands, their priorities, and their plans to deploy these lands.
- In collaboration with UBCO Campus Planning, engage in consultation with First Nation Partners regarding their priorities and project endorsements.
- Review and provide recommendations on any proposed space alterations (whether funded locally or centrally, from research or administrative budgets) to learning spaces.
- Propose and recommend reviews or studies that may be conducted by external consultants as required.
- It is anticipated that the subcommittee will meet three (3) times per year, with additional meetings and communications, as needed.

Committee Membership

- 1. Director of Plant and Botanical Research (Chair)
- 2. Director, Campus Planning (Vice-Chair)
- 3. Associate Vice-Principal, VPRI
- 4. Faculty Representative*
- 5. Faculty Representative*

Staff Support

- 1. Manager, Land and Building Services, Facilities Management
- 2. Facilities Planner, Facilities Planning
- * Appointed in consultation with Provost Office