



MINUTES

University of Victoria Students' Society

Monday, September 23rd, 2019 – MPR, 6pm

ATTENDANCE: Granirer, Sampson, Sutherland-Wilson, Ahluwalia, Clappis, Stromquist, Fox, Richins, Watts, Cook, Reid-Friesen, Tubeishat, Van Dyke, MacGregor, McGovern, Burd, Turker, Chrystal, Blecha, de Luna-Bueno

Staff: James, Studney

1. CALL TO ORDER

Granirer called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chrystall acknowledged the territories.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA & ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Adoption of Agenda

- Agenda of 2019/09/23

MOTION ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

b. Adoption of Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

- 2019/09/09

MOTION ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

c. Adoption of Executive Committee Minutes

- 2019/09/16
- 2019/08/20
- 2019/08/27
- 2019/09/04

MOTION ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

d. Ratification of Directors

MOTION 2019/09/23: 01 – EATON/TURKER

BIRT Shayan de Luna-Bueno is ratified as the SOCC representative to the UVSS Board of Directors for the 2019-2020 Board term.

MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. PRESENTATIONS

b. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divestfest is happening this week! It features workshops, events, and tabling. There will be events every day and will wrap up on Friday, September 27 with a student walkout at 11 am to meet in front of the SUB and bus to the **Global Climate Strike at the Legislature**. If you're interested in helping out, contact Juliet! Also, please click "going" on the Facebook event!

5. REPORTS

a. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Strategic Plan Implementation, Society Finances & Operations (BoD Policy Section 1, Part 3.2.1)

b. COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

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| I. Advocacy Relations Committee | IX. Member Outreach & Engagement |
| II. Campaigns | X. Policy Development |
| III. Clubs Council | XI. SUB Marketing |
| IV. Course Union Council | XII. SUB Occupants |
| V. Electoral | XIII. University Relations Committee |
| VI. Events | XIV. Food Bank & Free Store |
| VII. Executive | XV. Peer Support Centre |
| VIII. Finance & Operations | |

c. CONSTITUENCY ORGANIZATIONS & NSU

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| I. GEM | IV. SOCC |
| II. NSU | V. SSD |
| III. Pride | |

6. QUESTION PERIOD (15 mins)

7. MAIN MOTIONS

a. Priority business

MOTION 2019/09/23: 02 – MCGOVERN/TURKER

WHEREAS a replacement convection oven is needed for the operation of the Main Kitchen and Catering; therefore,

BIRT the Board of Directors approve spending of up to \$9,000 from the Major Capital Fund for the purchase of a replacement convection oven in the SUB.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO REPLACE GRANIRER AS CHAIR WITH VAN DYKE - SAMPSON/TURKER

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2019/09/23: 03 – GRANIRER/TURKER

BIRT the Annual General Meeting on October 24th, 2019, is scheduled to start at 2:30pm.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT & ADVOCACY RELATIONS COMMITTEES

MOTION 2019/09/23: 04 – GRANIRER/MACGREGOR

BIRT the following Special Resolution be added to the October 24, 2019 UVSS Annual General Meeting agenda:

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 8 - DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS

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

RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT & ADVOCACY RELATIONS COMMITTEES

MOTION 2019/09/23: 05 – GRANIRER/RICHINS

BIRT the following Special Resolution be added to the October 24, 2019 UVSS Annual General Meeting agenda:

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 12 – FINANCES OF THE STUDENTS' SOCIETY

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

RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION 2019/09/23: 06 – GRANIRER/BLECHA

BIRT the following Special Resolution be added to the October 24, 2019 UVSS Annual General Meeting agenda:

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 4 – GENERAL MEETINGS AND REFERENDA

WHEREAS Referenda are the highest decision-making tool available to the Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS Referenda cost the UVSS thousands of dollars; and,

WHEREAS The Board has a duty to ensure that referenda are only called when necessary; therefore, 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.

MOTION TO RECESS FOR FIVE MINUTES - SAMPSON/RICHINS
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND - COOK/BURD

Strike "two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$]".

MOTION FAILED

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RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION 2019/09/23: 07– GRANIRER/DE LUNA-BUENO

BIRT the following Special Resolution be added to the October 24, 2019 UVSS Annual General Meeting agenda:

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 4 – GENERAL MEETINGS AND REFERENDA

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

RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION 2019/09/23: 08 – GRANIRER/WATTS

BIRT the following Special Resolution be added to the October 24, 2019 UVSS Annual General Meeting agenda:

MOTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS - LANGUAGE CHANGE

WHEREAS The Society Act is now titled the "Societies Act"; and,

WHEREAS A majority of members voted at a GEM general meeting to change the organization's name to the Gender Empowerment Centre (GEM); therefore,

BIRT All instances of "Society Act" in the bylaws are struck and replaced with "Societies Act"; and

BIFRT all instances of “Women’s Centre” in the bylaws are struck and replaced with “Gender Empowerment Centre.”

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES - SAMPSON/BLECHA

Change language in whereas clauses.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND - BLECHA/

Change “members unanimously agreed at a GEM general meeting” in second whereas clause.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND - TURKER/GRANIRER

Strike first whereas clause and second BIRT clause.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO REINSTATE RULES - BLECHA/GRANIRER

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION 2019/09/23: 09 – GRANIRER/DE LUNA-BUENO

BIRT the following Special Resolution be added to the October 24, 2019 UVSS Annual General Meeting agenda:

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

- 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

RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION 2019/09/23: 10 – GRANIRER/RICHINS

BIRT the following Special Resolution be added to the October 24, 2019 UVSS Annual General Meeting agenda:

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

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

RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION 2019/09/23: 11 – GRANIRER/BURD

BIRT the following Special Resolution be added to the October 24, 2019 UVSS Annual General Meeting agenda:

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

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

RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION 2019/09/23: 12 – GRANIRER/RICHINS

BIRT the following Ordinary Resolution be added to the October 24, 2019 UVSS Annual General Meeting agenda:

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

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

b. New business

RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION 2019/09/23: 13 - GRANIRER/TURKER

WHEREAS The purpose of the UVSS University Relations committee is to:

- a. Appoint members onto university committees.
- b. Oversee and facilitate the participation of members onto university committees.
- c. Keep a record of all members sent onto university committees.
- d. Request reports from student representatives on committees, compile them, and send them to the board on a semesterly basis; and

WHEREAS The Director of Outreach and University Relations already oversees the appointment of members onto university committees; and,

WHEREAS UVSS Directors and staff, and University stakeholders have been consulted about the functionality of this committee; and,

WHEREAS The University Relations Committee has never met; and,

WHEREAS The UVSS recently created the International Student Relations Committee; and,

WHEREAS UVSS Board members are expected to create and participate on Food Bank and Peer Support Centre committees; and,

WHEREAS UVSS staff and Directors are already operating at full capacity; therefore,

BIRT The University Relations Committee is permanently disbanded while the Director of Outreach and University Relations performs the functions of the committee and organizes alternative long-term solutions.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2019/09/23: 14 - WATTS/TURKER

WHEREAS the UVSS is committed to principles of sustainability and social justice; and,

WHEREAS our house is on fire; and,

WHEREAS the Divest UVic campaign is one of the top priorities of the 2019-2020 Board of Directors and will have a large presence at the strike; therefore,

BIRT the UVSS endorses the September 27th UVic Student Walkout in solidarity with the Global Climate Strike by publishing a press release on September 24 and coordinating the student walkout at 11am on the 27th.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Old business

MOTION 2019/05/06: 10 – GRANIRER/FOX

BIRT nominations be opened for members to fill vacancies on the following *closed committees*:

Ombudsperson	One (1) Member; One (1) Student Senator
U-PASS Appeals	One (1) Member as recommended by SSD

No nominations.

MOTION 2019/05/06: 11 – GRANIRER/TURKER

BIRT nominations be opened for members to fill the following *open committee* vacancies:

Campaigns	Three (3) Members
Events	Two (2) Members
Finance & Operations	Two (2) Members
Member Outreach & Engagement	Two (2) Members

Campaigns:

Claire Young

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2019/09/06: 04 – GRANIRER/DE LUNA-BUENO

BIRT nominations be opened for members to fill the following University committee vacancies:

- Faculty of Social Sciences Award and Recognition Committee
- English Chair Search Committee - must be an upper-level English major
- Linguistics Chair Search Committee - must be an upper-level Linguistics major
- Child Care Services Parent Advisory Committee
- Search Committee for the Associate Vice President Research

Faculty of Social Sciences Award and Recognition Committee Nominations:

Turker

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION TO CONDITIONALLY NOMINATE COOK TO ENGLISH CHAIR SEARCH COMMITTEE -
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO REPLACE VAN DYKE WITH GRANIRER AS CHAIR - SAMPSON/TURKER
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO RECESS FOR 5 MINUTES - BLECHA/BURD
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA - SAMPSON/BLECHA
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved in camera at 8:30pm.

- 8. IN CAMERA**
 - a. Legal**
 - b. Personnel Committee Report**

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA - SAMPSON/WATTS
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved out of camera at 9:05pm.

9. MEETING TIMES

The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:
Monday October 7, 2019, in Vertigo.

10. ADJOURNMENT

11. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Juliet Watts (95 hours)

- Submitted report in favour of a negative screening investment strategy to the UVic Board of Governors on behalf of Divest UVic
- Sat on Vice President External Relations Hiring Committee
- Finalized organization of Divestfest
- Chaired Campaigns Committee
- Researched and led discussions around Lobby Days
- Met with Get Out The Vote campus partners
- Worked with graphics to develop Get Out The Vote event promotional materials
- Executed Sexualized Violence Awareness Week tabling and keynote event
- Tabled and coordinated the distribution of materials at Clubs and Course Unions Days
- Conducted consultation for and attended Mental Health Awareness Week
- Sat on Peer Support Centre Committee
- Attended Ecofoot Working Group
- Sat on Victoria Climate Coalition
- Met with Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative
- Invited and connected with local candidates for upcoming All-Candidates Forum and Meet and Greet
- Met with past Divest organizer to discuss strategy and tactics
- Sat on Policy Development Committee
- Participated in Victoria late night policy consultation

Olivia Reid-Friesen (24.5 hours)

- Tabling Sept 4th - 2
- Roof announcement/ tabling Sept 5th - 2.5
- Popcorn duty and movie set up - 4
- Tabling on the quad - 2.5
- Tabling/Back and Blacklight reimbursement tabling - 1
- Club committee - 1.5
- UVSS Board meeting - 3
- Club ratification day -1.5
- Club and course union sign up - 2
- Clubs and course union day 1 - 3
- Clubs and course union day 2 - 1.5

Sarina de Havelyn (2 hours)

- Writing UVSS condolences for student deaths
- Helping leads with various small tasks

Hannah Ahluwalia (3.5 hours)

- Peer Support Centre meeting (1.5 hours)
- Senate orientation (2 hours)

Jasmine MacGregor (24.25 hours)

- Attended Finance & Operations committee
- Attended EcoFoot Meeting
- Purchased paint with Caleb for Cup & Mug Bank
- Attended 2 Campaigns Committees
- Attended 2 Divest Working Group meetings
- Tabled for Divest at Clubs & Course Unions Days
- Created Divest Fest posters
- Put up Divest Fest posters around campus
- Worked on Divest Fest playlist
- Worked on Divest Fest Volunteer Sign-Up
- Planning for Divest informational video
- Research for Lobby Days
- GEM Collective Meeting
- Volunteered as “stagehand/”kitten” at SVAW burlesque event
- Meeting with Director of Finance & Operations to discuss Social Enterprise Campaign
- Meetings with Director of Campaigns & Community Relations and Jelayna
- Policy consultations with Director of Outreach & University Relations
- Meeting with Em to discuss AGM policy
- Attended ARC meeting

Jelayna Van Dyke (25 hours)

- Attended Divest working group
- Tabled at Clubs & Course Union Days
- Attended Campaigns committee
- Attended Finance and Operations committee
- Attended Sub Marketing committee
- Attended a Train the Trainer partners meeting
- Attended a GOTV partners meeting

- Met with Jon about policy
- Met with Juliet frequently about policy and for general work on campaigns
- Tabled for Sexualized Violence Awareness week
- Attended Policy Development Committee
- Prepared for and hosted the Sexualized Violence Awareness Week keynote event

Dakota McGovern (97 hours)

- Tabling at UVSS events
- Social media work with graphics
- Attending and preparing for Fee Reduction and Appeals Committee
- Personnel work
- Supporting Clubs and Course Unions days
- Attending UVSS Committees: Personnel, Executive, Finance, Policy Development, Campaigns and SUB Marketing
- Reviewing Studentcare mental health service proposals
- Health and Dental appeals
- Work regarding social enterprise marketing campaign
- Collaborating with the Commerce Students' Society on SUB promotional initiatives
- Cheque signing
- Reviewing policy for the AGM

Victoria Eaton (85 hours)

- Answered emails
- Updating club balances
- Board meeting
- Cheque signing
- Advocacy relations committee, Campaigns committee, Electoral committee, Policy development committee
- Clubs and course union council
- Executive meetings
- Meetings/planning for clubs and course union days
- meetings with Clubs, Course Unions and PDUs
- Working on electoral policy
- Office hours
- U-Pass Appeals
- Club data categorizing for accounting
- Clubs and course union days registration
- Clubs and course union days

Caelen Cook (20 hours)

- Clubs Council
- Course Union Council
- Policy Development Committee
- Meeting with Director of Finance & Operations on AGM presentations

Jonathan Granirer (69 hours)

- Presented on OERs for the Business faculty and Social Science faculty
- Met with several university stakeholders regarding OERs
- Collaborated with the university on the Gathering for Reflection and Support on September 17th
- Drafted several policies

- Responded to emails
- Attended the Divest working group
- Attending Campaigns Committee
- Held Policy Development Committee
- Attended Marcom
- Tabled at Clubs and Course Union Days
- Several internal meetings with Directors
- Met with Student Care representative regarding Empower Me
- Attended Executive Committee
- Met with University Secretary regarding UVic Senate Elections
- Attended the hiring committee for UVic's Vice Provost
- Conducted an interview with City TV