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Upcoming Events

New series coming in 2026! We will be introducing the series Wellness through Design : Creating a space you love. Watch out for additional details coming soon!

Climate Survey Update

Our last meeting of the year with the BVC Executive team was on November 27th. We focused on developing a new meeting framework so that we can more effectively address concerns, and keep track of action items going forward.



Thank you to all who attended the Annual Meeting, and to everyone who came out for the Holiday Party — each successful in its own, very different way.

PAC: Wise and Well

To view previous Wise and Well or Tea Talk session, log in to the BVC A website with your BVC email:

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If you have ideas for a wise and well session email us at pac_bvcfa.com

BVCFA Executive Updates

Presidents Message- Matt Kriz

2025 has been memorable year here at the college and not always for good reasons. Still, at this time of year I think we can all agree that it's important to recognize the hard work we've done and, if that's what we feel like, put all thoughts of work aside and take time for ourselves and those closest to us. So however you choose to spend this break, I do hope you use it as a break, and a well deserved one at that. We at the BVCFA wish you all a happy and restful end to the year, and you'll hear more about all the work stuff from us again in 2026.

VP Operations and Labour Update – Kristy Calles

Western Regional Conference Highlights – A Step Forward for Governance Conversations in Alberta

This term, Kristy represented BVCFA at the Western Regional Conference for Faculty Associations in Saskatoon. The energy at the event was high, and Day 1 set the tone with a deep dive into the newly released [Mintz Plan Report](#)—a document already sparking important conversations across the post-secondary sector.

The report shines a spotlight on Alberta's unique governance challenges, particularly around its lower level of institutional autonomy compared to other provinces. In addition, it explains why strengthening autonomy is essential and how institutions can lead in developing robust governance practices that support transparency, accountability, and effective risk management.

Another reported area was board governance, including the growing call for reducing government involvement in appointing board members. These conversations signal a potential shift toward more balanced and representative governance structures.

As the report is still fresh, everyone is watching closely to see how the Alberta government will respond. One thing is certain: momentum is building, and this dialogue is only just beginning. Time will tell if this will help to enact positive change.



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Board of Governors Update – Kerry Sharples

The Board of Governors met on December 10th and discussed several key items. The board rescinded the awards policy, noting that it is not a common practice among other public sector institutions. Discussion items included:

- Health Care Centre of Excellence
- Expanding revenue streams
- Digital transformation
- Investment management agreements

Budget overviews were reviewed and will be brought forward for approval in April.

The March board meeting has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

New CFO and VPA start dates were shared and will be released to the college along with their details/information.

Students from the Supply Chain Management program, accompanied by Program Chair Roy George, spoke to the board about their award-winning journey.

Domestic recruitment is showing positive momentum.

The board discussed the exceptional tuition increase, noting it's the first time the government has allowed public sector institutions to come forward with requests.

Regarding the Climate Survey, the board appreciates the concerns raised and has requested this be a specific agenda item at the next board meeting.

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We are excited to share the following resources to our members:

[Campus Mental Health Plan: Together in Wellness](#)
[BVC Faculty Mental Health Toolkit](#)



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 other lives becomes for
 us the magic of the
 holidays.

- W.C. Jones