



## **MINUTES**

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

**Monday, January 6th, 2020 – Vertigo, 6pm**

**Attendance:** Sampson, Reid-Friesen, Eaton, Tubeishat, Blecha, Burd, Ahluwalia, Van Dyke, Clappis, Doonon, Sutherland-Wilson, Watts, MacGregor, McGovern, Richins, Cook, de Havelyn, Granirer, Fox

**Staff:** James, McFarlin

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

Granirer called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

#### **2. LIVESTREAM**

##### **MOTION 2020/01/06: 01 - DE HAVELYN/SAMPSON**

**WHEREAS** the Director of Outreach and University Relations values the comfort and privacy of all Board members, and will only proceed with livestreaming Board meetings if they pass unanimously; therefore,

**BIRT** the Board approves the livestreaming of the January 6th, 2020 Board meeting on the UVSS Facebook page; and,

**BIFRT** this video be kept on the UVSS Facebook page until the minutes from this meeting are ratified.

##### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Sutherland-Wilson acknowledged the territories.

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

##### **a. Adoption of Agenda**

- 2020/01/06

##### **MOTION TO ADOPT - MACGREGOR/BLECHA**

##### **MOTION TO AMEND - EATON/SUTHERLAND-WILSON**

Add to priority business:

**BIRT** A Board meeting is scheduled for 6pm, January 13th, and the Director of Outreach and University Relations will relay the room location when it is known.

##### **MOTION CARRIED**

##### **MOTION TO AMEND - COOK/MACGREGOR**

Add missing Board reports to the minutes.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION TO AMEND - MCGOVERN/RICHINS**

Motions 2 and 3, and the presentation on the Society's finances, are postponed indefinitely.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION TO AMEND - SUTHERLAND-WILSON/SAMPSON**

Add the following motion as the second motion in priority business:

#### **MOTION 2019/01/06: A2 - SUTHERLAND-WILSON/**

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**Whereas** both the UVSS and the Advocacy Relations Committee have made monetary contributions to the Unist'ot'en legal fund in the past.

**Whereas** recent events on Wet'suwet'en land have led to the eviction of Coastal Gaslink and the renewal of blockades. All five clans of the Wet'suwet'en have come together once again to protect their territory and rights.

**Whereas** British Columbia and the RCMP are likely to respond in a similar fashion to the raid at Gidumt'en on January 7th, 2019.

**BIRT** the UVSS pledges to contribute a dollar amount that will be voted on at the next UVSS Board meeting to the Unist'ot'en legal defence fund.

**BIFRT** that the UVSS pledges its support in a public statement via social media before January 13th, including but not limited to these statements:

1. WE COMMEND the courage and vision of Unist'ot'en Camp.
2. WE ARE WATCHING across the province, country and internationally.
3. WE DENOUNCE any attempt by Coastal GasLink Pipeline, federal government, provincial government or RCMP to interfere in the rights of the Unist'ot'en to occupy, manage or maintain their lands.
4. WE DEMAND that any and all actions taken by the federal and provincial government, industry, and policing agencies must be consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Anuk Nu'at'en (Wet'suwet'en laws) and collective Title.
5. WE PLEDGE support to the frontline land defenders of Unist'ot'en Camp and affirm the collective hereditary governance of the Wet'suwet'en who are enforcing Wet'suwet'en laws on their unceded lands.

**BIFRT** the UVSS endorse the Week of Solidarity that has called for by the Hereditary Chiefs of the Wet'suwet'en, from January 7th to January 12th.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **b. Adoption of Minutes**

- 2019/12/02

## **MINUTES ADOPTED VIA UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

- 2019/12/09

### **MOTION TO RESCIND - DE HAVELYN/REID-FRIESEN**

Rescind the motion to approve December 2nd minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- c. **Adoption of Executive Committee Minutes**
  - 2019/12/09

**MINUTES ADOPTED VIA UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

**5. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**a. PRESENTATIONS**

1. A Presentation from Rob Crisp (Director of Health Services) and Rita Knodel (Director of Counselling services) on the 24/7 mental health support line for all UVic students that is currently being developed
- ~~2. A presentation on the Society's Finances~~

**MOTION TO RECESS FOR 5 MINUTES**

**MOTION CARRIED VIA UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

3. A presentation on DaL Honorariums

**b. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**6. REPORTS**

**a. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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

**b. COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS**

- |                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 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. International Student 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 |          |

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

**8. MAIN MOTIONS**

**a. Priority business**

**MOTION 2019/01/06: A1 - EATON/REID-FRIESEN**

**BIRT** the Board schedules a Board meeting for 6pm, January 13th 2020, and the Director of Outreach and University Relations will contact the Board with the room where the meeting will be held.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION 2020/01/06: 02 -- MCGOVERN/**

~~**WHEREAS** the UVSS has been offering Disability Assessments for students for several years; and;~~

~~**WHEREAS** this practice means that current UVSS policy as it relates to the Health & Dental Plan Fund no longer is accurate; therefore;~~

~~**BIRT** The Health & Dental Plan Fund terms of reference in Board of Directors Policy be amended as follows:~~

~~**3.8 Health & Dental Plan Fund**~~

a. ~~The Health & Dental Plan Fund shall consist of all student fees dedicated and collected for the sole purpose of funding the UVSS Health & Dental Plan.~~ **Health and Dental expenses for students.**

**MOTION 2020/01/06: 03 -- MCGOVERN/**

**WHEREAS** ~~the UVSS has publicly published its annual report on the organization's website for the past eight years; and,~~

**WHEREAS** ~~over this period, the Board of Directors has located the following deficiencies with the process:~~

- ~~The UVSS annual report is intensive for directors to do and costly for the UVSS to produce. In addition, it is presented in February, meaning it does not accurately reflect the priorities or accomplishments of individual Boards.~~
- ~~The current strategic planning process is ill-enforced, with no records of written reports that are mandated in April ever occurring.~~
- ~~The current annual report is required to be presented at the SAGM, meaning directors need to divide their work between the two tasks promoting the event, and preparing the presentation respectively making each task less successful.~~

**BIRT** ~~UVSS Board of Directors Policy be amended as follows to alter the annual report timeline in order to increase transparency with members:~~

**Section 1: Part 3.3**

**General Meetings**

1. ~~The Board of Directors shall prepare an annual report for the Students' Society to be presented at the Semi-annual General Meeting. The annual report shall be widely distributed to members in both print and electronic format.~~ **The Board of Directors shall present at the Semi-annual General Meeting on the progress being made on the strategic plan.**
2. ~~The Board of Directors shall advertise for general meetings using a wide array of communications methods and as otherwise required by provincial legislation.~~
3. ~~Yearly budgets shall be posted on the UVSS website no later than 2 business days after their adoption at a general meeting.~~
4. ~~Yearly financial audits shall be posted on the UVSS website no later than 2 business days after they have been received at a general meeting.~~

**Section 3: Part 3.2**

**April 1** ~~The Board of Directors shall publish an annual report on the Students' Society website that outlines the outcome of the strategic plan, the progress of business unit plans, and additional accomplishments of the Board of Directors that shall be widely distributed to members in both print and electronic format.~~

**April 30** ~~Each Lead Director provides a detailed verbal and printed report on the status of strategic plan implementation and society finances at a department manager's meeting.~~

**MOTION TO RECESS FOR 5 MINUTES  
CARRIED VIA UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

**MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA - DOONAN/AHLUWALIA  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved in camera at 7:50pm

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

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

The meeting moved out of camera at 9:56pm.

**10. MEETING TIMES**

**The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:**  
Monday, January 13th, at 6pm in Vertigo.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**12. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Dalal Tubeishat (3 hours)

- Sent emails
- Had meetings with Director of Events and Director of Outreach and University Relations

Dakota McGovern (74 hours)

- Working as the chair of the UVSS hiring committees for the incoming Executive Director and Administration & Services Manager
- Personnel work
- Policy Development Committee
- Health and Dental Appeals
- Meeting with Studentcare
- Preparing for potential expenditures from the Health Plan Reserve Fund
- Drafting a financial presentation for the UVSS Board of Directors
- Development of business survey
- Reviewing financial timelines for the winter semester
- Writing UVSS policy
- Developing a "Guide to UVSS Finances" to be displayed on the UVSS website

Hannah Ahluwalia (2 hours)

- International relations planning
- Present in board office and answered questions
- Reading request for proposals

Natalie Blecha (26 hours)

- SSD budgeting
- SSD Council Meeting
- SSD policy development
- SSD constitution revision
- UVSS RFP work
- UVSS ED hiring committee
- SSD meeting minutes
- UVSS meetings, communication, emails
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Zyannya Fox (4 hours)

- Planning, reading, creation of budget handbook

Caleb Burd (8 hours)

- Divest video work

Caelen Cook (2 hours)

- Checking Emails
- Discussion with Director of Student Affairs about Club and Course Union Ratification
- Club and Course Union Ratification meeting preparation

Jelayna Van Dyke (4 hours)

- Attended social sciences equity and diversity committee
- Met with UVic staff about free menstrual products initiative
- Attended sexualized violence special events committee