



Minutes

Semi-Annual General Meeting
Thursday February 5, 2015 – Cinecenta 3:00pm

The meeting did not achieve quorum as required in UVSS bylaws (0.06% of the membership). Executive Directors gave reports to those present and a brief Q&A session was held. Below is the business that would have been conducted if the meeting had achieved quorum.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES**
3. **APPROVAL OF CHAIR**
4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
 - a. **Agenda of 2015/02/05 SAGM**
5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - a. **Minutes of 2014/10/16 AGM**
6. **MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**
 - a. **Special Resolutions**

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 8 – DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS

BIRT Bylaw 8.1 is amended as follows:

8.1 ~~Chairperson~~ Director of Internal & University Relations

The ~~Chairperson~~ **Director of Internal & University Relations** shall:

- a. ~~Chair meetings of the Board of Directors,~~
- b. Liaise with the administration of the University of Victoria,
- c. Be the Students' Society's spokesperson,
- d. Oversee the development and implementation of the Students' Society's bylaws and policies,
- e. Liaise with legal counsel and the General Manager on legal matters affecting the Society, **takes effect May 1, 2015*
- f. Coordinate with student representatives to the Senate and Board of Governors to advance student interests,
- g. Act as the Students' Society's liaison with the Ombudsperson's office, and be chairperson of the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee,
- h. Work with managers to address issues of common concern for all occupants of the Student Union Building,
- i. Assist the Director of External Relations in coordinating the campaigns of the Society,
- j. Assist other directors in their duties as needed,

- k. Perform other duties as outlined in the Bylaws, policy or as assigned by the Board of Directors.

BIFRT the word 'Chairperson', when referring to the executive director position, be changed to 'Director of Internal & University Relations' in all other places it is referenced in the Bylaws; and

BIFRT this amendment shall take effect on May 1, 2015; and

BIFRT candidates who submit nomination forms to run for the position of Chairperson in the March 2015 election to the Board of Directors will be notified that the title of the position will be changed on May 1, 2015 and that the duty of chairing Board of Director meetings will be removed.

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 4 – GENERAL MEETINGS AND REFERENDA

BIRT Bylaw 4.9 is amended as follows:

4.9 Quorum for General Meetings and Referenda

- a. Quorum for general meetings shall be ~~six tenths of one percent [0.6 %]~~ **0.5%** of the membership subject to the Society Act.
- b. In the event that attendance at an Annual General Meeting is more than twenty [20] but less than ~~six tenths of one percent~~ **0.5% of the membership**, the meeting will continue for the purposes of fulfilling the Society Act of British Columbia, but shall be limited to the following items of business:
 - i. report of the activities of the Board of Directors
 - ii. members' questions on the activities of the Board of Directors
 - iii. adoption of the budget and the approval of the audited statements
 - iv. adoption of the previous general meeting's minutes

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 6 – ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BIRT Bylaw 6.9 is amended as follows:

6.9 Electoral Committee

- a. The Students' Society shall maintain an electoral committee at all times.
- b. The Electoral Committee shall be comprised of three [3] directors, ~~one of whom shall be an executive director.~~

b. Ordinary Resolutions

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BIRT Board of Directors Policy Part 2.2 – Employment Conflict of Interest is amended as follows:

2. Employment Conflict of Interest

- a. ~~If Board members~~ **Directors shall not** apply for **unionized** positions of employment within the operations **or departments** of the Students' Society., ~~they shall resign from the Board of Directors of the Students' Society (the Board), or their resignation shall be considered to have been delivered on the closing date of applications.~~
- b. Once they take office, Executive Directors must resign from any other paid positions in the operations of the Society, ~~or else shall be considered to have resigned from the Board.~~

- c. If Directors-At-Large were already employees of the Society before being elected, they may keep their employed position, but they must follow these restrictions:
 - i. They cannot be members of the following committees:
 - 1. All divisional hiring committees
 - 2. The Personnel committee
 - 3. Union executives
 - 4. Bargaining committees
 - 5. The Labour Management Committee
 - ii. They must formally abstain from discussing and voting on:
 - 1. The Management Wage Package
 - 2. The collective agreements
 - 3. Other Personnel issues
 - 4. Motions affecting their particular division of employment

- d. ~~If Directors apply for a Workstudy position within the operations of the Society, they shall resign from the Board or their resignation shall be considered to have been delivered on the closing date of applications.~~
Directors are not eligible for UVic work study positions within the operations of the Society. Exempt are those **UVic** work study positions within the operations of the Vancouver Island Public Research Group, the Radio Society (CFUV-FM), the Martlet and the Women's Centre, the Native Students' Union, the Pride Collective, the Society for Students with a Disability, and the Students of Colour Collective.

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Amended AGM2005/02/10

MOTION – SZAKACS/

WHEREAS the UVSS supports affordable on-campus housing for all those that need it; and
WHEREAS the University of Victoria Residence Community Leaders' work 590 hours over the course of 8 months; and

WHEREAS the University of Victoria is proposing a 13% increase in residence fees for next year, followed by a 6% increase and another 6% increase in the following two years; therefore

BIRT the UVSS oppose the proposed hikes to residence fees; and

BIFRT the UVSS support a freeze in residence fees; and

BIFRT the UVSS support University of Victoria Residence Community Leaders to have residence fees completely covered as part of their employment benefits.

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

8. QUESTION PERIOD (30 minutes)

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT