



## **AGENDA**

### **University of Victoria Students' Society**

**Monday January 14th, 2019, in the SUB Upper Lounge, 6:00 pm**

**ATTENDANCE:** Lee, Chasib, Wood, Arnold, Boparai, Sutherland-Wilson, Gilson, Ponce, Stevanovic, Ponce, Blecha, Chrystal, Witte, Zhang, Pathak, Jakubowski, MacGregor, Whittla, Kerr, Angelblazer

**STAFF:** Studney, James

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Angelblazer called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

#### **2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES**

Sutherland-Wilson acknowledged the territories.

#### **4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

- a. Adoption of Agenda
  - Agenda of 2019/01/14

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT - GILSON/ARNOLD**

#### **MOTION TO AMEND - LEE/KERR**

Add ratification of course unions to new business.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **MOTION TO AMEND - WHITTLA/KERR**

Add the following motion:

##### **MOTION 2018/01/11: 01A -**

**WHEREAS** the coffee brewer at Munchie Bar broke down on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and could not be repaired for a reasonable cost;

**WHEREAS** quoted repairs on electronic parts would not guarantee it working for a specific length of time;

**WHEREAS** the coffee is currently being brewed in the Main Kitchen and being transported to Munchie Bar;

**WHEREAS** time is of the essence as coffee is a large source of revenue for Munchie Bar;

**BIRT** the Board allocate up to \$4,200 from the Major Capital Fund to cover the purchase and implementation cost of a new brewer.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO AMEND - WHITTLA/WOOD**

Add VIPIRG presentation after CCG in “presentations” section.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO AMEND - SUTHERLAND-WILSON/MACGREGOR**

Add motion of solidarity in support of the Unist'ot'en Nation to end of new business.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**AGENDA CARRIED AS AMENDED**

- b. Ratification of Executive Committee Minutes
  - Minutes of 2018/12/06
  - Minutes of 2018/12/18
  - Minutes of 2019/01/08
  - Minutes of 2019/01/11

**MOTION TO RATIFY - LEE/GILSON**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- c. Ratification of Directors

**MOTION 2018/01/11: 01 - ANGELBLAZER/**

**BIRT** the Board accepts the resignation of Emily Stremel as the SSD representative to the Board of Directors for the 2018-2018 Board term; and

**BIFRT** the Board ratifies Natalie Blecha as the SSD representative to the Board of Directors for the remainder of the 2018-2019 Board term.

**MOTION TO RATIFY - LEE/MACGREGOR**

**MOTION TO AMEND - WHITTLA/**

Adjust date to “2018-2019.”

**MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**5. APPROVAL OF CHAIR**

**MOTION TO RATIFY SUSAN KIM - ANGELBLAZER/ARNOLD**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. PRESENTATIONS
  - I. Campus Community Garden (10 minutes)
  - II. VIPIRG (10 minutes)

**MOTION TO EXTEND PRESENTATION BY SIX MINUTES -  
MACGREGOR/SUTHERLAND-WILSON  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO EXTEND PRESENTATION BY FOUR MINUTES -  
LEE/MACGREGOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

b. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**7. REPORTS**

**A. REPORT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Strategic Plan and Society Finances & Operations (re: BoD Policy Section 1, Part 3.2.I)

**B. REPORTS – CONSTITUENCY ORGANIZATIONS & NSU**

I. Pride

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO MASUR -  
CHRYSTAL/SUTHERLAND-WILSON  
MOTION CARRIED**

II. The UVSS Feminist Collective

III. NSU

IV. SOCC

V. SSD

**C. REPORTS – COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS**

I. Advocacy Relations Committee

II. Campaigns

III. Clubs Council

IV. Course Union Council

V. Electoral

VI. Events

VII. Executive

VIII. Finance & Operations

IX. Member Outreach & Engagement

X. Policy Development

XI. SUB Marketing

XII. SUB Occupants

XIII. University Relations Committee

XIV. Food Bank & Free Store

XV. Peer Support Centre

**8. QUESTION PERIOD (15 mins)**

**MOTION TO EXTEND QUESTION PERIOD BY 10 MINUTES - KERR/WHITTLA  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO EXTEND BY 20 MINUTES - GILSON/KERR  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO RECESS FOR 5 MINUTES - GILSON/WHITTLA  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO EXTEND BY 15 MINUTES - GILSON/KERR  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO EXTEND BY 10 MINUTES - KERR/WOOD  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO EXTEND BY 5 MINUTES - LEE/KERR**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**9. MAIN MOTIONS**

**a. PRIORITY BUSINESS**

**MOTION 2019/01/14: 02 - ANGELBLAZER/GILSON**

**BIRT** the Board of Directors approve the following question go to a referendum and be held in conjunction with the 2019-2020 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors, including the same campaign period and voting days:

"Are you in favour of raising the Campus Community Garden fee by \$1.50 for full time students and \$0.75 for part time students to increase student employment, integrate the garden site in more curriculum for UVic courses, grow more food with native and edible plantings, and improve the infrastructure of the Campus Community Garden?"

**MOTION TO AMEND - ANGELBLAZER/GILSON**

**BIFRT** the Board endorses the referendum.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO DIVIDE - ARNOLD/WHITTLA**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO AMEND - ANGELBLAZER/GILSON**

**BIFRT** the Board endorses the referendum.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVE TO RECESS FOR 8 MINUTES - WHITTLA/BLECHA**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2019/01/14: 03 - ANGELBLAZER/KERR**

**BIRT** the Board of Directors approve the following question go to a referendum and be held in conjunction with the 2019-2020 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors, including the same campaign period and voting days:

"Are you in favour of establishing a fee of \$1.50 for full time students and \$0.75 for part time students in order to establish a Student Advocate position, whose role would be to guide and advocate for students as they interact with University of Victoria appeals processes and other administrative policies?"

**MOTION TO AMEND - GILSON/WHITTLA**

**BIFRT** the Board endorses this referendum.

**MOTION TO DIVIDE - WHITTLA/BLECHA**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO AMEND - GILSON/WHITTLA**

**BIFRT** the Board endorses this referendum.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2019/01/14: 04 - KERR/WOOD**

**BIRT** the Board of Directors approve the following question go to a referendum and be held in conjunction with the 2019-2020 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors, including the same campaign period and voting days:

“Are you in favour of establishing a fee of \$1.50 for full time students and \$0.75 for part time students in order to fund the Peer Support Centre to ensure its continued operation by hiring staff and paying for necessary supplies?”

**MOTION TO AMEND - KERR/PATHAK**

Change fee to \$1 for full time students and \$0.50 for part time students.

**MOTION TO AMEND - WHITTLA/GILSON**

**BIFRT** the Board endorses this referendum.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**MOTION 2019/01/14: 05 - JAKUBOWSKI/WHITTLA**

**WHEREAS** students should have the ability to critically evaluate the fees they are paying;

**WHEREAS** Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (VIPIRG) receives \$115,000 from students per year;

**WHEREAS** VIPIRG's bylaws dictate that “the VIPIRG fee shall be established from time to time by the membership through a referendum”;

**WHEREAS** such a referendum has not taken place since the 1990s, when VIPIRG was established;

**WHEREAS** serious concerns were brought up by external auditors in VIPIRG's most recent audit, including, but not limited to:

- Bank reconciliations are not being performed appropriately, with many eliminating entries displayed as outstanding receipts and outstanding payments.
- For grants issued by VIPIRG, the only evidence of the approval of such grants is the email to the recipient. There are no meeting minutes of the grant approval committee and thus a lack of transparency in the process.
- The auditor found issues with the 2015-2016 financial statements that VIPIRG provided as they did not line up with VIPIRG's balance at the beginning of the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
- Board meeting minutes are minimal and do not provide adequate documentation of the discussion and decisions made, especially when it comes to financial decisions, demonstrating a lack of financial transparency.
- Many transactions had no itemized receipts or invoices available to support the appropriateness of business expenses made, leaving the potential for misrepresentation of expenses.

**WHEREAS** all of these concerns point to the potential for mismanagement of student fees;

**WHEREAS** in December 2018, the UVSS Board reached out to the VIPIRG Board via their Director of Internal Affairs to ask about these issues, without satisfactory response, including:

- For grants issued by VIPIRG, the Director stated "[a] lot of this information is available online on our website," however, there are no details surrounding the grants process, applications submitted, nor how the grants are approved. On the "News" page of the VIPIRG website, there is a list of grant recipients, the most recent of which was from 2017. It includes no details other than the names of recipients and amounts awarded.
- Many transactions continue to be filed without proper documentation, including Visa slips, as opposed to itemized receipts, such as for a recent trip to Felicita's Campus Pub. Clubs, course unions, affiliated organizations, and advocacy groups are all held to a higher standard than VIPIRG.
- VIPIRG board meeting and financial committee minutes continue to lack detail about how and at what cost decisions are made. Receipts/Visa slips and financial minutes that were submitted in December 2018 through email are the only hard evidence that was provided by VIPIRG. Since the only hard evidence that was provided only demonstrates that issues from the audit haven't been solved, there's no sense in asking for a second audit when the results would be the same.

**WHEREAS** VIPIRG is meant to serve the broader community and not the campus community, or students, in particular;

**WHEREAS** according to the UVSS 2018 Annual Survey, a majority of students believe that "student focused" is the most important value of the UVSS, with over 85% of students choosing this value as "very important" or "extremely important" to them;

**WHEREAS** according to the UVSS 2018 Annual Survey, nearly 60% of students have never heard of VIPIRG, compared to less than 40% for CFUV and around 30% for the Martlet;

**WHEREAS** overall, students might not see that the organization provides value in relation to their substantial fee levy, especially compared to other campus groups that provide equivalent services;

**BIRT** the Board of Directors approve the following question go to a referendum and be held in conjunction with the 2019-2020 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors, including the same campaign period and voting days:

"Are you in favour of ending the fee, which is \$3.00 for full time students per semester and \$1.50 for part time students per semester, that goes towards the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (VIPIRG)?"

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO DIALLO - ARNOLD/WITTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO LINDEN-BREMNER - PONCE/STEVANOVICH  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO FRY - MACGREGOR/WITTE  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO MURWIRA - KERR/JAKUBOWSKI  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO MASUR - MACGREGOR/PONCE  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO LOTAY - GILSON/MACGREGOR  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO BELTRAN - KERR/PATHAK  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO MCGOVERN - PONCE/KERR  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO THOM - KERR/CHRYSTAL  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO DOOMAN - SUTHERLAND-WILSON/WITTE  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO KAVIYA - KERR/MACGREGOR  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO LINDEN-BREMNER - JAKUBOWSKI/KERR  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO MCGOVERN - SUTHERLAND-WILSON/BOPARAI  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO LOTAY - PATHAK/BOPARAI  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO LOTAY - PATHAK/BOPARAI  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION - ARNOLD/WHITTLA  
MOTION FAILED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO MURWIRA - BOPARAI/BLECHA**

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## **MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO BELTRAN - PONCE/MACGREGOR MOTION CARRIED**

### **Roll call vote:**

Angelblazer - in favour  
Arnold - in favour  
Boparai - in favour  
Blecha - opposed  
Chrystal - opposed  
Chasib - in favour  
Gilson - in favour  
Jakubowski - in favour  
Kerr - opposed  
Lee - in favour  
MacGregor - opposed  
Pathak - in favour  
Ponce - opposed  
Sutherland-Wilson - opposed  
Stevanovic - abstain  
Witte - in favour  
Whittla - in favour  
Wood - in favour  
Zhang - in favour

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **b. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **MOTION 2019/01/14: 06 - ANGELBLAZER/LEE**

**BIRT** the Board accepts the resignation of Adrienne Graham as a Director-at-Large on the Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 Board term.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **MOTION 2019/01/14: 1A - LEE/JAKUBOWSKI**

**BIRT** the following course unions are ratified with full funding for Winter Semester 2019:

- Art History & Visual Studies Student Association (AHVSSA)
- Biochemistry and Microbiology Student Society
- Biology Undergraduate Society, or BUGS
- Bureau of Anthropology Students
- Bureau of Sociology Students
- ChemSoc
- Child and Youth Care Student Society
- Computer Science Course Union
- Economics Course Union



- Environmental Studies Students Association
- French Undergrads - FUN
- General Assembly of Students in Earth and Ocean Sciences
- Greek and Roman Studies Student Association
- Health Information Science Course Union
- Music Students Association
- Pacific-Asian Students' Society
- PhASERS (Physics and Astronomy Students' Events and Recreation Society)
- Philosophy Student Union
- Physical Education, Recreation and Kinesiology Student Society (PERKS)
- Psychology Organization of Students
- Slavic Studies Course Union
- Society of Geography Students
- Spanish Course Union
- Students in Undergraduate Math and Stats (SUMS)
- The English Students' Association
- The History Undergraduate Society
- Undergraduates of Political Science
- Underlings
- University of Victoria Nursing Student Society
- University of Victoria Student Music Educators' Association
- UVic Writing Undergraduate Course Union
- Visual Arts Student Association
- Visual Arts Student Union

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2018/01/11: 1B - WHITTLA/GILSON**

**WHEREAS** the coffee brewer at Munchie Bar broke down on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and could not be repaired for a reasonable cost;

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**WHEREAS** the coffee is currently being brewed in the Main Kitchen and being transported to Munchie Bar;

**WHEREAS** time is of the essence as coffee is a large source of revenue for Munchie Bar;

**BIRT** the Board allocate up to \$4,200 from the Major Capital Fund to cover the purchase and implementation cost of a new brewer.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2018/01/11: 1C - SUTHERLAND-WILSON/WITTE**

**WHEREAS** The RCMP has infringed upon the rights of the Wet'suwet'en nation through improper consultation and the unjust enforcement of an injunction, violating Wet'suwet'en law.

**WHEREAS** UVic has committed to engaging with Indigenous communities through its Indigenous plan.

**WHEREAS** The UVic strategic framework seeks to foster respect and reconciliation through advancing the calls to action from the Truth + Reconciliation commission.

**WHEREAS** UVic's strategic framework seeks to promote sustainable futures while being a global leader in environmental, social and institutional sustainability through research, academic programs, and campus operations.

**BIRT** The UVSS Board makes a public statement condemning the actions of the British Columbia government and the RCMP.

**BIFRT** The UVSS Board makes a financial contribution to the legal defense fund of the Unist'ot'en.

**BIFRT** The UVSS Board lobbies the University of Victoria to make a public statement condemning the actions of the British Columbia government and the RCMP.

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO FARYNA - SUTHERLAND-WILSON/BLECHA**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO THOM - WOOD/WITTE**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CEDE SPEAKING RIGHTS TO FARYNA - STEVANOVICH/WITTE**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Arnold, Jakubowski, and Zhang abstained.

**10. In Camera**

**a. Legal**

**b. Personnel Committee Report** (re: BoD Policy Section 5, Part 3.7.3)

- i. Voting Members (directors) & Ex Officio Non-voting (excluded managers)
- ii. Voting Members – Directors Only (no excluded managers)

**MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA - GILSON/PATHAK**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved in camera at 10:32pm.

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA - LEE/ZHANG**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved out of camera at 10:38pm.

**11. MEETING TIMES**

**The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:**

Monday January 21st, 2018, in the SUB Upper Lounge Boardroom.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**13. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**Mary Wood (4 hours)**

- Attended board meeting

- Pancake breakfast prep/cooking

**Curtis Whittla (35 hours)**

- Board meeting
- Pancakes
- Executive Committee
- Meeting with Elections Staff
- Answering email/phone calls
- Writing policy
- Writing/reviewing contracts

**Noor Chasib (47 hours)**

- Sent and responded to emails
- Answered calls
- Went to Exec Meetings
- Met with graphics
- Went to committee meetings
- Went to Hiring committees
- Went to UVSS board meeting

**Isabella Lee (52 hours)**

- Ratified clubs
- Chaired Clubs Council
- Chaired Course Union Council
- Ratified Course Unions
- Responded to emails
- Cheque Requisitions
- Made Cookies
- Organized clubs' and course unions' days
- Refined Policy
- Signing authorities update
- Updated account balances
- Prepared agenda for councils
- Updated Club List
- Clubs website updates

**Pierre-Paul Angelblazer (39 hours)**

- Pancake Breakfast
- Meeting with the university in regards to electoral policy
- Dealing with referenda preparations
- Budget planning for Student Advocate
- Job Description for Student Advocate
- Clash of Clubs planning
- Board Meeting chairing
- Executive Committee