



## **AGENDA**

**University of Victoria Students' Society**

**Thursday, January 16th, 2020 – Vertigo, 9am**

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

Granirer called the meeting to order at 9:16pm.

### **2. LIVESTREAM**

#### **MOTION 2020/01/16: 01 - AHLUWALIA/DE LUNA-BUENO**

**WHEREAS** the UVSS Board of Directors 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 16th, 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**

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#### **MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA - CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

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

### **8. MAIN MOTIONS**

#### **a. Priority business**

#### **MOTION 2020/01/16: 02 - EATON/BLECHA**

**WHEREAS** the 2018/2019 referendum question regarding the PIRG fee levy was disqualified due to breach of electoral policy, and;

**WHEREAS** the UVSS membership has not been given the fair chance to answer the question of if they wish to continue the PIRG fee levy, and;

**WHEREAS** the Chief Electoral Officer recommended in the 2018/2019 Electoral Report that the referendum question regarding the PIRG fee levy be rerun, and;

**WHEREAS** VIPIRG no longer has any relationship with the UVSS, so reference to VIPIRG in the PIRG fee levy referendum question is no longer applicable, and;

**WHEREAS** the Engineering Student Society and the Society for Students with a Disability have both written letters addressed to the UVSS in support of rerunning the referendum on the PIRG fee levy after having consulted their membership;

**BIRT** the Board of Directors approve the following question go to a referendum and be held in conjunction with the 2020-2021 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 a Public Interest Research Group (PIRG)?"

**MOTION TO AMEND - DOONAN/AHLUWALIA**

Change "ending" to "continuing."

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION - WATTS/VAN DYKE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION FAILED**

**MOTION 2020/01/16: 03 - EATON/TURKER**

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

"Do you support an increase to the student fee for World University Services of Canada (UVic WUSC) in the amount of \$1.50 per semester for full-time students, and \$0.75 per semester for part-time students, for the purpose of expanding the Student Refugee Program to sponsor one additional student per year and to extend first-year support for newly resettled students?"

**BIFRT** the Board is in favour of the question and endorses the 'yes' side of the referendum; and

**BIFRT** the Board select Tuqa Al-Musawi to be the official proponent.

**MOTION TO AMEND - SAMPSON/WATTS**

Change to "in the amount of \$1.50 per full-time student per semester, and \$0.75 per part-time student per semester."

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**MOTION TO OMNIBUS - DOONAN/VAN DYKE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2020/01/16: 04 - EATON/**

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

"Do you support an increase to the Students of Colour Collective Fund of \$1 per full-time student and 50 cents per part-time student for the purpose of creating support resources for visible and invisible minorities on campus?"

**BIFRT** the Board is in favour of the question and endorses the 'yes' side of the referendum; and

**BIFRT** the Board select Shayan de Luna-Bueno to be the official proponent.

**MOTION 2020/01/16: 05 - EATON/**

**WHEREAS** the cost of course materials in UVic courses are a significant financial barrier for many students; and,

**WHEREAS** the UVSS aims to improve the accessibility of post-secondary education by reducing financial barriers for students; and

**WHEREAS** open-source course materials are a viable, reduced cost alternative to traditional textbooks; therefore,

**BIRT** the Board of Directors approve the following question go to a referendum and held in conjunction with the 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 per full-time student and \$0.75 per part-time student in order to fund the creation of open-source textbooks and other open-source learning materials, which would be used in UVic classrooms?”

**BIFRT** the Board is in favour of the question and endorses the ‘yes’ side of the referendum; and  
**BIFRT** the Board select Jonathan Granirer to be the official proponent.

## **MOTIONS CARRIED OMNIBUS**

- b. New business

### **MOTION 2020/01/16: 06 - SUTHERLAND-WILSON/TURKER**

**WHEREAS** On January 6th, the UVSS voted to "contribute a dollar amount that will be voted on at the next UVSS Board meeting to the Unist'ot'en legal defence fund;" and,

**WHEREAS** it is the next Board meeting; and,

**BIRT** The UVSS allocate \$1500 from the Grants and Donation Fund to the Unist'ot'en legal defence fund.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA - TURKER/WATTS**

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved in camera at 9:56am.

## **9. IN CAMERA**

- a. Legal
- b. Personnel Committee Report

### **MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA - SAMPSON/TURKER**

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

## **10. MEETING TIMES**

**The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:**  
Monday, January 20th, 6pm, in Vertigo.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**