



# Minutes

**Board of Directors - University of Victoria Students' Society**  
**Monday April 18, 2016, 6:00pm**  
**SUB B025**

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

**Staff:** Johnson, Ewart

## ATTENDANCE

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

Peterson acknowledged the territories.

### 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA & ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### a. Adoption of Agenda

##### i. Agenda 2016/04/18

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA – KRAMER/BEVANDA**  
**AGENDA CARRIED**

#### b. Adoption of Board Meeting Minutes

- 2016-02-15
- 2016-03-14
- 2016-03-21
- 2016-04-11

**MOTION TO ADOPT – KRAMER/BEVANDA**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

#### c. Adoption of Executive Committee Minutes

- 2015-09-29
- 2015-10-13
- 2015-10-20
- 2015-11-03
- 2015-11-10
- 2015-11-17
- 2015-12-01
- 2016-01-05
- 2016-01-15
- 2016-02-16
- 2016-03-08
- 2016-04-12

**MOTION TO ADOPT – ROGERS/SZAKACS  
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**

**5. QUESTION PERIOD**

**6. MAIN MOTIONS**

**a. PRIORITY BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA – RENWICK-SHIELDS/SZAKACS**

Add to Priority Business:

**MOTION – RENWICK-SHIELDS/**

**BIRT** nominations be opened to elect one (1) member to the CFUV Station Manager Hiring Committee.

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA CARRIED**

**MOTION – RENWICK-SHIELDS/SZAKACS**

**BIRT** nominations be opened to elect one (1) member to the CFUV Station Manager Hiring Committee.

Pettifer for self.

**PETTIFER RATIFIED - UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA – ROGERS/PETERSON**

Add to Priority Business:

**MOTION – ROGERS/**

**BIRT** the UVSS partner with Andrew Weaver for a non-partisan town hall discussion on sexualized violence policy, education, prevention and legislation.

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA CARRIED**

**MOTION – ROGERS/KRAMER**

**BIRT** the UVSS partner with Andrew Weaver for a non-partisan town hall discussion on sexualized violence policy, education, prevention and legislation.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 2016/04/18: 01 – MADEVON/PETERSON**

**BIRT** the report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the conduct and results of the 2016 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors is ratified; and

**BIFRT** the result of the 2016 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors is ratified and considered official; and

**BIFRT** the Board of Directors direct the Elections Office to destroy all student lists related to the election in an environmentally friendly manner no sooner than fifteen (15) days.

**MOTION TO DIVIDE – BHANDAR/KRAMER**

**MOTION TO DIVIDE CARRIED**

**Motion 2016/04/18: 01A – MADEVON/PETERSON**

**BIRT** the report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the conduct and results of the 2016 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors is ratified.

**MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA – DESJARLAIS/PETERSON**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved in camera at 6:36pm.

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA – PETERSON/MADEVON**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved out of camera at 7:13pm.

**MOTION FAILED**

Abstained: Peterson, Butz, Bhandar, Szakacs, Rogers, Renwick-Shields

**Motion 2016/04/18: 01B – MADEVON/DESJARLAIS**

**BIRT** the result of the 2016 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors is ratified and considered official; and

**BIFRT** the Board of Directors direct the Elections Office to destroy all student lists related to the election in an environmentally friendly manner no sooner than fifteen (15) days.

**MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

**MOTION TO RECESS – BEVANDA/DESJARLAIS**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting recessed at 7:17pm.

The meeting resumed at 7:23pm.

**Recommended by Policy Development: PD:**

**Motion 2016/04/18: 02 – RENWICK-SHIELDS/PETERSON**

**BIRT** the Board adopt the Board of Directors Policy amendments as attached in Appendix A.

**AMENDMENT – ROGERS/KRAMER**

Add to Board of Directors Policy, Issues, Anti-violence:

**SEXUALIZED VIOLENCE**

**Preamble:**

The Society recognizes that sexualized violence is anything that disrespects your sexual being. This can look like comments, leering, intimidation, coercion, expectations, discrimination, non consensual touching, sexual assault, sexual harassment etc. We also recognize that we currently live in a “rape culture” that normalizes and glorifies sexualized violence, creating a sense of entitlement to other people’s physical, emotional, and sexual well beings without consent. As a Society we have a role in ensuring that post-secondary education is accessible for all students, but education is not accessible if students on this campus do not feel safe. Therefore the Society must be committed to developing structures which centre the lived experiences of survivors while simultaneously creating educational and preventative programming and supports for those who have caused harm.

Furthermore the Society recognizes that;

1. Rape culture and sexualized/gender-based violence are deeply rooted in the ongoing colonial legacies of these unsundered and unceded territories that we occupy. The Society recognizes that we must approach our advocacy with an anti-colonial framework and engage with communities who are disproportionately affected by this violence.

Furthermore we recognize that sexualized and gender based violence disproportionately targets indigenous folks, and therefore we must involve the voices and communities of those who are most affected by this violence. We therefore also support a National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

2. Sexualized and Gender-Based Violence affects folks who hold vulnerable identities such as queer, trans or gender-variant folks, people of colour. We recognize that our advocacy must be intersectional and involve the voices and communities of those who are most affected by these violent structures.

3. As an organization the society has a role in pressuring governing bodies such as the university administration and the provincial government to dismantle harmful power structures which often recreate harm.

4. The Society supports that the university have a stand-alone policy that outlines how the administration handle sexual-assault cases, which supports and centres the experiences of survivors and which includes education, prevention and supports for those who have cause harm.

5. The Society supports binding provincial legislation which ensures that all institutions in the province engage in a process of collaborative stand-alone sexual assault policy development.

a. Furthermore, we recognize that these issues do not happen in isolation. Therefore we support the development of a robust and holistic approach to addressing sexualized violence in this province through the development of a sexualized-violence task force, and an Action Plan on Sexualized Violence in British Columbia.

6. The UVSS supports the continuation of education and prevention programs, specifically in collaboration with the Anti Violence Project and the University through the Let's Get Consensual Campaign:

a. The UVSS will run a Let's Get Consensual campaign which will:

- Involve a collaborative and coordinated, university-wide approach in order to reach the greatest number of people with the most effective use of available resources and knowledge
- Collaborative decision-making that is reflective of each partner's mandate
- Apply a strengths and resource-based approach in which members will utilize their identified strengths and resources to leverage their expertise and engage in collaborative work
- This work will be based on current research and practices, and sex positive (open, communicative, and accepting of individuals' differences related to sexuality and sexual interests) approaches, inclusive of all genders and sexualities
- Messaging, activities, and events developed for campus communities as part of the Let's Get Consensual campaign will be positive, respectful and non-shaming
- This work will reflect an understanding that some communities are disproportionately affected by sexualized violence. Initiatives will be engaged in to reach populations that current research demonstrates are disproportionately affected by sexualized violence and gender-based and those that are disproportionately responsible for perpetuating sexualized and gender-based violence.
- The goal of this work is to engage the university community in proactive and preventative conversations and actions about sexualized and gender-based violence focusing on education and awareness building. Initiatives will be engaged in with the goal that awareness and education about consent and sexualized violence be integrated within the campus culture.
- This campaign will strive to:

- a. Promote positive messaging around consent that encourages and informs students on how to engage in consensual conversations in all aspects of their campus lives, particularly in interpersonal relationships, and addresses behaviours within the greater context of societal rape culture.
- b. Create awareness around issues of masculinity (e.g., privilege, patriarchy, entitlement) on campus and provide representations of positive expressions of masculinity. Encouraging men to be leaders, and to speak out and take an active role in addressing these issues with other men.
- c. Recognize and address the different ways in which violence manifests itself within all communities in pursuit of supporting and promoting respect and accountability across campus, where 'seeking help' is normalized.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**AMENDMENT – PETERSON/BUTZ**

5.2.b: Change "Automatic" to "Guaranteed" (EXT SEAT)

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**AMENDMENT – BHANDAR/BUTZ**

17.6.2.a: CFUV, Martlet, VIPIRG, and Professional Development Unions are exempt.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**AMENDMENT – BHANDAR/KRAMER**

Sexualized violence add period after people of colour – add "we recognize that"

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**AMENDMENT – PETTIFER/SZAKACS**

PT 12 DIVISIONAL SPENDING – STRIKE – MOVED TO REPORTING

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**AMENDMENT – MITCHELL/DESJARLAIS**

Policy 7: After "people of colour" add "people with disabilities."

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**AMEND – LUTZ/PETERSON**

Add low socioeconomic background to sexualized violence policy #2.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**Motion 2016/04/18: 03 – PETTIFER/PETERSON**

**BIRT** up to \$23,500 be transferred from the Special Events Trust to Special Events Operating Budget to cover the costs that special events made in the 2015-2016 Board Term.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 2016/04/18: 04 – PETTIFER/BEVANDA**

**BIRT** up to \$25,500 from the Government Relations and Outreach Fund be transferred into the Campaigns Operating Fund to cover costs relating to campaigns made in the 2015-2016 Board Term.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 2016/04/18: 05 – PETTIFER/SZAKACS**

**BIRT** up to \$31,000 from the Election Fund be transferred into the Elections Operating Fund to cover costs relating to elections made in the 2015-2016 Board Term.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 2016/04/18: 06 – PETTIFER/KRAMER**

**BIRT** up to an extra \$75,000 from the Major Capital Fund and \$75,000 from the Ewing Fund be allocated towards the final phase of SUB Renovations which are to take place this summer.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 2016/04/18: 07 – PETTIFER/ROGERS**

**BIRT** \$230,430.11 from the Renovation Fund be transferred into the Ewing Fund to cover some of the costs relating to SUB Renovations made in the 2015-2016 Board Term.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**b. OLD BUSINESS**

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

**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 2016/04/11: 01 – RENWICK-SHIELDS/PETERSON**

**BIRT** nominations be opened to elect one member from the Schools/Programs in HSD to the search committee for the Faculty of Human and Social Development Associate Dean Academic.

No nominations.

**c. NEW BUSINESS**

**7. IN CAMERA**

**MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA – KRAMER/MIDDLEMASS**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved in camera at 7:42pm.

**a. Legal**

**b. Personnel Committee Report**

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

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA – KRAMER/MIDDLEMASS  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved out of camera at 8:22pm.

**8. MEETING TIMES**

**The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:**  
Monday May 9, 2016 in the SUB Upper Lounge.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN – DESJARLAIS/PETERSON  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

**10. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

No reports.