

## MEDIA RELEASE

CUFA BC Hosts National Conference  
Can Governance Survive? The Future of the University

*(For immediate release – Port Moody, BC, October 3, 2023) – The Confederation of University Faculty Associations of British Columbia (CUFA BC) is hosting a national conference on university governance “Can Governance Survive? The Future of the University.” This event will take place in Vancouver on January 18-19, 2024. The conference explores questions about *What is the state of university governance today, and can it survive modern day challenges? Is there a defined role for faculty associations in the governance model of today’s university?**

“We’ve set the ambitious goal of shaping the future of university governance in Canadian post-secondary education,” says President Ken Christie. “This national conference will provide valuable opportunity for faculty, staff, university administrators, government policymakers, and other stakeholders to shape the future of university governance.”

For more than fifty years, CUFA BC has shifted the narrative of BC’s post-secondary sector, contributing to the development of a stronger post-secondary system in the province. In bringing together experts from across the nation, we can create better solutions to the many challenges facing university governance in Canadian post-secondary institutions.

Find more information about the conference and registration at [www.cufa.bc.ca/conference](http://www.cufa.bc.ca/conference). Early bird registration rate ends October 18<sup>th</sup>!

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*CUFA BC represents over 5,500 faculty members, professional librarians, lecturers, instructors, and other academics at the five research-intensive universities in British Columbia, which include University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, University of Victoria, Royal Roads University and University of Northern British Columbia.*

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