

Board Director biography



Carmen Charette

**Vice-President, External Relations,
University of Victoria**

Treasurer

Carmen Charette was appointed Vice-President External Relations at the University of Victoria in 2012. The external relations portfolio includes alumni relations, fundraising, community and government relations, communications and marketing, university ceremonies and events, and the Legacy Art Galleries.

Charette was previously Executive Vice-President of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). Prior to joining SSHRC in 2007, Charette was Director-General with the Science and Innovation Sector of Industry Canada, Senior Vice-President with the Canada Foundation for Innovation and Director with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council.

In June 2014, Charette was awarded the national Walter Hirschfeld Award from the Canadian Association of University Research Administrators. The award is presented to “an individual who has demonstrated an exceptional impact on the enhancement of the research environment in Canada.” Charette holds degrees in Biochemistry and in Business Administration from the University of Ottawa.