



# Minutes

University of Victoria Students' Society  
Monday January 18, 2016, 6:00pm  
SUB Upper Lounge

## ATTENDANCE

### Directors:

Peterson, Kramer, Bhandar, Middlemass, Bevanda, Mitchell, Desjarlais, Hagos, El Sabrout, Rogers, Losier, McCartan, Szakacs, Pettifer, Lusk, Renwick-Shields

### Staff:

Johnson, Ewart

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Renwick-Shields called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

Desjarlais acknowledged the territories.

## 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Adoption of Agenda
  - i. Agenda 2016/01/18

### MOTION TO ADOPT - KRAMER/BEVANDA

### MOTION TO AMEND – RENWICK-SHIELDS/HAGOS

Add to Priority Business:

### RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

### Motion 2016/01/18: AA – RENWICK-SHIELDS/

**BIRT** the following Special Resolution is added to the February 4, 2016 UVSS Semi-Annual General Meeting agenda:

### MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 17 – CONSTITUENCY ORGANIZATIONS

**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
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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.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**AGENDA CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**4. PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & REPORTS**

**a. PRESENTATIONS**

- i. **Dr. Katrina Sark, Sessional Instructor in Germanic & Slavic Studies**
- ii. **Studentcare**
- iii. **University 101**

**MOTION 2016/01/18: 01 – RENWICK-SHIELDS/KRAMER**

**BIRT** the Board approves the following question to be voted on in a referendum, to be held in conjunction with March 2016 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors:

*Do you support establishing a dedicated fee of \$0.75 per semester for full-time students and \$0.37 per semester for part-time students to be allocated to the University 101 program for the purpose of making UVic more accessible to community members who face barriers to education by providing free non-credit courses, meals, childcare subsidies and transportation costs?*

**AMENDMENT – SZAKACS/LUSK**

Change 75/37 to 50/25.

**AMENDMENT FAILED**

**AMENDMENT – RENWICK-SHIELDS/PETERSON**

**BIFRT** the Board shall support the “Yes” side in this referendum.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

Abstained: Electoral Committee members

**MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**MOTION TO VOTE ON MOTION 4 NOW – PETTIFER/EL SABROUT  
MOTION CARRIED**

**RECOMMENDED BY COURSE UNION COUNCIL:**

**MOTION 2016/01/18: 04 – SZAKACS/BUTZ**

**BIRT** the Board approves the following question to be voted on in a referendum, to be held in conjunction with March 2016 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors:

*Do you support an increase to the student fee for the Travel Pool Fund (available to all undergraduate students) in the amount of \$0.36 per semester for full-time students, and \$0.18 per semester for part-time students for the purpose of*

*allocating more funds to support students in their extracurricular academic travel costs?*

**AMENDMENT – SZAKACS/PETERSON**

**BIFRT** the Board shall support the “Yes” side in this referendum.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

Abstained: Electoral Committee members

**MOTION CARRIED**

Abstained: Electoral Committee members

**AMENDMENT – ROGERS/PETTIFER  
STRIKE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**b. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**c. REPORT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**d. REPORTS – CONSTITUENCY ORGANIZATIONS & NSU**

- I. Pride
- II. Women’s Centre
- III. NSU
- IV. SOCC
- V. SSD

**5. QUESTION PERIOD**

**6. MAIN MOTIONS**

**a. PRIORITY BUSINESS**

**AMENDMENT – RENWICK-SHIELDS/SZAKACS**

**MOTION – RENWICK-SHIELDS/**

**BIRT** the Board accepts Butz’ resignation from Sociology chair search committee; and  
**BIFRT** nominations be opened to elect one member to Sociology chair search committee

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

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Renwick-Shields for Pascal Erasmus.

**CARRIED – UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

**Motion 2016/01/18: 02 – SZAKACS/PETERSON**

**BIRT** the following clubs are ratified without funding for the Spring 2016 semester:

- 1. AERO
- 2. American Sign Language Club

3. AUVic
4. Biodev
5. Campus Association for Bahai Studies
6. Chess Club
7. Concrete Canoe Club
8. Cuban Salsa Club
9. Dogwood Initiative UVic
10. ECOSat
11. Enactus
12. Impact Group Uvic
13. International Friendship Group
14. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
15. Jack.org
16. Jubilee Bible Education Club
17. Korean Students Association
18. Mercy Ships Club – Uvic
19. Meditation Club
20. MTG Club
21. Muslim Student's Association
22. NiteShifters Toastmasters Club
23. Outrigger Canoe Club
24. Skepvics
25. Student Ambassadors
26. Students offering support
27. Unitarian Club
28. University Christian Ministries
29. Urban Development Club
30. UVic Art Hive
31. Uvic Basketball club
32. UVic Cycling Club
33. UVIC Ecological Restoration Volunteer Network
34. UVic Pokémon
35. UVic Rocketry
36. Victoria Geoscience Society
37. Web Design and Development Club
38. Weightlifting and Powerlifting Club
39. Young Entrepreneurs Club
40. Young Liberals of Canada
41. Young Women in Business (YWiB)
42. Youth Protecting Youth

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 2016/01/18: 03 – SZAKACS/HAGOS**

**BIRT** the following Course Unions are ratified with \$309 for the Spring 2016 semester:

1. Art History and Visual Studies Student Association
2. Biochemistry and Microbiology Student's Society
3. Biology Undergraduate Society
4. Bureau of Anthropology Students
5. Bureau of Sociology Students
6. Chemistry Students Society
7. Child and Youth Care Student Society
8. Commerce Student's Society
9. Computer Music Course Union
10. Computer Science Course Union
11. Economics Course Union
12. Education Students' Association
13. English Students' Association
14. Environmental Studies Student Association
15. Equity & Outreach
16. French Undergrads
17. General Assembly of Students in Earth and Ocean Sciences
18. Germanic Studies Course Union
19. Greek & Roman Studies Course Union
20. Health Information Science Course Union
21. Music Students' Association
22. Nursing Students' Society
23. Pacific and Asian Student's Society
24. Physical Education Student Association
25. Physics and Astronomy
26. PsychOS
27. Society of Geography Students
28. Students in Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics
29. The History Undergraduate Society
30. The Slavic Studies Course Union
31. This Side of West – Writing Course Union
32. Undergraduates of Political Science
33. UnderLings - Undergraduate Linguistic Course Union
34. University of Victoria Student Music Educators' Association
35. UVIC Philosophy Student's Union
36. Visual Arts Student Association

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **Motion 2016/01/18: 05 – ROGERS/PETERSON**

**BIRT** nominations be opened to elect two directors to attend CFS National Lobby Days in Ottawa February 3 to February 5, 2016, with one delegate seat opened to individuals who self-identify as Indigenous or as members of a group traditionally marginalized through sexuality, race, ability, sex or gender.

#### **Traditionally marginalized seat:**

Peterson for Desjarlais and Rogers. Both accepted.

Hagos for self. Accepted.

Kramer for Middlemass. Accepted.

Desjarlais elected.

#### **Director seat:**

Middlemass, Rogers, Hagos put themselves forward.

Rogers elected.

**MOTION TO RATIFY DESJARLAIS & ROGERS – KRAMER/LOSIER  
MOTION CARRIED**

**RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT:**

**Motion 2016/01/18: 06 – RENWICK-SHIELDS/LUSK**

**BIRT** the following Ordinary Resolution be added to the February 4, 2016 UVSS Semi-Annual General Meeting agenda:

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY – ISSUES POLICY**

**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 AGM: 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 AGM: 1995/10/25**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 2016/01/18: 07 – RENWICK-SHIELDS/ROGERS**

**BIRT** the following Special Resolution is added to the February 4, 2016 UVSS Semi-Annual General Meeting agenda, as required by a petition duly signed by not less than one percent [1 %] of the membership of the Students' Society. (Bylaw 4.6.b.ii):

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

**BIRT** Bylaw 6.1 is amended as follows:

**6.1 Electoral Policy of the UVSS**

The Board of Directors shall set Electoral Policy to govern the elections of Directors as well as referenda within the rules set out by these bylaws.

- a. The Chief Electoral Officer shall be responsible for carrying out the Electoral Policy of the UVSS.
- b. Nominees shall abide by all rules set out in the Electoral Policy.
- c. **Any change or amendment to the current Electoral Policy must be voted for by a two-thirds [2/3] majority vote of those voting in a quorate general meeting prior to it coming into effect.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RECOMMENDED BY CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE:**

**Motion 2016/01/18: 08 – ROGERS/RENWICK-SHIELDS**

**BIRT** the following Ordinary Resolution be added to the February 4, 2016 UVSS Semi-Annual General Meeting agenda:

**MOTION – ROGERS/RENWICK-SHIELDS**

**WHEREAS** collectively Canadians carry more than \$15 billion dollars of student debt - the most heavily indebted generation in Canadian history; and

**WHEREAS** students in BC now expect to graduate with approximately \$35,000 in student debt; and,

**WHEREAS** BC is the only province in Canada without needs-based grants for students; and

**WHEREAS** BC has the highest interest rates on student loans in the country; and

**WHEREAS** a university education is no longer a guarantee of a good-paying job and has become nearly the equivalent of what a high school diploma has been for previous generations; and

**WHEREAS** when post-secondary students graduate, they now face a 13% youth unemployment rate and 27% underemployment rate; and

**WHEREAS** these burdens disproportionately affect students from traditionally marginalized communities; and

**WHEREAS** in 1976, Canada signed and ratified the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights which recognized education at all levels as a basic human right and that "higher education shall be made equally accessible to all, on the basis of capacity, by every appropriate means, and in particular by the progressive introduction of free education"; and

**WHEREAS** more than 30 countries around the world have made tuition free; therefore

**BIRT** the Society shall liaise with BC student unions/federations/alliances/coalitions and community partners to organize a province-wide day of action to protest student debt in Fall 2016.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 2016/01/18: 09 – RENWICK-SHIELDS/PETERSON**

**BIRT** the Board endorses the UVSS Women's Centre support of Kat Sark's request for funding to bring a keynote speaker from Germany to discuss topics on feminism; and

**BIFRT** Executive Committee reviews the funding request and allocates an amount as per its responsibilities to review and disburse donations and grants.

**MOTION FAILED**

Abstained: Lusk

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**MOTION CARRIED**

**b. OLD BUSINESS**

**Motion 2016/01/04: 01 – RENWICK-SHIELDS/BEVANDA**

**BIRT** nominations be opened to elect the chair of Electoral Committee.

Chair ruled out of order.

**Motion 2016/01/04: 02 – RENWICK-SHIELDS/**

**BIRT** nominations be opened to elect directors as 2<sup>nd</sup> chairs to the following committees:

- Campaigns

Middlemass acclaimed.

- Events

Nominated: Lusk, Butz, Peterson

Peterson elected.

- Finance & Operations

Szakacs acclaimed.

- Member Outreach

El Sabrout acclaimed.

- Policy Development

Bevanda acclaimed.

- SUB Renovations

El Sabrout acclaimed.

- SUB Occupants

Szakacs acclaimed.

- University Relations

Desjarlais acclaimed.

- Electoral

Losier acclaimed.



**MOTION TO RATIFY ALL ELECTED & ACCLAIMED CANDIDATES -  
PETERSON/DESJRALIS  
MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 2016/01/04: C.2 – SZAKACS/MIDDLEMASS**

**BIRT** the 1 returning club listed below are ratified with funding in the amount of \$187.13 for the Spring 2016 semester.

•Kibbutz Hillel

The Chair ruled out of order.

**c. NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion 2016/01/18: 10 – RENWICK-SHIELDS/SZACKAS**

**BIRT** a record of the following motion voted on by the Board via email is entered into these minutes:

**Motion 2016/01/08: 01 – SZAKACS/RENEWICK-SHIELDS**

**BIRT** Cabaret Voltaire is ratified as a returning club with funding in the amount of \$187.13 for the Spring 2016 semester.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. IN CAMERA**

**a. Personnel Committee Report**

- i. Voting Members & Ex Officio Non-voting**
- ii. Voting Members – Directors Only**

**MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA – RENWICK-SHIELDS/PETERSON  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved in camera at 8:55pm.

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA – RENWICK-SHIELDS/PETERSON  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved out of camera at 9:15pm.

**8. MEETING TIMES**

**The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:**  
Monday February 1, 2016 in the SUB Upper Lounge.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN – RENWICK-SHIELDS/SZAKACS  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 9:19pm.

**10. DIRECTOR REPORTS****Szakacs:****Total hours: 95**

January 4 – 15, 2016

- Clubs' Council
  - Create PowerPoint agenda
  - Meeting 1: three hours
  - Meeting 2: 30 minutes
  - Ratified 9 new clubs with \$96.76
  - Ratified 7 new clubs with no funding
  - Ratified 83 returning clubs with \$187.13
  - Ratified 50 returning clubs with no funding
  - 19 clubs received Special Project Grants
- Course Union Council
  - Prepare agenda and chair
  - 1 hour meeting
  - Ratified 36 course unions with \$309
- Board meeting
- Equity and Outreach meeting
- Jewish Students' Association meeting
- Philosophy Students' Union meeting
- Meeting with student re: Pride
- Executive Committee
- C/CU day sign-up
- Grad Committee
  - Finalize plans for Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> event – received confirmation and contracts
  - Begin plans for April 4<sup>th</sup> event
- Senate Committee on Academic Standards
- Annual report
- C/CU Days
  - Set up MPR, Upper Lounge, and Hallway
  - Oversee both days
  - Tear down tables & chairs and clean
- Communication with clubs, course unions, PDUs, and advocacy groups
  - Via email, phone, text, facebook, and in-person
- Process cheque reqs
- Allocate base funding to clubs and course unions
- Beginning of semester re-organization of paperwork

**Madevon:****Total hours:90**

- Committee meetings including executive, marketing, campaigns, policy, member outreach, events
- Elections meeting with UVic admin
- Meeting with Vikes
- Cheque signing
- Tabling during Clubs and Course Unions (both days)
- Tabling for Sub-Zero during Vikes Nation Yoga Rave
- Grad Class Committee
- Booking bands + DJ for Sub-Zero

- Marketing Strategy for Sub-Zero
- Classroom talks and leafletting
- UVSS “All Are Welcome” Pancake Breakfast

**Middlemass:**

**Total hours: 11.5**

- -AVPAP 5hrs
  - Grant writing 2hrs
  - Board meeting 2.5 hrs
  - Feb 3 committee 2 hrs
- Away for a conference week of 11th-15th

**Pettifer:**

**Total hours: 79.5 hrs**

- Clubs Council & Prep
- Board Meeting
- Personnel Committee and Follow Up
- Course Union Council
- Clubs Day Sign Up
- Pancake Breakfast
- Meeting with Matt Greeno
- Executive Committee
- Cheque Signing
- Clubs and Course Union Day
- Office hours
- Meeting with VanCity
- Finance Policy
- Account Statements Review
- Emails & Queries
- Annual Report
- Green Fund Terms of Reference

**Rogers:**

**Total hours: 102.5**

- Board Meeting: 2 Hours
- Feb 3 Working Group: 2 Hours
- General Office Hours: 30 Hours
- CFS Presentation and Travel: 6 Hours
- Lobby Strategy Meeting: 5 Hours
- FEB 3 Class Talks and Petitioning: 10 Hours
- FEB COPAC Presentation: 2 Hours
- Campaigns Committee: 1.5 Hours
- FBFS Meeting: 1 Hour
- Annual Report: 2 Hours
- Clubs and Course Union Days Tabling: 5 Hours
- LGC Grant Writing: 15 Hours
- Campus Solidarity Meeting: 1 Hour
- Exec Committee: 2 Hours

**Woollgar:**

**Total hours: 15**

- Senate Subcommittee on Teaching Evaluations 2hr
- Registrar Hiring Committee 2hr

- Tabling for Feb 3rd/ SubZero 6hr
- Classroom talks for Feb 3rd: 2hr
- Policy Development Committee: 1hr
- Campaigns Committee: 2 hr

**Renwick-Shields:**

**Total hours: 71**

- 2 Sick Days
- Personnel Committee - 2hrs
- Feb.3 Working Group – 2hrs
- Meeting with Pascal from the NSU regarding TRC and education programming - 1hr
- CFS presentation and travel – 6hrs
- Lobby Strategy Meeting – 5hrs
- Feb 3 Class Talks and Petitioning – 10hrs
- Feb 3 COPAC presentation – 2hrs
- Campaigns committee – 30mins
- Clubs and Course Union Days Tabling - 5hrs
- Chaired Policy Development – 1.5hrs
- Chaired Member Outreach – 1hr
- Campus Inter-Union Solidarity Meeting – 1hr
- Exec Committee 2 hrs
- General Office Hours – 25hrs
- Meeting with Community Cabbage – 2hrs
- Meeting with Jim Dunsdon – 1hr
- Divest Organizing Meeting - 4hrs

**Butz:**

**Total hours: 7**

- Board meeting: 1.5 hours
- Pancake Breakfast: Setting up 3hours
- Classroom talks: approximately 30 mins
- Clubs and Course Union Days tabling: 2 hours

**Kramer:**

**Total hours: 20**

- feb 3rd promotion
- Personnel
- Campaigns
- Board meeting

**McCartan:**

**Total hours: 5.5**

- Missed the board meeting because I wasn't in town.
- Clubs and course unions: 2.5 hours
- In office: 3