



Minutes

Board of Directors - University of Victoria Students' Society
Monday March 14, 2016, 6:00pm
SUB Upper Lounge

ATTENDANCE

Directors: Szakacs, Woollgar, Bevanda, Mitchell, Blake, Lusk, Rogers, Madevon, McCartan, Peterson, Renwick-Shields, Pettifer, Kramer, Middlemass, Bhandar

Staff: Robertson, Johnson, Ewart

1. CALL TO ORDER

Renwick-Shields called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

Renwick-Shields acknowledged the territories.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. **Adoption of Agenda**
 - i. **Agenda 2016/03/14**

MOTION TO ADOPT - EI Sabrouh/Szakacs

AMENDMENT – RENWICK-SHIELDS/SZAKACS

Add to Priority Business:

RECOMMENDED BY PD:

MOTION – RENWICK-SHIELDS/

BIRT the following policies are consolidated accordingly:

Board of Directors Policy

Add: Finance & Operations Policy, Terms of Reference, Issues Policy

Human Resource Management Policy

Add: Anti-harassment Policy, Disability Policy, Excluded Personnel Policy, Hiring Policy

AMENDMENT CARRIED

AMENDMENT – SZAKACS/MITCHELL

Add the following Motions:

PRIORITY BUSINESS:

MOTION – SZAKACS/

BIRT the following Course Unions receive a Publication Grant:

- a. Undergrads of Political Science - \$630
- b. Environmental Studies Students' Association - \$420

PRIORITY BUSINESS:

MOTION – SZAKACS/

BIRT the Medieval Studies Course Union receives this semester's base funding in the amount of \$309 to be taken from the Course Union Control account.

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MOTION – SZAKACS/

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- c. Ancient Forest Alliance
- d. Association for Bahá'í Studies @ UVic
- e. Athletes in Action
- f. Feminist Uprising Collective
- g. Saudi Students' Society
- h. UVic Consulting Club
- i. UVic Mandarin & Cantonese Chinese Fellowship
- j. UVic Urban Gaming Club
- k. UVic Global Public Health Brigades

PRESENTATIONS:

MOTION – SZAKACS/

BIRT the Hoop Love Club is granted \$350 to be taken from the Clubs' Control account.

PRIORITY BUSINESS:

MOTION – SZAKACS/

BIRT the April 4 Board Meeting is changed to April 18.

AGENDA CARRIED AS AMENDED

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**

5. QUESTION PERIOD

6. MAIN MOTIONS

a. PRIORITY BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA – RENWICK-SHIELDS/EL SABROUT

**RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT:
MOTION – RENWICK-SHIELDS/EL SABROUT**

Add to Issues Policy, Part 4 Anti-Violence:

i. Harm Reduction:

UVSS believes part of creating a more inclusive community that is committed to anti-violence initiatives, is recognizing the importance of centering Harm Reduction. Harm Reduction refers to an anti-stigma approach that works towards decreasing harm in all ways; particularly in safer sex and safer use of substances, by providing services, tools, and skills to individuals.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

**RECOMMENDED BY PD:
MOTION – RENWICK-SHIELDS/ROGERS**

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MOTION CARRIED

Motion 2016/03/14: 01 – RENWICK-SHIELDS/

BIRT nominations be opened to elect one member to the search committee for the Director of the School of Public Health and Social Policy in the Faculty of Human and Social Development.

No nominations

Motion 2016/03/14: 02 – DESJARLAIS/RENWICK-SHIELDS

BIRT the Board of Directors schedule a Special General Meeting to be held on Thursday March 31, 2016 at 4pm; and

BIFRT the following Special Resolutions are added to the March 31, 2016 UVSS Special General Meeting agenda:

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 22 – THE NATIVE STUDENTS UNION

AMENDMENT - DESJARLAIS/EL SABROUT

~~22.2 Membership in the Native Students Union Membership in the Native Students Union shall be comprised of all students of self-identified Native ancestry.~~

22.2 Membership in the Native Students Union Membership in the Native Students Union shall be comprised of any person who successfully meets the membership qualifications as set out in the bylaws of the Native Students Union.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Strike 22.4.b:

22.4 Right of the Native Students Union to a voting representative on the Students' Society Board of Directors.

- a. The Native Students Union shall have the right to elect a representative to the Students' Society Board of Directors
- ~~b. The Native Students Union representative to the Board of Directors shall hold no other position on the Board of Directors.~~

Add 22.5:

22.5 The Native Students Union may be incorporated as a Society under the Society Act

- a. The Native Students Union may be incorporated as a Society under the Society Act if its written constitution and bylaws meet the requirements of the Society Act.**

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
 - iii. the Society for Students with a Disability
 - 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.

BIFRT the following Ordinary Resolutions are added to the March 31, 2016 UVSS Special General Meeting agenda:

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY – ISSUES POLICY

BIRT Issues Policy Part B is amended as follows:

B. ~~HOMOPHOBIA~~ANTAGONISM & ~~TRANSPHOBIA~~ANTAGONISM

- 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 – SZAKACS/PETTIFER

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MOTION TO DIVIDE – MADEVON/WOOLLGAR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION A – SZAKACS/PETTIFER

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MOTION CARRIED

Madevon abstained

MOTION B – SZAKACS/PETERSON

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MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION CARRIED

MOTION – SZAKACS/MIDDLEMASS

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- o. Association for Bahá'í Studies @ UVic
- p. Athletes in Action
- q. Feminist Uprising Collective (FUC)
- r. Saudi Students' Society
- s. UVic Consulting Club
- t. UVic Mandarin & Cantonese Chinese Fellowship
- u. UVic Urban Gaming Club
- v. UVic Global Public Health Brigades

MOTION CARRIED

Abstained: Rogers, Renwick-Shields, El Sabrou, Woollgar, Bhandar

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MOTION CARRIED

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RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

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C. Harm Reduction:

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MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO RECESS – SZAKACS/WOOLLGAR

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 7:01pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:11pm.

AMENDMENT – RENWICK-SHIELDS/EL SABROUT

RECOMMENDED PD:

ADVOCACY COUNCIL

Duties

- a. Serve as a forum for constituency organizations to work collectively on common issues on campus and in the community such as but not limited to, ~~homophobia~~ **homoantagonism, transantagonism** sexism, racism, anti-Semitism, classism, colonialism, ableism and ageism.
- b. Allocate funds from the constituency control account to constituency organizations **AND NSU subject to approval by the BoD.**
- c. Facilitate the reactivation of inactive advocacy council member organizations.
3. Membership Voting Members
 - a. ~~Director of Student Affairs – ex officio and chair of the committee~~
 - b. ~~One [1] director elected by the BoD – ex officio and second chair of the committee~~
 - c. One [1] representative from each Constituency Group, as per UVSS bylaws selected by their respective organization and ratified by the BoD
 - d. One [1] representative selected by the NSU and ratified by the BoD
4. Non-voting Members
 - a. **Director of Student Affairs - ex officio and chair of the committee**
 - b. **One [1] director elected by the BoD – ex officio and second chair of the committee**
 - c. Events & Communications Coordinator - ex officio
 - d. Executive Director - ex officio
 - e. One GSS member elected by the GSS – ex officio

5. Voting
 - a. Shall be assigned to the voting members designated in Section 4: Membership.
6. Quorum
 - a. Shall be a majority of voting members and the chair ~~and not less than three [3] voting members-~~

AMENDMENT CARRIED

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 - b. Allocate funds from the constituency control account to constituency organizations **and the Native Students Union** ~~subject to approval by the BoD-~~
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MOTION CARRIED

- a. **OLD BUSINESS**
- b. **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA – WOOLLGAR/BEVANDA
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved in camera at 7:28pm.

7. IN CAMERA

- a. **Legal**
- b. **Personnel Committee Report**
 - i. **Voting Members & Ex Officio Non-voting**

ii. **Voting Members – Directors Only**

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA – WOOLLGAR/BEVANDA
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved out of camera at 7:48pm.

8. MEETING TIMES

The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:
Monday March 21, 2016 in the SUB Upper Lounge.

9. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION TO ADJOURN – WOOLLGAR/BEVANDA
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

10. DIRECTOR REPORTS

Middlemass:

Total Hours: 24

- AVPAP: 16hrs
- Fin and Ops: 2hrs
- Volunteer Society Centre: 4hrs
- MPAG: 1hr
- Electoral: 1hr

Madevon:

Total Hours: 160

Work Activities:

- Committee meetings including executive, marketing, campaigns, policy, member outreach, events, finance, policy development
- Cheque signing
- CFUV board meetings (3)
- Chairing electoral committee
- UVSS/UVic operational relations
- Grad committee meetings
- Planning 2016 Grad Party
- Contacting bands, creating contracts for 2016 Grad Party
- Shoreline film festival viewing party
- Events policy recommendation for P.D
- Policy recommendations for Elections
- Invictus games meeting
- Strathcona walk through with Grad Committee
- Meeting with Co-op adviser
- Working on Events Manual for incoming director