



Statute

Origin: BC Legislature, BILL Pr 402 – 1992
“Vancouver School of Theology Act”

Inter alia:

Christian education centre

1. The school of theology shall be an ecumenical Christian centre of theological education for the purpose of providing
 - a. instruction and training that will prepare men and women to exercise the professional ministries of the Christian churches,
 - b. facilities for the advanced study of theology and for theological research,
 - c. instruction and training in theology for lay persons that will further the general ministry and mission of the Christian churches,
 - d. for the recognition of the polity, and the support of the worship and spiritual disciplines, of the participating denominations,
 - e. an ecumenical forum for theological dialogue among persons of different disciplines and different theological viewpoints, and
 - f. other such Christian educational services and facilities as the board of governors may from time to time authorize.

Powers of school of theology

2. (1) The school of theology
 - a. may acquire and dispose of property, including land,
 - b. may borrow money and grant mortgages and other charges on its property as security for such borrowings,
 - c. may apply to secure letters probate or of administration with will annexed where named a beneficiary in a will,
 - d. may grant in its own name and right academic degrees and honours in the study of theology and related disciplines, and
 - e. may associate, affiliate or participate with any Christian denomination and with any university, college or other educational institution.
- (2) All deeds, transfers, mortgages and other instruments to which the school of theology is a party shall be deemed to have been properly authorized and executed by the school of theology if the corporate name and seal of the school of theology are affixed thereto by authority of the board of governors.

Powers of the Board

14. Subject to this Act, the Board shall have full power and authority to determine:
- a. the manner of governance and operation of the School, its property and affairs,
 - b. the number, the term of office and the manner of appointment of members of the Board,
 - c. the number and term of office of members of the Faculty Council,
 - d. the manner and terms of appointment of the Chancellor, the Principal, Vice-Principal, Faculty Council and all other offices of the School,
 - e. the terms and conditions of employment of the teaching staff and other employees , agents and servants of the School,
 - f. the academic policy, curriculum and educational programs of the School,
 - g. the conditions and requirements for the granting of degrees, diplomas and certificates in theology, including those of an honorary nature,
 - h. the terms and conditions on which the School may affiliate with any university or college,
 - i. the terms and conditions on which the School may associate with, or accept as a participating denomination, any Christian denomination, provided however that no denomination shall be accepted as a participating denomination without the prior consent of the then existing participations,
 - j. the conditions and requirements for the granting and awarding of fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, prizes and student loans,
 - k. the annual budgets for operating and capital revenues and expenditures for the School,
 - l. the fees and tuition for instruction in credit and non-credit courses, library fees, charges for meals and for accommodation ...
 - m. the number of students that may be accommodated in the programs of the School,
 - n. the adoption of a common seal and arms of the School and the terms and conditions of their use;
 - o. the bylaws, rules and regulations for the good governance and management of the School,
 - p. all other matters and things which may be necessary for the well ordering and advancement of the School.

Winding up of school of theology

32. (1) In the event that the school of theology ceases to exist, or if the board of governors shall resolve to wind up the affair of the school of theology, the board of governors shall distribute all real and personal property, vested either in law or in equity in the school of theology, among the appropriate authorities of each participating denomination, associated denomination, affiliated college or university and of other bodies in a fair and equitable manner having regard to the proportion and value of property which was contributed by each to the school of theology.