



MINUTES - DRAFT
Annual General Meeting

Thursday October 24, 2019
Vertigo, 2:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

Granirer called the meeting to order at 2:55pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

Sutherland-Wilson acknowledged the territories.

3. APPROVAL OF CHAIR

MOTION TO RATIFY CARLA OSBOURNE AS CHAIR - GRANIRER/DE LA BUENO
MOTION CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Agenda of 2019/10/24 AGM

MOTION TO ADOPT - FRY/AHLUWALIA
MOTION CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of 2019/02/06 SAGM

MOTION TO ADOPT - BURD/RICHINS
MOTION CARRIED

6. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. **Special Resolutions**

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 8 - DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS -
BRAYBROOKE/BLECHA

WHEREAS Constituency Organization representatives are already required to perform duties outlined by their respective organizations; therefore,
BIRT Bylaw 8, part 8.7 shall be amended as follows:

8.7 Constituency Organization Representatives and the Native Students' Union Representative shall:

- a. ~~Perform those duties required of At-Large Directors as outlined in Bylaw Eight, Article Six [8.6].~~ b. **Liaise Scrutinize the activities of the Board of Directors.**
- b. Liaise with their respective constituency organizations. The Native Students' Union representative shall liaise with the Native Students' Union.

c. Participate in Advocacy Relations Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 12 – FINANCES OF THE STUDENTS’ SOCIETY - DE LA BUENO/HANLEY

WHEREAS Directors at Large, Constituency Representatives, and the Director of International Student Relations are not financially compensated for performing work that is crucial to the success of the UVSS’s mandate; and

WHEREAS Performing unpaid work is not an option for many students that need to support themselves financially; and

WHEREAS All UVic students should have the option to run to be a UVSS director, regardless of their financial situation; and

WHEREAS \$50 per month honoraria for the 17 Non-Lead Directors will cost a maximum of \$10,200 per fiscal year; and

WHEREAS The UVSS 2019-2020 budget has the flexibility to accommodate this expenditure; therefore, **BIRT** The UVSS Board of Directors permanently eliminates the cellphone allowance that Lead Directors receive, which costs a maximum of \$3,000 per fiscal year (Board of Directors Policy Part 1, Section 1.3 v.) in order to subsidize the honoraria;

BIFRT Bylaw 12.6 is amended as follows and subsequent sections of Bylaw 12 are renumbered accordingly:

12.6 Honoraria for Non-Lead Directors

- a. **Non-Lead Directors shall be given honoraria for services rendered during their time in office.**
- b. **The honoraria paid to Non-Lead Directors shall be \$50 per month.**
- c. **Non-Lead Directors fulfilling all of the duties outlined in Bylaw 8: Duties and Responsibilities of Directors, and Board of Directors Policy Section 1, Part 1.3 b., in order to receive the honoraria.**
- d. **Personnel Committee shall ensure that all Non-Lead Directors fulfill the duties outlined in c. before they receive their honoraria.**

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 4 – GENERAL MEETINGS AND REFERENDA - INGRAM/BATERSON

WHEREAS current notice requirements are outdated and do not reflect modern engagement methods; and,

WHEREAS online engagement is more cost-effective, efficient, and environmentally sustainable than paper-based engagement like print ads, posters, and handbills; and,

WHEREAS the BC Societies Act already includes notice requirements, such as providing written notice of the date, time, and location of a general meeting; therefore,

BIRT Bylaw 4.8 is amended as follows:

4.8

Notice for General Meetings 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 CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS - LANGUAGE CHANGE - MACGREGOR/ADAMSON

WHEREAS members unanimously agreed at a GEM general meeting to change the organization's name to the "Gender Empowerment Centre" (GEM); therefore,
BIRT all instances of "Women's Centre" in the bylaws are struck and replaced with "Gender Empowerment Centre."

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 5 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STUDENTS' SOCIETY - BRADBROOKE/BURD

WHEREAS Parts 44 (1) and (2) of the Societies Act state that anyone under the age of 18 is not qualified to be a Director of a society unless stated otherwise in their regulations; therefore,
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 CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 5 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STUDENTS' SOCIETY - ADAMSON/FRY

WHEREAS Legal issues are often discussed during the Board of Directors' in-camera sessions; and,
WHEREAS The Board of Directors frequently moves in-camera; therefore,
BIRT Bylaw 5.3.e is amended as follows:

5.3 Meetings of the Board of Directors

- e. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all members of the Students' Society, provided that the Board of Directors be permitted to move "in-camera" ~~in extraordinary circumstances;~~ to discuss personnel issues, **legal issues**, or to discuss negotiations with any external organization.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 4 – GENERAL MEETINGS AND REFERENDA - RICHINS/AHLUWALIA

BIRT Bylaw 4.9 is amended as follows:

4.9 Quorum for General Meetings and Referenda

- 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:

- iii. adoption of the budget and the approval of the audited **financial** statements.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. **Ordinary Resolutions**

MOTION TO AMEND BOARD OF DIRECTORS ISSUES POLICY SECTION 4, PART 9: GOVERNANCE - ADAMSON/CARRASCO

WHEREAS The BC University Act recognizes students' rights to organize a representative student union and to collect dues; and,

WHEREAS The Technical University of British Columbia no longer exists; therefore,

BIRT Board of Directors Issues 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 CARRIED

c. Financial Motions

Motion to Adopt the 2019-2020 Budget - COOK/BUENO

BIRT the 2019-2020 Budget be adopted as presented, as recommended by the Board of Directors.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Receive the 2018-2019 Audited Financial Statements - FRY/SUTHERLAND-WILSON

BIRT the 2018-2019 Audited Financial Statements be received.

MOTION TO AMEND - COOK/WATTS

Change dates to 2018-2029.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

8. QUESTION PERIOD (30 minutes)

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN - COOK/SUTHERLAND-WILSON

The meeting adjourned at 4:39pm.