



Minutes

Board of Directors - University of Victoria Students' Society
Monday February 15, 2016, 6:00pm
SUB Upper Lounge

ATTENDANCE

Directors: Peterson, Bhandar, Butz, Kramer, Desjarlais, El Sabrou, Lusk, Rogers, Madevon, McCartan, Woolgar, Szakacs, Pettifer, Hagos

Staff: Johnson, Ewart

1. CALL TO ORDER

Renwick-Shields called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA & ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Adoption of Agenda

i. Agenda 2016/02/15

MOTION TO ADOPT – PETERSON/ROGERS

AMENDMENT – SZAKACS/BEVANDA

Add to Priority Business:

MOTION – SZAKACS/

BIRT nominations be opened to elect one member to the Faculty of Humanities search committee for the Associate Dean Academics.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

AMENDMENT – ROGERS/KRAMER

Add to Priority Business:

Motion 2016/02/15: 00 – RENWICK-SHIELDS/ROGERS

WHEREAS the undemocratic nature of university board of governors in British Columbia have led to recent controversies at both UBC and UNBC; and

WHEREAS it is crucial for our democracy to have university boards that are independent and democratic; and

WHEREAS when the composition of a university board of governors has government appointees as the majority of its members including the Chancellor, this undermines the independence and democracy of our post-secondary institutions by allowing the government to impose its ideology; and

WHEREAS BC should have similar university governance standards as most of the other provinces in Canada; therefore

BIRT the UVSS Board of Directors endorses Oak Bay-Gordon Head MLA Andrew Weaver's private member's bill entitled Bill M202 University Amendment Act, 2016; and

BIFRT the Chairperson and Director of External Relations shall write a letter to Premier Christy Clark speaking in favour of Bill M202; and

BIFRT this letter shall copy Minister of Advanced Education Andrew Wilkinson, UVic President Jamie Cassells, UVic Chancellor Shelagh Rogers, and BC Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

AMENDMENT – BHANDAR/ROGERS

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MOTION – BHANDAR/

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WHEREAS the UVSS acknowledges that failure to provide equal access to washrooms for people of all genders is a form of discrimination

BIRT the UVSS call on the University of Victoria to uphold their responsibility to students and increase the number of multi-stall gender inclusive washrooms across campus.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

AGENDA CARRIED AS AMENDED

b. Adoption of Minutes

i. Board of Directors

- 2015-05-04
- 2015-08-10
- 2015-09-28
- 2015-10-26
- 2015-11-02
- 2015-11-16
- 2015-11-19
- 2015-12-07
- 2015-12-14
- 2016-01-04
- 2016-01-18
- 2016-02-01

MOTION TO ADOPT - SZAKACS/BEVANDA

MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & REPORTS

a. PRESENTATIONS

b. ANNOUNCEMENTS

c. REPORT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

d. REPORTS – CONSTITUENCY ORGANIZATIONS & NSU

I. Pride

II. Women's Centre

III. NSU

**IV. SOCC
V. SSD**

e. REPORTS – COMMITTEES, COUNCILS, WORKING GROUPS

- I. Campaigns**
- II. Events**
- III. Finance & Operations**
- IV. Member Outreach & Engagement**
- V. Policy Development**
- VI. SUB Renovations**
- VII. Advocacy Council**
- VIII. Clubs Council**
- IX. Course Union Council**
- X. Professional Development Union Council**
- XI. SUB Occupants**
- XII. University Relations**
- XIII. Electoral**
- XIV. Executive**
- XV. Marketing Planning & Advisory Group/Digital Strategy Group**

5. QUESTION PERIOD

6. MAIN MOTIONS

a. PRIORITY BUSINESS

Motion 2016/02/15: 01 – SZAKACS/BUTZ

BIRT nominations be opened to elect one member to the Faculty of Humanities Search Committee for the Associate Dean Academics.

Lusk for self. Withdrew.

Woollgar for Zoe-Blue Coates. Accepted.

**MOTION TO RATIFY COATES – SZAKACS/BUTZ
MOTION PASSED - UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

Motion 2016/02/15: 02 – RENWICK-SHIELDS/ROGERS

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MOTION CARRIED

Abstained: Desjarlais

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AMENDMENT – ROGERS/KRAMER

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MOTION CARRIED

b. **OLD BUSINESS**

c. **NEW BUSINESS**

7. IN CAMERA

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA – WOOLLGAR/BEVANDA

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting moved in camera at 6:55pm.

a. **Legal**

b. **Personnel Committee Report**

i. **Voting Members & Ex Officio Non-voting**

ii. **Voting Members – Directors Only**

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA – PETERSON/BEVANDA

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting moved out of camera at 7:57pm.

8. MEETING TIMES

The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:

Monday March 14, 2016 in the SUB Upper Lounge.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN – ROGERS/KRAMER

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:59.

10. DIRECTOR REPORTS

Kramer:

Total hours: 17

- Board Report: Feb. 1st- Feb. 15th
- Outreach for Feb. 3rd rally- 6hrs

- Feb 3rd Rally- 7hrs
- SAGM- 2hrs
- personnel- 2hrs

Bevanda:

Total hours: 10.5

- February 1st tabling and outreach - 2 hours
- February 2nd tabling and outreach - 2 hours
- February 3rd helped run the Feb 3rd rally from 8 until 1:30 – 5.5 hours
- February 4th 1 hour @ SAGM