



Vancouver Island University Definition of the Convocation

Consistent with Section 5 (1) of the University Act (the Act), “the convocation of a university is composed of the following persons:

- a) The chancellor, who is the chair;
- b) The president;
- c) The members of the senate;
- d) All faculty members;
- e) All persons who are graduates of the university¹;
- f) All persons whose names are added to the roll of the convocation by the senate;
- g) All persons not previously referred to in this section who are named on the roll of the convocation of that university immediately before July 4, 1974.”

Meetings of the convocation may be held for one of more of the following purposes (as per Section 6 of the Act):

- a) Conferring degrees, including honorary degrees;
- b) Awarding diplomas and certificates of proficiency granted by the university;
- c) Additional purposes the senate may specify.

In addition to the above and for purposes of clarification as it relates to Section (f) above, Senate has added the following persons to the roll of convocation (consistent with Section 9 (2) of the Act):

- Board of Governors
- Past members of Senate
- Past members of the Board of Governors
- Past regular faculty members
- Recipients of Honorary Doctorate Awards
- Regular staff members who have been employed at VIU for at least 12 months

¹ VIU alumni include all graduates of the University, including any student with a Senate (or equivalent) approved certificate, diploma, degree from:

- the Vocational Training School, Nanaimo (1936 – 1971)
- Malaspina College (1969 –1989)
- Malaspina University-College (1989 - 2008)
- Vancouver Island University (2008 – present)