



MINUTES

University of Victoria Students' Society

Monday, January 20th, 2020 – Vertigo, 6pm

ATTENDANCE: Reid-Friesen, Cook, Blecha, de Havelyn, Watts, McGovern, Burd, Eaton, Granirer, de Luna-Bueno, Van Dyke, Richins

Staff: McFarlin, James

1. CALL TO ORDER

De Havelyn called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

2. LIVESTREAM

MOTION 2020/01/20: 01 - GRANIRER/REID-FRIESEN

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 20th, 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

Reid-Friesen acknowledged the territories.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adoption of Agenda

- 2020/01/20

MOTION TO ADOPT - VAN DYKE/EATON

MOTION TO AMEND - GRANIRER/

Replace appendix A with updated version approved in Policy Development Committee.

MOTION ADOPTED VIA UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOTION CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PRESENTATIONS**
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6. REPORTS

a. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Strategic Plan Implementation, Society Finances & Operations (BoD Policy Section 1, Part 3.2.I)

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. 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 2020/01/20: 02 - GRANIRER/DE LUNA-BUENO

WHEREAS at the Board meeting of May 6th, 2019, the Board voted to hold the Semi-Annual General Meeting (SAGM) on February 6th, 2020; therefore,

BIRT the SAGM time is set for 3pm; and,

BIFRT the February 6th, 2020 SAGM agenda contained in Appendix A is adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Old business

MOTION 2020/01/13: 02 - GRANIRER/RICHINS

BIRT Nominations be opened for the following University Committees:

- Academic and Technical Writing Chair Search Committee (1 student who has taken Eng 101 or Eng 135)
- Executive Director of Co-op and Career Services Search Committee (1 student who has been or is currently enrolled in a co-op program)
- Chair of Psychology Search Committee (1 student majoring in Psychology)
- Chair of Geography Search Committee (1 student majoring in Geography)
- Social Sciences Dean Search Committee (1 student majoring in Social Sciences)

Nominations:

- Social Sciences Dean Search Committee (1 student majoring in Social Sciences) - Jelayna Van Dyke

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO RECESS - DE LUNA-BUENO/MACGREGOR

10 minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO REPLACE - WATTS/BURD

Replace de Havelyn with Van Dyke as chair.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA - WATTS/EATON

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting moved in camera at 6:40pm.

9. IN CAMERA

- a. Legal
- b. Personnel Committee Report

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA - MACGREGOR/REID-FRIESEN

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting moved out of camera at 6:47pm.

10. MEETING TIMES

The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:
Monday, February 3rd, 6pm, in Vertigo.

11. ADJOURNMENT

12. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Dakota McGovern (37 hours)

- Personnel work
- Sitting on hiring committees for the Member Outreach and Communications Officer and the Marketing and Events Coordinator
- Finalizing the 2nd quarter financial report and putting it online
- Writing policy as it relates to strategic planning, the annual report and the health plan fund
- Meeting with Portfolio DaLs
- Chairing Finance and Operations Committee
- Executive Committee
- Planning and organizing the winter semester
- Cheque signing

Caleb Burd (4 hours)

- Policy development 1 hour
- Divest Meeting 1 hour
- Finance and Operations 1 hour
- Personnel 1 hour

Sarina de Havelyn (8 hours)

- Chairing board meeting and prep (4 hours)
- Writing open letter to Saanich on housing bylaw (2 hours)
- Copy editing (2 hours)

Dalal Tubeishat (6 hours)

- Sent emails.
- Answered members' questions.
- Had meetings with Director of Events.

Hannah Ahluwalia (6 hours)

- Writing motions and research
- International student relations committee
- Finance and Operations committee

Juliet Watts (47 hours)

- PIRG Preparation and Correspondence
- Divest Working Group
- Responsible Investment Meeting
- Prepared for and executed Know Your Drugs Harm Reduction Event
- Policy Development Committee
- Meetings with members
- Divest Submission to UVic Board of Governors
- Prepared for advocacy to Saanich Council
- Divest teach-in event planning

Jonathan Granirer (34 hours)

- Worked with several members of Saanich Council to further student issues relating to housing
- Two sick days
- Wrote SAGM Agenda
- Several meetings with Students, Staff, and Directors
- Day-to-day correspondence (mainly emails)
- Worked with de Havelyn to send a letter to UVic to regarding campus sustainability

Olivia Reid Friesen (6 hours)

- January 13th - Club and course union ratification - 3 hours
- January 13th board meeting - board meeting 3 hours

APPENDIX A



AGENDA

Semi-Annual General Meeting

Wednesday February 6, 2020

Vertigo, 3:00pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES**
3. **APPROVAL OF CHAIR**
4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
 - a. Agenda of 2020/02/06 SAGM
5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - a. Minutes of 2019/10/24 AGM
6. **MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**
 - a. **Special Resolutions**

MOTION TO AMEND THE VALUES - ADD ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS the UVSS details five values on its website and in its strategic plans: Good governance, FUN!, excellence, service, and social justice; and,

WHEREAS as of January 17th, 2020, nearly 90% of respondents to the UVSS 2019 annual survey support adding environmental sustainability to the list of UVSS values; and,

WHEREAS the climate crisis is the biggest issue facing our planet and the UVSS has a responsibility to play its part in addressing this crisis; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UVSS adds “Environmental Sustainability” to its values.

MOTION TO AMEND THE VALUES - ADD DECOLONIZATION

WHEREAS as of January 17th, 78% of respondents to the UVSS 2019 annual survey support adding “Decolonization” to the UVSS’ values; and,

WHEREAS UVic and the Student Union Building reside on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Lekwungen people, including the Esquimalt, Songhees, and WSÁNEĆ Nations; and

WHEREAS the UVSS has a duty to prioritize decolonization; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UVSS adds “Decolonization” to its values.

MOTION TO AMEND THE VALUES - REMOVE EXCELLENCE

WHEREAS “Excellence” is already mentioned in several other UVSS values, including “Good Governance” and “Services”; and,

WHEREAS redundant values diminish the overall importance of the values; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UVSS removes “Excellence” from its values.

MOTION TO AMEND THE VALUES - REMOVE FUN

WHEREAS respondents of the UVSS’ 2019 annual survey indicated that “Fun” was the least important of the UVSS’ values; and,

WHEREAS UVSS values guide how the UVSS makes decisions and performs work, and are the driving force of the organization, and should be selected with corresponding seriousness; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UVSS removes “Fun” from its values.

b. **Ordinary Resolutions**

MOTION TO AMEND BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY

WHEREAS the Board of Directors currently uses multiple and ongoing digital tactics to inform members about its committees; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following section in Board of Directors policy, Section 1, part 3.4: Committee Meetings be removed:

c. The Society shall publicize a list of its committees, the committee membership and the committee meeting times outside the Students’ Society Centre.

Adopted SAGM 1999/02/12

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors improves existing Board of Directors policy detailing committee promotion.

7. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT**

8. **QUESTION PERIOD (30 minutes)**

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**