



Minutes

Semi-Annual General Meeting

Thursday February 8, 2018

Cinecenta, 3:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

Angelblazer called the meeting to order at 3:33PM.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

Angelblazer acknowledged the territories.

3. APPROVAL OF CHAIR

**MOTION TO RATIFY SUSAN KIM - ANGELBLAZER/CUMBERLAND
MOTION CARRIED**

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Agenda of 2018/02/08 SAGM

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA - VERRIER/TEMPLEMAN
MOTION CARRIED**

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of 2017/10/26 AGM

**MOTION TO ADOPT - VERRIER/WEEKS
MOTION CARRIED**

6. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Special Resolutions

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS - VERRIER/THOM
BIRT "Society Act" is struck and replaced with "Societies Act" in all instances that it appears
in the Bylaws.**

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 1 – INTERPRETATION - NOBLE/STREET

BIRT Bylaw 1 is amended as follows:

BYLAW 1 - INTERPRETATION DEFINITIONS

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 4 – GENERAL MEETINGS AND REFERENDA -
VERRIER/PATT**

BIRT Bylaw 4.7.b is amended as follows:

4.7 Referenda

- b. Referenda may be called at any time between the months of September to April inclusive by:
 - i. a **two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$]** majority vote of a quorate meeting of the Board of Directors **where at least two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] of directors are present, and where notice has been given on the board meeting agenda;** or
 - ii. a requisite of ten percent [10%] of the membership; or
 - iii. as otherwise required by the Society Act of British Columbia.

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 4 – GENERAL MEETINGS AND REFERENDA -
DIPPENAD/VERRIER**

BIRT Bylaw 4.7 is amended as follows:

- ~~e. Co-op students on a work term may vote by mail-out ballot.~~
- d. Quorum for a referendum shall be fifteen percent [15%] of the voting membership.
- ~~e. The Students' Society shall send out a notice to co-op students on work terms, by the first day of campaigning, containing:
 - i. the referendum question(s);
 - ii. referenda ballots and campaign information;
 - iii. the date by which ballots must be received back in order to be duly cast; and
 - iv. a self-addressed, stamped return envelope~~
- ~~d. A minimum of three weeks shall be allowed for co-op students on work term to return ballots:
 - Referenda results are not considered official until the final deadline for the return of mailout ballots has been passed and all ballots have been counted.~~
- e. Initiation of a fee referenda for a Subsidiary Organization will be as outlined in the individual Subsidiary Organization constitution.
- f. For any alteration of a Subsidiary Organization fee quorum shall be ten percent [10%] of the membership of the Subsidiary Organization, with a majority of those voting approving the change.
- g. **In the event of technological failure, the Chief Electoral Officer may decide to use paper ballots. Students on co-op work terms or on UVic exchange programs or study abroad programs will have every opportunity to vote.**

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 4 – GENERAL MEETINGS AND REFERENDA -
WEEKS/VERRIER**

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.~~

The meeting lost quorum at 3:03pm.

MOTION FAILED

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 THE BYLAWS - LEAD DIRECTOR TITLE CHANGE

BIRT all instances of "Director of Campaigns & Community Relations" in the bylaws are struck and replaced with "Director of External Relations"

BIFRT this amendment shall take effect on May 1, 2018; and

BIFRT on May 1, 2018, the member elected into the position of "Director of Campaigns & Community Relations" in March 2018 shall have their title changed to "Director of External Relations".

MOTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS – DIRECTOR AT LARGE BY-ELECTIONS

BIRT the Bylaws are amended as follows:

- 1.1 **Chief Electoral Officer** shall refer to an individual, appointed by the UVSS Board of Directors, who is responsible for the conduct of UVSS elections, **by-elections**, and referenda.
- 1.5 **Directors** shall be all those persons elected **by members** to direct the affairs of the Students' Society, **and who occupy the position of Lead Director, Director at Large, Director of International Student Relations, Constituency Organization Representative, or Native Students Union Representative.**
- 4.11 **Rules of Order**
 - a. Subject to any special resolutions of the Students' Society the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order (or another recognized rules of order agreed upon by the BoD) shall govern the conduct of all general meetings of the Students' Society.
 - b. **In the case of a by-election to elect a Director at Large, held at a general meeting of the Students' Society, Robert's Rules of Order may be suspended and the rules for a by-election in UVSS Electoral Policy shall be used instead.**
- 6.1 **Electoral Policy of the UVSS**
The Board of Directors shall set Electoral Policy to govern the elections **and by-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.
- 6.5 **Electorate**
All active members in good standing of the UVSS, as per Bylaw 2.1, may vote in any election, **by- election**, or referenda.
- 6.8 **Voting**
 - b. Students on co-op work-terms will have every opportunity to vote **in an election or referendum.**
 - c. Members of the Students' Society may vote only once for each position in an election.

- d. If only one nomination is received for a particular ~~Executive~~ **Lead Director** position, members shall be asked on the ballot to approve or disapprove of the nominee. The nominee must receive the approval of the majority of ballots cast to be declared duly elected.

6.10 Chief Electoral Officer

- a. The Chief Electoral Officer shall ensure that all elections, **by-elections, and referenda** occur in the manner prescribed by this Bylaw and the policy of the Students' Society.
- b. The Chief Electoral Officer shall determine the eligibility of all nominated candidates according to the **criteria set forth in these** bylaws. ~~Six, Article Four [6.4] and Bylaw Two, Article One [2.1].~~
- c. The Chief Electoral Officer shall decide the form of the ballot provided that the nominees for each office be listed in alphabetical order by surname.
- d. The Chief Electoral Officer shall make, in the event of a strike, circumstance beyond human control, or other event that may delay the electoral procedure, a decision as to how and when the electoral procedure may best be completed.
- e. The Chief Electoral Officer shall submit a report on the conduct and results of all elections, **by elections, and referenda** to the Board of Directors for ratification.

6.13 Recounts

- a. A nominee may request a recount of votes cast, provided such request is made in writing to the Chief Electoral Officer within seven [7] days following the Chief Electoral Officer's announcement of election, **by-election, or referendum** results.
- b. Each candidate may call for no more than one [1] recount.

8.6 ~~At-Large Directors~~ Directors at Large

The ~~At-Large Directors~~ **Directors at Large** shall:

- a. Actively work to assist the Lead Directors in the performance of their duties,
- b. Assist in the coordination and implementation of local, provincial and national campaigns relating to education defense,
- c. Scrutinize the activities of the Lead Directors, and
- d. Participate on at least two [2] committees of the Students' Society.

~~BYLAW 9 – ABANDONMENT OF OFFICE AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS~~ **BYLAW 9 – CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP, LEAVES OF ABSENCE, REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS, AND BOARD VACANCIES**

9.5 Vacancies Established on the Board of Directors

- a. When a vacancy on the Board of Directors has been definitely established for a Director at Large position ~~or the Director of International Student Relations~~, the Directors may decide to:
 - i. ~~the discretion of the Board of Directors~~ hold a by-election at a **general meeting**.
- b. **When a vacancy on the Board of Directors has been definitely established for the Director of International Student Relations, the Directors may decide to hold a by-election.**

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

- 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 Board of Directors and Communications Offices.**

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

The Lead Directors gave informal portfolio-specific reports on behalf of the Board of Directors.

8. QUESTION PERIOD (30 minutes)

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION TO ADJOURN - THOM/BUDZ
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 4:41pm.