



# Minutes

University of Victoria Students' Society  
Monday December 8, 2014 – SUB B025 6:00pm

## ATTENDANCE

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

Zouboules acknowledged the territories.

### 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### a. Adoption of Agenda

##### i. Agenda of 2014/12/08

**MOTION TO ADOPT - SZAKACS/COOK  
AGENDA CARRIED**

### 4. Adoption of Minutes

#### a. Board of Directors

**BOD 2014-10-20  
BOD 2014-11-26  
BOD 2014-12-01**

**MOTION TO ADOPT - SZAKACS/ROGERS  
MOTION CARRIED**

### 5. RATIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

#### **MOTION 2014/12/08: 01 - ERICKSON/SZAKACS**

**BIRT** the Board accepts the resignation of Jen Storey as the Women's Centre interim representative to the Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 board term; and  
**BIFRT** the Board ratifies Daphne Shaed as the Women's Centre interim representative to the Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 board term.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 7. PRESENTATIONS

#### a. Noha Abdelfattah; Re: Solidarity with Egyptian Students

**MOTION 2014/12/08: 02 – ATKINSON/ERICKSON**

Whereas the UVSS upholds the values of freedom of expression, freedom of peaceful assembly, and the right to organize; and

Whereas the UVSS regards the university as a space for debate and dissent; and,

Whereas Demonstrations by students against oppressive laws limiting basic rights in several Egyptian universities were brutally crushed by police storming campuses and using bullet weapons, live ammunition, and tear gas. Several students lost their lives, dozens were injured, hundreds were arrested - many tortured and many without trial - many more have been expelled "without due disciplinary process"; therefore

**BIRT** the UVSS stand in solidarity with Egyptian students' right to freedom of expression and to peaceful assembly, and to a campus environment that is free from fear, intimidation and police abuse; and

**BIFRT** the UVSS join other student associations across Canada in signing a letter of solidarity co-authored by Amnesty Int'l and the Egyptian Canadian Coalition for Democracy.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8. REPORTS**

- a. **Advocacy Group Reports**
  - i. **Pride**
  - ii. **Native Student's Union**
  - iii. **Society for Students with a Disability**
  - iv. **Students of Colour Collective**
  - v. **Women's Centre**
- b. **UVSS Delegation to CASA Lobbying Week**
- c. **ABCS Update**

**9. QUESTION PERIOD**

**10. MAIN MOTIONS**

**a. PRIORITY BUSINESS**

**MOTION 2014/12/08: 03 - ERICKSON/ROGERS**

**BIRT** nominations be opened to elect one (1) member registered in a degree program in the Faculty of Science to the search committee for the Dean of Science.

No nominations.

**MOTION 2014/12/08: 04 - ERICKSON/ROGERS**

**BIRT** nominations be opened to elect one (1) member to the search committee for the Director of the School of Health Information Science.

No nominations.

**MOTION 2014/12/08: 05 - ERICKSON/SZAKACS**

**BIRT** Mackenzie Zouboules' resignation as the UVSS representative to the CFUV Board of Directors is accepted; and

**BIFRT** nominations be opened to elect one director as the UVSS representative to the CFUV Board of Directors.

Erickson for Kopp. Yes.

Atkinson for self.

Szakacs for Rogers. No.

Atkinson was elected by secret ballot.

**MOTION TO RATIFY ATKINSON - SZAKACS/PARENT  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2014/12/08: 06 - ERICKSON/SZAKACS**

**BIRT** nominations be opened to elect one (1) member to sit on the selection committee for the Andy Farquharson Teaching Excellence Award for Graduate Students.

No nominations.

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

**Motion 2014/05/05: 11 – ERICKSON/ATKINSON**

**BIRT** nominations be opened for members to fill the following committee vacancies:

Campaigns	One (1) Member
Ombudsperson	One (1) Member, One (1) Student Senator

**MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY – SZAKACS/GOPALIKRISHNAN  
MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 2014/07/21: 02 – Erickson/ATKINSON**

**BIRT** nominations be opened to elect representatives to sit on the following University Human Rights Committee (UHRC) advisory groups:

- **Educational Equity Advisory Group (EdAG)** - one (1) member and one (1) representative from each constituency organization (WC, SOCC)

**MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY – SZAKACS/ERICKSON  
MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 2014/10/20: 01 – Erickson/ROGERS**

**BIRT** nominations be opened to elect one member to the Review Committee for the Dean of Human and Social Development.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY – ERICKSON/ GOPALIKRISHNAN  
MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 2014/11/03: 02 – ERICKSON/Szakacs**

**BIRT** nominations be opened for members to fill the following Faculty of Social Science committee vacancies:

Associate Dean Search Committee	One (1) Member in the Faculty of Social Science
Equity & Diversity Committee	One (1) Member in the Faculty of Social Science

**MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY – GOPALIKRISHNAN/SZAKACS  
MOTION FAILED**

Parent for both committees.

**MOTION TO RATIFY - SHAED/AHRONY  
MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 2014/11/17: 01 – Erickson/ROGERS**

**BIRT** nominations be opened to elect one member to the Associate Dean Academic Advising Search Committee.

Szakacs for Parent. Yes.

**MOTION TO RATIFY - SZAKACS/GOPALIKRISHNAN**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION 2014/12/08: 07 – SZAKACS/ERICKSON**

**BIRT** Course Union Council Policy is amended as follows, as recommended by Course Union Council and Policy Development:

**PART C: FUNDING**

**1. ELIGIBILITY**

- a. To be eligible to receive funding grants from the UVSS a Course Union must fill out a budget request form obtained from the Director of Student Affairs.
- b. No Course Union shall receive funding if:
  - i. It has not met the requirements of Recognition under Part B, section 2.
  - ii. It has not met the requirements of Governance under Part B, section 5.
- c. A representative of the Course Union seeking funding must be present at the Course Union Council meeting at which their budget is discussed.
- d. **There will be no funding allocated from the Travel Pool, Academic, or Publication funds in the first scheduled meeting of every semester (September, January, and May).**
- e. **Clubs and Course Unions can retroactively apply for funding for Travel Pool, Academic, or Publication funds for expenses incurred within the same semester.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2014/12/08: 08 – SZAKACS/PERLOVA**

**BIRT** the Terms of Reference for Advocacy Council is amended as follows, as recommended by Advocacy Council and Policy Development:

**Meetings**

1. Shall meet at least once a ~~semester~~ **month** at a date set by the chair of the committee or upon the call of the BoD.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2014/12/08: 09 – HECKEL/SZAKACS**

**WHEREAS** the Board directed SUB Renovations Committee to find the most cost-effective solution to replace bar stools in Felicita's; therefore  
**BIRT** up to \$2600 is allocated from the Renovation Fund to replace five (5) bar stools at Felicita's (includes delivery).

**MOTION TO TABLE – SHAED/PERLOVA**  
**MOTION TO TABLE FAILED**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2014/12/08: 10 – ATKINSON/MITCHELL**

**WHEREAS** UVSS believes education at all levels is a right; and

WHEREAS financial barriers should not be put in place for those wishing to finish or upgrade secondary education later in life; and  
WHEREAS financial barriers should not be put in place for those wishing to learn English as a second language (ESL); and  
WHEREAS the BC Liberal government already decided their experiment with tuition fees for adult basic education (ABE) was bad policy in 2007; and  
WHEREAS the BC Liberal government announced a reversal of this policy on December 4, 2014 and plans to allow tuition fees for ABE, including ESL, as of May 1, 2015; therefore  
**BIRT** UVSS oppose any tuition fees for basic adult education (ABE) and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs; and  
**BIFRT** a letter from be written to the ministers of education and advanced education expressing opposition to tuition fees for ABE and ESL programs; and  
**BIFRT** UVSS work in solidarity with those affected, such as the Camosun College Students' Society, and support efforts to oppose the proposed fees.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**11. IN CAMERA**

- a. Legal
- b. Personnel

**MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA - SZAKACS/MITCHELL  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved in camera at 8:22pm.

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA – ATKINSON/SZAKACS  
CARRIED**

The meeting moved out of camera at 8:30pm.

**MOTION TO RATIFY SHAWN SLAVIN AS CEO – SZAKACS/ROGERS  
MOTION CARRIED**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN - SZAKACS/MITCHELL  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

**13. MEETING TIMES**

**The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:**  
Monday January 5, 2015 in SUB Upper Lounge.

**14. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**Szakacs:**  
December 1 – 5, 2014  
Hours Worked: 35

- Clubs' Council
  - make agenda, contact all clubs that received SPG, chair
- Course Union Council
  - make agenda, contact all CUs that received any kind of special funding, chair, policy developments, brainstorm for spring semester
- Anti-Oppression training
- Contact with all PDUs to disperse fall funds (with Dale)
- Communication with clubs, course unions, PDUs, and advocacy groups
  - via email, text, phone, and in person
  - topics include but not limited to: changing signing authorities, registration, applying for extra funding, cheque reqs, bank accounts, events
- Cheque req processing
  - scavenger hunt for missing cheque reqs
- Cheque signing
- Trigger warnings policy meeting
- Process spring semester registration from clubs and course unions
- Look into liability insurance for SMEA camp
- Committee attendance
  - exec, marketing and communications, finance, mental health
- UVSS/UVic Exec meeting – residence fees

**Erickson:**

November 29-December 5

Total Hours worked: 55

- Dale's birthday ☺
- Worked on a student complaint
- Looked into Charity Status. Began reading through documents.
- Dealt with a Club re: cheque req
- Chaired and attended the UVSS Board Meeting
- Attended Anti-Oppression training
- Met with the UPS
- Attended the Annual Permanent Staff Luncheon
- Signed all Permanent Staff Holiday Cards
- Attended the UVSP AGM
- Attended and Chaired Exec Committee
- Signed Cheques
- Created the agenda for Mental Health Committee
- Chaired Mental Health Committee
- Ordered materials for Res letters
- Drafted the residence letter and started working on an overall letter for students
- Read through the BC Residence Tenancy Act
- Started working on the student rights campaign for residence
- Prepped for Res meeting with the University
- Read through the Coast Capital Savings Funding Contract
- Met with CUPE 4163 re: Res fee increases and joint lobbying
- Met with a student re: mental health
- Started organizing the holiday gift exchange
- Responded to emails and phone calls

**Atkinson:**

**Total hours worked between November 28th – December 4th: 39 hours**

**Activities:**

- Executive committee.
- Cheque signing
- BoD Meeting
- Personnel Committee
- Meeting with Women's Centre
- Anti-O Training
- Department Manager Meeting
- Food Bank/Free Store Video
- Sexualized Violence Awareness Week Meeting
- Meeting with Anthony Fast
- CASA Report to ABCS

**Committees**

Marketing and Communications Committee

- Minutes Attached

Campaigns Committee

- postponed