

Minutes

UVSS – SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

March 31, 2016, 4pm, Cinecenta

1. CALL TO ORDER

Renwick-Shields called the meeting to order at 4:18pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

Desjarlais acknowledged the territories.

3. APPROVAL OF CHAIR

**MOTION TO APPROVE EMILY ROGERS – KRAMER/EL SABROUT
MOTION CARRIED**

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Agenda of 2016/03/31 SGM

**MOTION TO ADOPT - ERASMUS/MCDERMOT
MOTION CARRIED**

5. SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 22 – THE NATIVE STUDENTS UNION – DESJARLAIS/MIKELAH

Strike and replace 22.2:

~~22.2 Membership in the Native Students Union Membership in the Native Students Union shall be comprised of all students of self-identified Native ancestry.~~

22.2 Membership in the Native Students Union Membership in the Native Students Union shall be comprised of any person who successfully meets the membership qualifications as set out in the bylaws of the Native Students Union.

Strike 22.4.b:

~~22.4 Right of the Native Students Union to a voting representative on the Students' Society Board of Directors.~~

a. The Native Students Union shall have the right to elect a representative to the Students' Society Board of Directors

~~b. The Native Students Union representative to the Board of Directors shall hold no other position on the Board of Directors.~~

Add 22.5:

22.5 The Native Students Union may be incorporated as a Society under the Society Act

a. The Native Students Union may be incorporated as a Society under the Society Act if its written constitution and bylaws meet the requirements of the Society Act.

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 17 – CONSTITUENCY ORGANIZATIONS – EL
SABROUT/BEAUDRY**

BIRT Bylaw 17.2 is amended as follows:

17.2 Names of Constituency Organizations

- a. Each constituency organization shall be so named as to indicate that it is a student organization under the Students' Society.
- b. The following shall be considered constituency organizations:
 - i. the Women's Centre
 - ii. ~~UVSS~~-UVic Pride
 - iii. the Society for Students with a Disability
 - iv. the Students of Colour Collective

BIFRT the title of the Constituency Organization "UVSS Pride" is changed to "UVic Pride" in all other instances that it is referenced in the Bylaws.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Ordinary Resolutions

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY – ISSUES POLICY – SHAED/BELTRAN

BIRT Issues Policy Part B is amended as follows:

B. HOMOPHOBIAANTAGONISM & TRANSPHOBIAANTAGONISM

- 1. The Society supports the designation of a constituency group office. ~~(of medium or greater size) for a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Centre in the new Student Union Building.~~
in the Student Union Building for students of marginalized gender identities, and romantic and sexual orientations. The Society supports that this room be large enough to reasonably support the day to day operations of the constituency, and that the space have a gender neutral, accessible washroom.

Adopted SAGM: 1994/02/16

- 2. The Society condemns all discrimination based on sexual orientation **and romantic orientation.**

Adopted SAGM: 1995/10/25

- 4. The Society supports ~~same sex couples be given equal priority as heterosexual couples in rental units that all couples and individuals regardless of gender identity, gender expression, romantic orientation, or sexual orientation be given equal priority in rental units.~~

Adopted SAGM: 1995/10/25

MOTION CARRIED

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN – SHAED/DESJARLAIS

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.