



Minutes

University of Victoria Students' Society
Monday June 16, 2014 – Upper Lounge 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

Directors: Cook, Gopalakrishnan, Cheema, Tang, Ahrony, Parent, Kopp, Mitchell, H., Atkinson, Do, Mitchell, C., Erickson

Staff: Johnson, Robertson

Guests: Dryer, Foster, Hodgson, Wong

1. CALL TO ORDER

Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

Kopp acknowledged the territories.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA & ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Adoption of Agenda
 - i. Agenda of 2014/06/16

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

- b. Adoption of Minutes
 - i. BOD 2014-05-12
 - ii. BOD 2014-05-28

**MOTION TO ADOPT - ATKINSON/AHRONY
MOTION CARRIED**

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Neil Connelly, UVic Office of Campus Planning and Sustainability

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA – ERICKSON/ATKINSON
Add 'Steps Forward' under Presentations.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Steps Forward

6. REPORTS

- a. **Executive Director Reports (15 mins)**
 - Chairperson**
 - i. 50th Anniversary Committee
 - ii. Food Bank
 - iii. Mental Health Committee
 - iv. Policy Development Committee
 - v. Strategic Planning Committee
 - vi. University Relations Committee
 - vii. Other Updates
 - Events**
 - i. Events Committee
 - ii. Other Updates
 - External Relations**
 - i. Campaigns Committee
 - ii. Donations & Grants
 - iii. Environmental Sustainability Council
 - iv. Marketing & Communications Committee
 - v. Marketing Planning & Advisory Group
 - vi. Other Updates
 - Finance & Operations**
 - i. Finance & Operations Committee
 - ii. SUB Renovations Committee
 - iii. Other Updates
 - Student Affairs**
 - i. Advocacy Council
 - ii. Clubs Council
 - iii. Course Union Council
 - iv. Professional Development Union Council
 - v. Speakers Series Committee
 - vi. Other Updates
 - b. **Advocacy Group Reports (5 mins)**
 - i. Pride
 - ii. Native Student's Union
 - iii. Society for Students with a Disability
 - iv. Students of Colour Collective
 - v. Women's Centre
 - c. **Director At Large Reports (15 mins)**
7. **QUESTION PERIOD (15 mins)**
8. **MAIN MOTIONS**
- a. **PRIORITY BUSINESS**
 - Motion 2014/06/16: 01 – ATKINSON/ERICKSON**

WHEREAS Part 12.1.c.i of UVSS Issues Policy states, "Every student has the right to accommodations that allow for their equal participation in academic and non-academic aspects of their campus community; and
WHEREAS the UVSS supports the expanded transit loop but has serious concerns about the removal of accessible parking spaces and drop off location for students and community

members accessing the north end of the SUB; therefore

BIRT the UVSS advocate for a drop off loop with accessible parking between the UVSS and GSS buildings.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2014/06/16: 02 – ATKINSON/ERICKSON

WHEREAS in 2002 the BC Government passed a law which removed teachers' rights to collectively bargain many guarantees that had been previously negotiated; and
WHEREAS the BC Government decreed that these items could never be negotiated in the future; and

WHEREAS one of these guarantees was the right to bargain class size and composition; and

WHEREAS the BC Supreme Court has struck down the BC Government's law twice, ruling that it is illegal and unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS in the February 2014 ruling of Supreme Court Justice Susan Griffith, she argued that the BC Government bargained in bad faith with teachers and said: "The legislation undoubtedly was seen by teachers as evidence that the government did not respect them to be valued contributors to the education system, having excluded them from any freedom to associate to influence their working conditions. This was a seriously deleterious effect of the legislation, one adversely disproportionate to any salutary effects revealed by the evidence."; and

WHEREAS in the ruling of Supreme Court Justice Susan Griffith, she argued that the BC Government provoked a strike because "the government thought that a teachers strike would give the government a political advantage in imposing legislation that the public might otherwise not support."; therefore

BIRT the UVSS issue a public statement supporting teachers' constitutional right to collectively bargain their working conditions, including class size and composition, as guaranteed under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; and

BIFRT the UVSS Chairperson and the Director of External Relations collaborate on a news release that incorporates this statement of support into the current draft news release, based on the amended Motion 2014/06/02:03 passed at the previous board meeting; and

BIFRT the positions stated in this motion and Motion 2014/06/02: 03 are communicated in tandem in the news release.

Atkinson requested a roll call vote.

Mitchell, C. – in favour

Atkinson – in favour

Do – in favour

Mitchell, H. – abstained

Kopp – in favour

Parent - in favour

Ahrony - in favour

Tang - in favour

Cheema - opposed

Cook - opposed

Erickson - abstained

MOTION CARRIED

b. OLD BUSINESS

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

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

Campaigns	Three (3) Members
Finance & Operations	One (1) Member
Ombudsperson	One (1) Member, One (1) Student Senator
Speaker Series	Two (2) Members
SUB Renovations	Two (2) Members

Cheema for Iman Shafee.

50th Anniversary Two (2) Members

MOTION TO RATIFY SHAFEE – MITCHELL/COOK

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2014/05/28: 03 – ERICKSON/SZAKACS

Mental Health One (1) Member

Erickson for Dylan Mech.

MOTION TO RATIFY MECH – ATKINSON/MITCHELL

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO POSTPONE - ATKINSON/AHRONY

Postpone motions 12-18 indefinitely.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2014/05/05: 12 – ERICKSON/SZAKACS

BIRT nominations be opened to fill the following vacancies on SUB Renovations:

- One (1) Member as recommended by Pride
- One (1) Member as recommended by the Students of Colour Collective
- One (1) Member as recommended by the Women's Centre

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

Motion 2014/05/05: 13 – ERICKSON/SZAKACS

BIRT nominations be opened to fill the following vacancies on Advocacy Council:

- One (1) Member as recommended by the Students of Colour Collective
- One (1) Member as recommended by the Women's Centre

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

Motion 2014/05/05: 14 – ERICKSON/SZAKACS

BIRT nominations be opened to fill the following vacancies on Speaker Series:

- One (1) Member as recommended by Pride
- One (1) Member as recommended by the Students of Colour Collective
- One (1) Member as recommended by the Women's Centre

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

Motion 2014/05/05: 18 – ERICKSON/DO

BIRT nominations be opened to elect one (1) member from The Faculty of Fine Arts to sit on the search committee for the Associate Dean of Fine Arts.

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

Motion 2014/06/02: 02 – ERICKSON/ATKINSON

BIRT nominations be opened for directors to fill the following Senate committee vacancies:

- Senate Committee on Continuing Studies One (1) Director
 - Cheema
 - Perlova

Perlova elected by secret ballot.

- Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching Two (2) Directors
 - Perlova
 - Cook
 - Gopalakrishnan

Cook and Perlova elected.

**MOTION TO RATIFY PERLOVA (X2) AND COOK - TANG/AHRONY
MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 2014/06/02: 05 – Erickson/

WHEREAS Marketing and Communications Committee discussed the motion passed at the May 5th board meeting; and

WHEREAS there are no mock-ups of Vikes inspired mascots for today's board meeting; therefore

BIRT Marketing and Communications Committee create at least 2 Vikes inspired identifiable symbols that can serve as a UVSS symbol in the future; and

BIFRT the mock-ups be presented to the board no later than the second board meeting in July, with a recommendation for which mock-up to use as the UVSS' official symbol going forward.

Erickson ruled out of order.

b. NEW BUSINESS

Motion 2014/06/16: 03 – ERICKSON/ATKINSON

BIRT Terms of Reference is amended as laid out in Appendix A attached to this agenda, as recommended by Policy Development.

MOTION CARRIED

9. IN CAMERA

a. Legal

**MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA - AHRONY/DO
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved in camera at 8:28pm.

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA - ATKINSON/COOK
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved out of camera at 9:42pm.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA – ATKINSON/KOPP

BIRT the following motion is added:

MOTION 2014/06/16: A1 – ERICKSON/

BIRT the UVSS Board of Directors disagrees with the motion passed by the Board of Directors on July 11, 2013 (Motion 2013/07/11: A1 – MECH/MISHKIN); and

BIFRT the motions of the Board, dated December 10, 2012 (MOTION – ROGERS/QUIGLEY)

and July 11, 2013 (Motion 2013/07/11: A1 – MECH/MISHKIN) are quashed and set aside.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA CARRIED

MOTION 2014/06/16: A1 – ERICKSON/COOK

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MOTION CARRIED

10. MEETING TIMES

The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:

Monday July 7, 2014 in the SUB Upper Lounge.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN - AHRONY/COOK

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43pm.

12. DIRECTOR REPORTS

Tang:

- Talked to Ian about Kickoff and being on events committee email list, and being caught up with what's going on.
- Discussed with Greg about being at next board meeting and talking about being in his marketing and campaigns committees email list like Ian as of right now I have multiple conflicts with attending committee meetings.

Erickson:

May 31-June 7

Hours worked: 65

- Prepared the agenda for Clubs Council
- Chaired Clubs Council
- Meet with a Shinerama representative
- Chaired the June 2nd board meeting
- Signed cheques for accounting
- Chaired Executive Committee
- Volunteered in the Food bank
- Created the agenda for Advocacy Council
- Met with Alannah and Ben for a Terms of Reference session
- Attended the "Wake up, Fuel up" student affairs event
- Had a conference call with Terry Fox's CAUSE
- Created the agenda for Policy Development
- Chaired Policy Development
- Prepared the Events Committee agenda

- Chaired Events Committee
- Answered questions from the press on the new transit loop
- Answered questions from PDUs
- Attended Occupational Relations Committee
- Read through Kaylee's emails in her absence
- Had meetings with clubs regarding registration
- Read the OOSITS planning PDF to give suggestions
- Attended a health care meeting to discuss benefits and features
- Started a transit petition
- Met with SSD to discuss how the transit loop is impacting student with a disability
- Met with UVSS members to discuss the transit loop construction
- Worked on policy surrounding the Safe Space Committee and new Terms of Reference
- Changed summer quorum numbers, voting sections, and terms of reference language

June 8-13:

Hours worked: 86

- Worked on a press release for the dispute between the BCTF and the BC government
- Continued work on the petition for the parking loop
- Consulted SSD on the petition as well as UVSS members
- Attended an RLC hiring committee meeting
- Met with Reslife to discuss the mental health campaign
- Attended and Chaired Executive Committee
- Met with a Community Leader to discuss UVSS relations with reslife
- Attended the Women's Centre hiring committee meeting
- Prepped from Policy Development with Alannah
- Attended the Campus Plan Steering Committee
- Attended another Women's Centre hiring committee meeting
- Chaired and created agendas for Policy Development
- Met with a member about the mental health campaign and the potential of crating a mental health advocacy group
- Met with faculty from UVic to discuss the mental health strategy for the upcoming year
- Had a conference call with Oohlala
- Attended the SSD meeting for the transit and parking loop
- Went through legal cases and prepped for the upcoming board meeting
- Let students into the food bank
- Wrote a mental health blurb for reslife
- Met with the SOCC rep and other students
- Had an interview with the Martlet on the transit loop
- wrote a SUB blurb for the handbook
- Met with graphics to discuss the design of the transit petition
- Met with Greg to discuss potential motions as well as the recommendation on a new uvss identifiable symbol
- Read through Martlets for the 50th anniversary
- Send out emails and returned calls on the gala event
- Set up a meeting with BC Transit
- Set up a meeting with the University to discuss parking and the transit loop

Decision made in committees:

- Changing the Terms of Reference
- The movie in the park will be Jaws
- The event during weeks of welcome will be Dodgeball

Hours worked between May 31-June 13: 151

Atkinson:

Total hours worked between May 30th and June 12th: 87.75

Activities:

- ABCS AGM
- Meeting CCSS VP External
- Make Transit Work Meeting
- Website redesign work with Graphics
- Sexualized Violence Awareness week Planning Committee
- Executive Committee
- Chaired Campaigns Committee
- Chaired Marketing and Communications Committee
- AVP Coordinator Hiring Committee and Interviews
- UVSS-UVic Operational Relations Meeting
- Meeting with Caorda
- Personnel Committee
- Meeting with Pride Coordinator
- Policy Development Committee
- Events Committee
- Marketing Planning Advisory Group
- Digital Strategy Group
- Finalizing New Student Handbook UVSS write-ups
- Drafted a recommendation to the board about Vikes Mascot
- Met with Dylan Sherlock regarding Municipal Elections
- Talked with Oak Bay REO regarding advanced polling

Committee Reports

- **Campaigns Committee**
 - o Met once
 - o Discussed ideas around a late night transit media stunt.
 - o Discussed some possible strategies around Municipal elections
 - o Decided to begin drafting strategy plans for each campaign
 - o Discussed ABCS Membership fee. Decided that it is important but more info is needed before a firm decision can be made.
- **Marketing and Communications Committee**
 - o Met twice
 - o Reviewed Website progress and changes
 - o Set priorities for Website navigation, look, and functionality.
 - Updated list will be voted on at June 19th committee meeting
 - o Discussed SWAG options, waiting on a finalized budget before moving ahead further.
 - o Discussed the possibility of SubText and Zap selling UVSS SWAG
 - o Reviewed and gave final approval of recommendation to the board regarding a Vikes inspired mascot
 - Vote to approve was unanimous with 5 voting members present
 - o Began to discuss Video Strategy
 - Videos proposed include
 - SUB Tour
 - Events primers
 - Board Member Profiles
 - Info about Victoria and UVic
 - Campaigns Videos
 - Looking into purchasing video equipment
 - Discussed Vimeo and YouTube options