



AGENDA

Semi-Annual General Meeting

Thursday February 2, 2017 – Cinecenta 3:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES
3. APPROVAL OF CHAIR
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
 - a. Agenda of 2017/02/02 SAGM
5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - a. Minutes of 2016/10/27 AGM
6. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION
 - a. Special Resolutions

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

BIRT "Society Act" is struck and replaced with "Societies Act" in all instances that it appears in the Bylaws.

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 1 – INTERPRETATION

BIRT Bylaw 1 is amended as follows:

BYLAW 1 - INTERPRETATION DEFINITIONS

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 4 – GENERAL MEETINGS AND REFERENDA

BIRT Bylaw 4.8 is amended as follows:

4.8 Notice for General Meetings or Referenda

- a. The Board of Directors of the Students' Society shall give **due notice for General Meetings, Special Resolutions, Ordinary Resolutions, and Referenda as required by the Societies Act of British Columbia**. ~~not less than fourteen [14] calendar days notice of a general meeting or referenda.~~
- b. ~~Sufficient notice shall be deemed to have been given by the posting of not less than one hundred [100] notices upon notice boards under the jurisdiction of the Students' Society, and not less than one half page advertisement in the official students' newspaper which shall include the following:~~
 - i. ~~the time, date, and location of the meeting or referendum, and the date by which mailout ballots must be returned to be considered duly cast.~~
 - ii. ~~the proposed agenda for the meeting or resolutions(s) for the referendum, and~~
 - iii. ~~any special resolutions to be considered by the meeting or referendum.~~

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 4 – GENERAL MEETINGS AND REFERENDA

BIRT Bylaw 4.9 is amended as follows:

4.9 Quorum for General Meetings and Referenda

- a. Quorum for general meetings shall be six tenths of one percent [0.6 %] of the membership subject to the Society Act.
- b. In the event that attendance at an Annual General Meeting is more than twenty [20] but less than six tenths of one percent, the meeting will continue for the purposes of fulfilling the Society Act of British Columbia, but shall be limited to the following items of business:
 - i. report of the activities of the Board of Directors
 - ii. members' questions on the activities of the Board of Directors
 - iii. adoption of the budget and the approval of the audited **financial** statements
 - iv. adoption of the previous general meeting's minutes

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 5 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STUDENTS' SOCIETY

BIRT Bylaw 5.1 is amended as follows:

5.1 Composition of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of:

- a. The following directors elected by the membership:
 - i. One Lead Director as Director of Outreach & University Relations,
 - ii. One Lead Director as Director of Student Affairs,
 - iii. One Lead Director as Director of Events,
 - iv. One Lead Director as Director of Finance and Operations,
 - v. One Lead Director as Director of Campaigns & Community Relations, and
 - vi. Eleven [11] At-Large Directors
- b. The following directors elected by their respective constituency organisations:
 - i. Women's Centre Representative
 - ii. UVic Pride Representative
 - iii. Society for Students with a Disability Representative
 - iv. Students of Colour Collective Representative
- c. The Native Students' Union Representative elected by the Native Students' Union.
- d. The Director of International Student Relations elected by international students.
- e. **The majority of directors must be at least 18-years-old. 16- or 17-year old directors are permitted to sit on the Board of Directors.**

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 13 – STUDENTS' SOCIETY RECORDS

BIRT Bylaw 13.1 is amended as follows:

13.1 Location of Records

~~The minutes of Board of Directors meetings and general meetings and other books and records of the Students' Society shall be kept in the Student Union Building General Office or the offices of the Director of Outreach & University Relations or Director of Student Affairs. The minutes of Board of Directors meetings and general meetings and other books and records of the Students' Society shall be archived in the University library after a period of five years.~~

Books and records of the Students' Society, including board meeting and general meeting minutes, shall be kept in the Students' Society Centre and,

where appropriate, online. Books and records of the Students' Society shall be archived in the University library after a period of five years.

b. Ordinary Resolutions

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY – BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY SECTION 2: FINANCE, PART 5: SPENDING APPROVAL FOR REQUESTS OUTSIDE BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS

BIRT Board of Directors Policy Section 2, Part 5.2 is amended and adopted as follows:

- 5.2** In order for an additional **Board** expenditure, **excluding legal expenditures, outside in excess of the annual budget** to be granted it must be approved by a **two-thirds [2/3]** majority vote of the Board of Directors ~~at a quorate meeting, those voting in a quorate meeting of the Board of Directors.~~

Adopted BOD 2016/04/18

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY – BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY, SECTION 4: ISSUES POLICY, PART 9: GOVERNANCE

BIRT Board of Directors Policy Section 4, Part 9.6 is amended as follows:

9.6 Governance

- a. The Society supports significant student representation on all levels of university governance.
Adopted BoD 1992/04/16
- b. The Society supports the democratization of all positions on the Board of Governors, with at least one-third of the voting members being student representatives and a majority of voting members being student, staff and faculty combined.
Adopted AGM 1995/10/25
- c. ~~In recognition of students' rights to organise a representative student union and to have dues, duly authorised by the student union, collected and remitted to the student union, the Society supports amending Section 27 (1) of the Universities Act to clarify that educational institutions will collect and remit to student organisations all student fees duly authorised in accordance with their organisations' constitution.~~
Adopted SAGM 1998/02/12
- d. ~~The Society supports the Canadian University Faculty Association's boycott of the Technical University of British Columbia until such time as an elected senate of academic representatives, students and peers is put in place.~~

Adopted SAGM 1998/02/12

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY – BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

BIRT Board of Directors Policy Section 1, Part 3.4.c is amended as follows:

- c. The Society shall publicise a list of its committees, ~~the committee membership and the committee~~ **their meeting times on the Society's website and outside in the Students' Society Centre.**

Adopted SAGM 1999/02/12

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BIRT Board of Directors Policy Part 2.2 – Employment Conflict of Interest is amended as follows:

2. Employment Conflict of Interest

- a. ~~If Board members~~**Directors shall not** apply for **unionized** positions of employment within the operations **or departments** of the Students' Society., ~~they shall resign from the Board of Directors of the Students' Society (the Board), or their resignation shall be considered to have been delivered on the closing date of applications.~~
- b. Once they take office, Lead Directors must resign from any other paid positions in the operations **or departments** of the Society, ~~or else shall be considered to have resigned from the Board.~~
- c. If Directors-At-Large were already employees of the Society before being elected, they may keep their employed position, but they must follow these restrictions:
 - i. They cannot be members of the following committees:
 - 1. All divisional hiring committees
 - 2. The Personnel committee
 - 3. Union executives
 - 4. Bargaining committees
 - 5. The Labour Management Committee
 - ii. They must formally abstain from discussing and voting on:
 - 1. The Management Wage Package
 - 2. The collective agreements
 - 3. Other Personnel issues
 - 4. Motions affecting their particular division of employment
- d. ~~If Directors apply for a Workstudy position within the operations of the Society, they shall resign from the Board or their resignation shall be considered to have been delivered on the closing date of applications.~~ **Directors are not eligible for UVic work study positions within the operations or departments of the Society, constituency organizations, the Native Students Union, and affiliated groups.** Exempt are those UVic work study positions within the operations of **non-affiliated groups.** ~~the Vancouver Island Public Research Group, the Radio Society (CFUV-FM), the Martlet and the Women's Centre, the Native Students' Union, the Pride Collective, the Society for Students with a Disability, and the Students of Colour Collective.~~

**Adopted AGM 1995/10/25
Amended AGM 2005/02/10**

- 7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT**
- 8. QUESTION PERIOD (30 minutes)**
- 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**