



Minutes - Special General Meeting

Thursday April 3, 2014 – Cinecenta 2:00pm

The meeting did not achieve quorum.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES
3. APPROVAL OF CHAIR
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
 - a. Agenda of 2014/04/03 SGM
5. ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

MOTION – MECH/

Whereas on July 11, 2013, the Board of Directors passed the following motion:

Motion 2013/07/11: A1 – MECH/MISHKIN

Whereas the Board of Directors has considered fully the submissions of the Catholic Students' Association (CSA), the complaints, relevant UVSS policies and bylaws, relevant UVic policies and bylaws, and applicable legislation; and

Whereas in reaching a decision the Board of Directors has not relied on any of the previous recommendations of the Complaints Committee or any of the previous recommendations of the 2012-2013 Board of Directors; and

Whereas the Board of Directors has considered all materials, including CSA's submissions and all complaints, de novo; and

Whereas the Board of Directors has found that the content and tone of the message of CSA's pamphlets *Pure Manhood*, *Pure Womanhood* and *Pure Love* reinforce existing stereotypes in a way that discriminates; and

Whereas the Board of Directors has found that the CSA's pamphlets *Pure Manhood*, *Pure Womanhood* and *Pure Love* that were displayed at Clubs and Course Union Days in September 2012 constitute discrimination and harassment under Clubs Policy PART F; and

Whereas the *Pure Manhood* pamphlet states:

- "The homosexual act is disordered, much like contraceptive sex between heterosexuals. Both acts are directed against God's natural purpose for sex – babies and bonding." (p.30)
- "... the life expectancy of homosexual men is half that of heterosexual men." (p.31)
- "...bodies of the same gender are not made to receive each other." (p.31)

Whereas these statements constitute discrimination as per Clubs Policy F.2.B and discriminate against a person or group on the basis of sexuality; and

Whereas these statements constitute harassment as per Clubs Policy PART F.1.A by using humiliating wording such as "disordered"; and

Whereas the *Pure Love* pamphlet states:

- "Your body is a gift, and during the sexual act, the couple give themselves to each other. But to reduce this gift to a loan gives you less respect than you deserve." (p.5)

- “When we experiment with our hearts and the gifts of our bodies, we begin to value them less and less.” (p.13)
- “Safe sex is degrading.” (p.30)
- “Men can tell how much a woman respects herself by how she dresses (and by how she dances). If her sexual value is the first impression she gives to a man, she’s inviting the type of guys who want to use her body.” (p.39)
- “I’ll grant that guys will stare at a girl who wears a short skirt that could be mistaken for a wide belt. But none of them respect her.” (p.40)

Whereas these statements constitute discrimination as per Clubs Policy PART F.2.B and discriminate against a person or group on the basis of sex, sexuality, and gender; reinforce existing stereotypes; and are an example of slut-shaming; and

Whereas these statements constitute harassment as per Clubs Policy PART F.1.A and create a hostile, intimidating, threatening and humiliating environment; promote victim-blaming; and promote rape culture; and

Whereas the *Pure Womanhood* pamphlet states:

- “One elderly man said it best: ‘I’ve seen a lot of generations come and go, and all the guys have been the same: saying sweet things to get the girls to do stuff with them. But this generation of women is different. They’re stupid enough to let the guys have it.’” (p.6)
- “Sure, we enjoyed the feeling of being stared at by the guys, but then we’d get whiny when they were interested in only one thing. We’d complain, but we weren’t willing to do anything to fix the problem. After all, our outfits weren’t exactly inviting them to improve. All they wanted was what we kept advertising.” (p.4)
- “Women have power. By the way we dress, by the way we dance, and by the way we carry ourselves, we can invite a man to be a gentleman or a beast.” (p.5)

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Whereas these statements constitute harassment as per Clubs Policy PART F.1.A and create a hostile, intimidating, threatening and humiliating environment; promote victim-blaming; and promote rape culture; therefore

BIRT the pamphlets *Pure Manhood*, *Pure Womanhood* and *Pure Love* cannot be displayed by the CSA at any future events on campus when acting in their capacity as a UVSS club; and

BIFRT the CSA refrain from committing the same or similar violations again; and

BIFRT the UVSS Board of Directors requests that the CSA enter into mediation with representatives of the UVSS Board of Directors to proactively discuss possible solutions in future similar situations; and

BIFRT if the CSA declines to enter into mediation in advance of September 2013 Clubs and Course Union Days, the Board of Directors will consider further disciplinary actions.

Robertson requested a roll call vote.

Mishkin – in favour
Graham-Knight - in favour
Hammer - in favour
Hamdon - in favour
Sadaati - in favour
Robertson - in favour
Holding - in favour
Mech - in favour

MOTION CARRIED

BIRT the membership uphold the Board of Directors decision at the July 11 Board Meeting re:
Motion 2013/07/11: A1 – MECH/MISHKIN.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**