



Minutes

Annual General Meeting

Thursday October 11, 2018

Vertigo, 2:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

Angelblazer called the meeting to order at 3:10pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

Angelblazer acknowledged the territories.

3. APPROVAL OF CHAIR

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

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Agenda of 2018/10/11 AGM

MOTION TO ADOPT - ANGELBLAZER/GILSON

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA - WHITTLA/DICKEY

Add motion to approve budget and motion to receive audited financial statements to end of Part 6. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION.”

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of 2018/02/08 SAGM

MOTION TO ADOPT MINUTES - LINDEN/GILSON

The meeting lost quorum at 3:21pm.

MOTION FAILED

6. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- a. **Special Resolutions**

MOTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS – Faculty Directors

WHEREAS over time, the majority of members elected to the UVSS Board of Directors have been from the Faculty of Social Science; and

WHEREAS diversity at the Board level ensures accountable governance, a range of voices and experiences, and a plurality of values is represented; and

WHEREAS reaching traditionally neglected areas of the campus is a critical component of member engagement; and

WHEREAS students deserve comprehensive representation for their student fees; and

WHEREAS the creation of the Faculty Director position would increase the inclusion of faculty perspectives in the activities of the Students' Society; therefore

BIRT the Bylaws are 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:

vi. ~~Eleven [11]~~ **Five** At-Large Directors

vii. **Nine Directors elected to represent their respective faculties: Business, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Human & Social Development, Humanities, Law, Science, and Social Sciences.**

5.2 Term of Office of Members of the Board of Directors

a. Lead Directors, At-Large Directors, **Faculty Directors**, and the Director of International Student Relations elected during the month of March shall be elected for one year terms, to take office on May 1st.

6.4 Election of Faculty Directors to the Board of Directors

a. **Faculty Directors shall be elected by all undergraduate students.**

6.6 Eligibility

a. **Faculty Director candidates must be officially declared in the faculty they seek to represent.**

6.8 Voting

d. If only one nomination is received for a particular ~~Executive~~ **Lead Director, Faculty Director, or Director of International Student Relations** 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.

e. **The Director of International Student Relations can only be elected by their constituency.**

f. **Unsuccessful Faculty Director candidates will thereupon be entered into competition for At-Large positions with their vote counts intact.**

8.9 Faculty Directors

The Faculty Directors shall:

a. **Actively assist the Board in the performance of its duties,**

b. **Scrutinize the activities of the Lead Directors,**

c. **Participate on at least one committee of the Students' Society, and**

d. **Liaise with their Faculty, Professional Development Union, and Course Unions.**

BIFRT These amendments take effect on May 1st, 2019, and are implemented for all subsequent elections.

BIFRT bylaw 1 - Definitions is amended to include a definition of "Faculty Director."

BIFRT bylaw 5 is renumbered accordingly.

MOTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS – 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 At-Large Director(s), 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 referenda** results.
- b. Each candidate may call for no more than one [1] recount.

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. hold a by-election at a **general meeting**, the discretion of the Board of Directors
- 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.**

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 4 – GENERAL MEETINGS AND REFERENDA

WHEREAS current notice requirements are outdated and do not reflect modern engagement methods; and
WHEREAS the BC Societies Act already includes specific notice requirements; and
WHEREAS Board of Directors Policy Section 1, Part 3.3 “General Meetings” also includes comprehensive requirements; therefore

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 BC Societies Act and UVSS policy**. ~~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 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:

- 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 Outreach & University Relations” in the bylaws are struck and replaced with “Director of Outreach & Governance.”

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 Campaigns.”

b. Ordinary Resolutions

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.~~
- 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**

c. Financial Motions for Consideration

Motion to Adopt the 2018-2019 Budget – WHITTLA/GILSON

BIRT the 2018-2019 Budget be adopted as presented, as recommended by the Board of Directors.

MOTION TO AMEND - LINDEN/STREET

Adjust dates.

MOTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Motion to Receive the 2017-2018 Audited Financial Statements – WHITTLA/LINTON BIRT the 2017-2018 Audited Financial Statements be received.

MOTION TO AMEND - LINDEN/GUVEN

Adjust dates.

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Lead Directors gave reports on their portfolios.

8. QUESTION PERIOD (30 minutes)

Question Period started at 3:59pm.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION TO ADJOURN - GILSON/PATHAK
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 4:06pm.