



AGENDA

University of Victoria Students' Society
Monday, June 29, 2020 – Zoom, 6pm

Zoom meeting link:

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Attendance: Abuelazm, Hiser, Mittal, Guildford, Tubeishat, Blecha, Henderson, MacGregor, Franco-Monroy, Barkowsky, Richie, de Havelyn, Lowan, Dodds, Nag

Staff: James, McFarlin, Robertson

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. LIVESTREAM

MOTION 2020/06/29: 01 - HISER/ADACHI

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 June 29th, 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.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Burd acknowledged the land.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adoption of Agenda

i. 2020/06/29

MOTION TO ADOPT - RICHIE/ADACHI

MOTION TO AMEND - ABUELAZM/LOWAN

Add to new business:

MOTION 2020/06/29: 19 - ABUELAZM/

WHEREAS during this time of heightened attention on police forces, the UVSS can not remain silent; therefore,

BIRT the Director of Campaigns and Community Relations, the Director of Student Affairs, the Director of Outreach and University Relations, Abdul Abuelazm, and Victoria Richie write a letter to the Saanich Police Board calling for the disbandment of the Saanich PD and it's replacement with community-based law enforcement.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

- b. Approval of Minutes**
 - i. 2020/05/04
 - ii. 2020/05/25
 - iii. 2020/06/08
 - iv. Executive Committee Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE - ABUELAZM/ADACHI

5. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. PRESENTATIONS**
- b. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The anti-oppression toolbox workshop with Em and Nathan will be this **Thursday, July 2nd from 5-6:30pm** via Zoom. This interactive and hands-on session will help you all develop practical skills when it comes to practicing anti-oppression and supporting each other.

6. REPORTS

- a. REPORT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
Strategic Plan Implementation, Society Finances & Operations (BoD Policy Section 1, Part 3.2.I)
- b. REPORTS**

PORTFOLIOS

- 1. Campaigns and Community Relations
- 2. Finance and Operations
- 3. Outreach and University Relations
- 4. Student Affairs
- 5. Events
- 6. International Student Relations

COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

- 1. Electoral
- 2. Executive committee
- 3. Food Bank & Free Store
- 4. International Student Relations
- 5. Peer Support Centre

CONSTITUENCY ORGANIZATIONS & NSU

1. GEM
2. NSU
3. Pride
4. SOCC
5. SSD

WORKING GROUPS

1. PIRG

7. QUESTION PERIOD (15 mins)

8. MAIN MOTIONS

a. PRIORITY BUSINESS

MOTION TO OMNIBUS - BURD/FRANCO-MONROY

Motions 2-6.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020/06/29: 02 - BURD/GUILDORD

WHEREAS to comply with standard accounting practices the UVSS has historically made transfers from reserve funds to operating funds at the end of each fiscal year to account for costs incurred during the specified year; therefore,

BIRT up to \$79,000 be transferred from the Food Bank Trust to Food Bank Program Operating Budget to cover the costs directly relating to the operation of the Food Bank in the 2019-2020 Board Term.

MOTION 2020/06/29: 03 - BURD/GUILDORD

BIRT up to \$30,000 be transferred from the Peer Support Trust to Peer Support Operating Budget to cover the costs directly relating to the operation of the Peer Support in the 2019-2020 Board Term.

MOTION 2020/06/29: 04 - BURD/GUILDORD

BIRT up to \$17,000 from the Government Relations and Outreach Fund be transferred into the Campaigns Operating Fund to cover costs relating to campaigns made in the 2019-2020 Board Term.

MOTION: 2020/06/29: 05 - BURD/GUILDORD

BIRT up to \$11,000 from the Election Fund be transferred into the Elections Operating Fund to cover costs relating to elections made in the 2019-2020 Board Term.

MOTION: 2020/06/29: 06 - BURD/GUILDORD

BIRT up to \$25,000 from the Special Events Trust be transferred into the Special Events Operating Budget to cover costs relating to special events made in the 2019-2020 Board Term.

MOTIONS CARRIED OMNIBUS

RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION 2020/06/29: 07 - ABUELAZM/LOWAN

WHEREAS interpreting the policy governing clubs and course union collaboration with the Board is challenging and confusing; and,

WHEREAS clubs and course unions are natural event-partners for the Board; and,

WHEREAS during extraordinary times like COVID-19, creating and delivering relevant events is especially challenging, and further impeded by this policy; and,

WHEREAS clubs and course union funding is paused for the summer, and holding events would be one tangible way to engage them and deliver value to our members; and,

WHEREAS this policy was designed to be relevant and applicable for post-COVID times; therefore, **BIRT** BoD section 1, part 11 is amended as follows:

PART 11: CLUBS & COURSE UNIONS

~~11.1 In the interest of fairness to all clubs and course unions, the Board shall not show preferential treatment to individual clubs and course unions, and shall strive to offer support to all clubs and course unions on an equal basis. However, committees of the Board may collaborate with clubs or course unions in order to include them in board initiatives.~~

The Board may partner with clubs and course unions to host events for students.

- i. The Director of Student Affairs shall contact all clubs and course unions with an event application form and the relevant policy, inviting them to send proposals for partnered events.**
- ii. The student group may reach out to the relevant Director, or the Director may reach out to the relevant group. Completed forms are mandatory in all cases.**
- iii. The two parties shall present a proposal to the relevant committee (e.g. an event proposal at events committee) for their approval, then the Chair of that committee shall make a report during a Board meeting informing the Board of the collaboration.**

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO OMNIBUS - BURD/ADACHI

Motions 8 and 9.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION 2020/06/29: 08 - BURD/ADACHI

WHEREAS: Current BoD policy regarding voting members for the Health and Dental appeals committee does not reflect actual practice; therefore,

BIRT: BoD Section 4.3, part 4 is amended as follows:

4. Membership

Voting Members

- a. The Director of Finance and Operations - ex officio and chair of the committee
- b. One Director elected by the BoD

c. One member of the UVic Office of the Registrar ratified by the committee ~~e. One member of UVIC Records Services ratified by the committee~~

RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION 2020/06/18: 09 - BURD/ADACHI

WHEREAS: Current BoD policy regarding the names of Government Relations & Outreach Fund does not reflect actual practice; therefore,

BIRT: BoD Section 3.3, amended as follows:

3.3 Campaigns and Government Relations Fund ~~Government Relations & Outreach Fund~~

a. The **Campaigns and Government Relations Fund**~~*Government Relations & Outreach Fund~~ shall consist of all student fees dedicated and collected for the sole purpose of quality research and lobby efforts directed at various levels of government and the University on the issues of post-secondary education, affordable housing, public transit, sexualized violence and campus sustainability.

b. All monies collected in the **Campaigns and Government Relations ~~Government Relations & Outreach Fund~~** shall be represented as a revenue line in the Campaigns Committee budget.

c. Any monies remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be placed in a roll-over account and applied to the following year's **Campaigns and ~~Community Relations~~ Government Relations Fund**.

a. The Director of Campaigns and Community Relations shall present a summary of all expenditures from the Campaigns and ~~Community~~ **Government Relations Fund** incurred by Campaigns Committee and the state of the fund to the Board of Directors at the end of each academic term.

***Approved by referendum as the "Government Relations & Outreach Fund."**

MOTIONS CARRIED OMNIBUS

RECOMMENDED BY THE PIRG WORKING GROUP AND THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

MOTION 2020/06/29: 10 – ABUELAZM/

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 the PIRG Working Group has attached a separate report outlining their decision in Appendix A of this agenda; therefore,

BIRT the Board accepts the report; and,

BIFRT the BoD approves the following question to go a referendum and be held in the Fall of 2020:

"Are you in favour of ending the collection of 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 CARRIED

Abstained: Tubeishat, Franco-Monroy, Mittal, Nag

RECOMMENDED BY THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

MOTION 2020/06/18: 11 - TUBEISHAT/ABUELAZM

BIRT the following dates are confirmed in the event of a fall referendum:

Nomination Period Monday October 5th, 9am – Wednesday October 16th, 9am
Campaign Period Monday October 26th, 9am* – Friday November 6th, noon
Voting Days Wednesday November 4th, 9am – Friday November 6th, noon
The approximate date of candidate platform publication in *The Martlet* October 22nd
Candidates' forums Friday 30 October

*Date and time at which printed and digital campaign materials may be posted.

MOTION CARRIED

b. NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 2020/06/18: 11 - ABUELAZM/MITTAL

BIRT Elizabeth Giesbrecht be granted a leave of absence from June 15 until July 15, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020/06/29: 19 - ABUELAZM/MITTAL

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MOTION TO AMEND - HENDERSON/GUILDFORD

The Director of Campaigns and Community Relations, the Director of Student Affairs, the Director of Outreach and University Relations, Abdul Abuelazm, and Victoria Richie write a letter to Saanich council and the Saanich police board asking that a significant portion of funding the police department currently receives to be directed instead to community based initiatives and social programs. As well as ensure officers undergo yearly de-escalation training and anti-racism and oppression training .

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION - BURD/ADACHI

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION FAILED

MOTION CARRIED

c. OLD BUSINESS

MOTION 2020/05/04: 18 – DE HAVELYN/

BIRT nominations be opened to fill the following vacancies on SUB Occupants Committee:

One (1) Representative as recommended by Anti-Violence Project (AVP)

One (1) Representative as recommended by Campus Community Gardens (CCG) - Nicole Cymerys

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA - MITTAL/GUILDFORD

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting moved in camera at 8:48pm.

MOTION TO RECESS - GUILDFORD/ADACHI

Recess until 8:50pm.

MOTION CARRIED

9. In Camera

- a. Legal
- b. Personnel Committee Report

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA - HENDERSON/ADACHI

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting moved out of camera at 8:58pm.

10. MEETING TIMES

The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:
Monday July 6, 2020 via Zoom (online).

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN - HENDERSON/NAG

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

12. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Victoria Richie (27 hours)

- Campaigns Meeting - 1.5hrs
- Campaigns Portfolio Work - 2hrs
- LGC Rebrand & Messaging Work - 3hrs
- LGC Meetings - 2hrs
- Rethink Mental Health Meetings -2hrs
- Rethink Mental Health Research & Work - 1.5hrs
- Divest Meetings - 3hrs
- Policing Inquiries & Research Group - 3hrs
- Strategic Planning Sessions - 1.5hrs
- Events Committee Meeting - 1hrs

- Policy Development Meeting - 1hr
- Food Bank Volunteering - 3hrs
- Anti-Racism Training - 2.5hrs

Sebastian Franco-Monroy (122 hours)

- Sent and responded to emails
- Went to committee meetings (Exec, Campaigns, PD, Electoral, Personnel)
- ReThink Mental Health
- Held events committee meeting
- Meetings with OSL
- Went to board meeting
- Meetings OSL/Athletics & Rec
- Worked on Events Proposals
- Did research on Mental Health Workshops
- Further worked on Summer/Fall timelines
- Budgeting
- Met with Graphics
- Met with Excluded Managers
- Research/meetings for RWR
- Research on BC Budget
- Meetings with Student execs across Canada
- Working on changes for Campus Kick Off
- Met with UVic execs
- CFUV Board Meeting
- Training with previous Events Director
- Met with Portfolio DaLs
- Strategic Planning Sessions
- Anti-Racism training
- Calling/sending out proposals to local Mental Health organizations/counselling services

Reeve Henderson (11 hours)

- Meeting With Global Community
- Prep for ISRC Meeting
- ISRC Meeting
- ISRC Minutes
- Events Committee
- Strat Planning
- Anti Racism Workshop

Dalal Tubeishat (140.5 hours)

- Attended and spoke at Saanich Council Public Hearing
- Chaired Advocacy Relations Committee and Clubs Council
- Wrote agendas for chaired committees
- Wrote minutes for Advocacy Relations Committee
- Internal meetings with other directors and staff

- External meetings with UVic administration
- Attended and planned for Strategic Planning Sessions
- Attended Campaigns Committee, Member Outreach Committee, Electoral Committee, Finance and Operations Committee, PIRG Working Group, Events Committee, International Students Relations Committee, Operational Relations Committee, Executive Committee, Divest
- Made grab bags for the Food Hamper Program
- Attended GEM hiring committee and SOCC hiring Committee
- Signed Cheques
- Held office hours
- Meetings with executives of clubs
- Answered emails
- Responded to members on social media
- Wrote social media posts
- Edited the Member Outreach video script
- Wrote motions
- Reviewed policy for updating
- BC Budget planning and writing the lobby document

Natalie Blecha (22 hours)

- UVSS ARC Committee Meetings (1.5 hours)
- UVSS PIRG Working Group Meetings and Readings (4 hours)
- SSD Policy Development Committee (Chaired) (1 hour)
- SSD Programming Supply Delivery Driving (2 hours)
- SSD Policy Drafting (5 hours)
- SSD/UVSS Communications and Emails (2 hours)
- SSD Staffing Meeting (0.5 hours)
- SSD Minute Taking and Editing (4 hours)
- SSD Event Attendance (2 hours)

Evan Guildford (18.4 hours)

- 08/06 Board Meeting- 2 hours
- 09/06 Compiling research and suggestions for MTW campaign- 0.5 hours
- 09/06 International Student Committee- 1 hour
- 10/06 Make Transit Work Meeting- 1 hour
- 15/06 Rethink Mental Health meeting- 1.2 hours
- 16/06 Wellness Discussion- 2 hours
- 18/06 Policy Development Committee- 0.7 hours
- 22/06 Finance Committee- 1 hour
- 22/06 Rethink Mental Health meeting- 0.5 hours
- 22/06 Anti-Racism Training- 2.5 hours
- 23/06 Strategic Planning Campaigns- 0.8 hours
- 25/06 Strategic Planning Events- 0.9 hours
- 25/06 Strategic Planning Finance- 1.7 hours
- 26/06 Strategic Planning Outreach- expected 0.8 hours
- 26/06 Events Committee- expected 1 hour

- 29/06 Strategic Planning Student Affairs- expected 0.8 hours

Jocelynn Parent (11.5 hours)

- Events portfolio meeting
- Event committee meeting
- Minutes write up
- Rethink mental health campaign meeting
- Campaigns committee meeting
- Anti-racism training
- Strategic planning meeting events

Jana Barkowsky (15.5 hours)

- Researched for mental health campaign
- Met with mental health professional and Director of Campaigns
- Attended two events committees
- Attended two Advocacy relations committees
- Attended Rethink Mental Health campaign meeting
- Attended Campaigns committee
- Attended anti-racism training
- Helped coordinate BLM event
- Created a work order for mental health IG post

Caleb Burd (103 hours)

- Presented at International student relations committee
- Attended Outreach and university relations committee
- Met with the Art Director
- Met with StudentCare
- Attended at Operational Relations committee
- Attended Department Managers meeting
- Met with Outreach director for budgeting
- Met with representatives from the SFSS
- Attended Policy development committee
- Designed board Strategic planning
- Met with Athletics administration discussed fee credits
- Chaired Personnel committee
- Facilitated ISL Strategic Planning
- Facilitated Campaigns Strategic Planning
- Worked on board and campaigns budgets
- Reviewed April income statements
- Chaired Finance and Operations committee
- Attended Divest meetings
- Attended Campaigns and Community Relations committee
- Reached out to BLM Vancouver about donations
- Emailed Uvic administration about the fossil fuel free fund
- Met with excludes about business strategic planning

- Reviewed fee reduction appeals
- Compiled lists and information for non-lead honoraria
- Participated in anti-racism training for board members

Emily Hiser (36.5 hours)

- Portfolio Work: 10 hours
- Divest Meetings and Meeting Prep / Other Research: 9 hours
- Board Meeting Prep: 2.5 hours
- Member Outreach Meetings: 1.5 hours
- Make Transit Work: 2.5 hours
- Policy Development Meeting: 1 hour
- Personnel Committee: 30 mins
- Saanich Public Hearing (Rent with Rights Campaign): 6.5 hours
- Anti-Racism Workshop: 2 hours
- Campaigns Meeting: 1 hour

Sarina de Havelyn (126 hours)

- Meetings with other student unions such as ABCs, SFSS, AMS, CSU, CCSS to collaborate on Rent with Rights, the BC Budget Consultation, student outreach, events, etc.
- Chaired and prepared for Electoral, Member Outreach, PIRG Working Group, Policy Development, and Executive Committees
- Meetings with UVic regarding messaging improvements, orientation planning, potential areas of collaboration, student life improvements, UVSS inserts on Coursespaces/syllabi, OERs on course sign up, virtual elections, co-curricular notation, and consent workshops
- Meeting preparations (scheduling, research, communications, minutes)
- Attended Finance, Events, and Campaigns committees
- Rent with Rights planning
- OER Lobbying document drafting
- Administrative tasks
- Daily check-ins with Dir. of Campaigns
- Correspondence with SWAG providers
- Drafting BC Budget Consultation submission
- Preparations and organization for June 29th's board meeting
- Meetings with Member Outreach sub-group for video planning, zoom calls
- Portfolio meetings
- Video Prep with Adachi
- Saanich Public Hearing (Rent with Rights Campaign)
- Anti-Racism Workshop
- Strategic planning

Emily Lowan (172 hours)

- Campaigns:
- Divest UVic [9 hours]
 - Divest meeting and prep [6 hours]
 - Meeting with student [0.5 hour]
 - Meeting with member/volunteer management [0.5 hour]
 - Action items [2 hours]

- Make Transit Work [8 hours]
 - Working group meeting [1 hour]
 - Transit coalition meeting [1.5 hours]
 - BC Transit U-Pass meeting [1.5 hours]
 - Meeting with VP of Unifor Local 333 [1 hour]
 - U-Pass proposal [1 hour]
 - BC Transit follow-up U-Pass meetings [2 hours]
- Let's Get Consensual [13.5 hours]
 - Sexualized Violence Awareness Week planning [2.5 hours]
 - Campus to Campus Planning [3 hours]
 - LGC Brand ID guide [2 hours]
 - SVAW work order [0.5 hours]
 - SVSEC rebranding meeting [1.5 hours]
 - Meeting with OSL, consent training [1 hour]
 - LGC meeting with DAL [3 hours]
- Rent with Rights [53.5 hours]
 - Working group meetings [3 hours]
 - Meeting with Dir. Affairs re Clubs and CU outreach [1 hour]
 - Meeting with students impacted by bylaw 5.20 [1.5 hours]
 - Meetings with Councillors [3 hours]
 - Press release writing and correspondence [3 hours]
 - 5 media interviews, plus preparation [3 hours]
 - Email to our membership [4 hours]
 - Social media campaign development [5 hours]
 - Personal outreach and coordination [12 hours]
 - Preparing speakers with talking points [4 hours]
 - Email template creation [2 hours]
 - Speech creation for public hearing [1 hour]
 - Public hearing attendance [7 hours]
 - Follow-up meetings with councillors and community associations [4 hours]
- Grants Now [1.5 hours]
 - Meeting with CSU [1.5 hours]
- Safer Use [2 hours]
 - Meeting with VI Drug Checking Project and Health Services, re drug checking on campus and naloxone training [1.5 hours]
 - Online naloxone training planning [0.5 hour]
- Rethink Mental Health [4.5 hours]
 - Meeting with DAL to discuss tactics [1 hour]
 - Working group meetings [2 hours]
 - Wellness week planning [1.5 hours]
- Anti-racism / alternative police response [5 hours]
 - Meeting with Communities Against Criminalization member [1 hour]
 - Working group meetings [2.5 hours]
 - Meeting with UVic faculty, organizing institutional change [1 hour]
 - Meeting with Saanich staff [0.5 hour]

- Committees and other general meetings:
 - Policy development committee [2 hour]
 - Leads meeting with Resident Services [1 hour]
 - PSC Committee [1.5 hour]
 - Leads / OSL [1 hour]
 - Budget w/ Caleb [1 hour]
 - Board meeting [2.5 hours]
 - Updates with Dir. Outreach [2.5 hours]
 - Exec meeting [2.5 hours]
 - ZAP /Leads [1 hour]
 - International Student Relations Committee [1 hour]
 - Member outreach committee [1 hour]
 - UVSS/STUA meet and greet [1 hour]
 - Budget planning [3 hours]
 - Operational relations committee [1 hour]
 - Department manager meeting [1 hour]
 - Events committee [1 hour]
 - Leads meeting [3 hour]
 - RCM hiring committee [1.5 hours]
 - Campaigns committee [3 hours]
 - Personnel committee + prep [3 hours]
 - Finance and operations meeting [1 hour]
 - SSD motion advocacy [0.5 hour]
 - Anti-racism training with Moussa Magassa [2.5 hours]
 - Campaigns Strategic Planning session [2 hours]
 - Events strategic planning [0.5 hour]

Marran Dodds (16 hours)

- Divest UVic Meeting (1.5 hrs)
- Brainstorming Instagram Challenge Ideas for Events (0.25 hr)
- Planning Summer Book Club Event (2.5 hr)
- Solidarity Letter for Divest Pertaining to Black Lives Matter (1.5 hr)
- Board Meeting (1.5 hrs)
- Events Portfolio Meeting (0.5 hrs)
- Meeting with Sebastian (0.25 hrs)
- Meeting with Graphics for Events (1 hr)
- Events Committee (1 hr)
- Divest Social Media Team Meeting (0.75 hrs)
- Member Outreach Video Script (0.75 hrs)
- Campaigns Social Media (0.5 hrs)
- Anti-Oppression Training (2 hrs)
- Emails (1 hr)
- Events Committee (1hr)

Isaiah Adachi (27.5 hours)

- PSC meeting: 1 hour
- Member outreach meeting: 1 hour
- MO Vid Work: 16.5 hours
- OER Help: 1 hour
- Anti Racism Training: 3 hours
- PIRG meeting: 1 hour
- Studying Board Policy: 2 hours
- Miscellaneous Portfolio Work: 2 hours

Abdul Abuelazm (21 Hours)

- Attended 3 Defund VicPD meetings
- Attended 1 Rethink Mental Health Campaign Meeting
- Chaired 1 Rethink Mental Health Campaign Meeting
- Attended 3 PIRG Working Group Meetings
- Attended 2 Campaigns Committee Meetings
- Attended 1 Policy Development Meeting
- Attended 1 Student Affairs Portfolio Meeting
- Had 1 Letter Outlining Meeting with a DaL for Defund VicPD
- Written a letter for ReThink Mental Health
- Acted as second chair for a Clubs Council Meeting
- Did 2 hours of research for Defund VicPD
- Wrote 1 motion about internal communication
- Had 1 meeting with the Director of Outreach and University Relations
- Had 1 meeting with the Director of Student Affairs
- Attended Anti-Racism Board Training

Paarth Mittal (17 hrs)

- Board meeting: 2 hrs
- Attended/Spoke at Saanich Bylaw 5.20 Hearing: 2 hrs
- Make Transit Work: 0.5 hrs
- Campaigns Strategic Planning Session: 1.5 hrs
- Strategic Planning Brainstorming: 1.5 hrs
- Divest UVic Meetings: 3 hrs
- Campaigns Committee Meeting: 1 hr
- Letter writing for Divest: 3 hrs
- Anti-racism training workshop: 2.5 hrs

Appendix A

Proposal

The UVSS PIRG Working Group (WG) recommends running a UVSS board-endorsed referendum in the fall semester of 2020 to have our members democratically determine how they wish to see remaining PIRG funds allocated.

Background

There are several motivating factors for the PIRG WG's recommendation to hold an electoral event in the fall to determine the plan for the PIRG fees held in trust and those that continue to be collected.

Without a referendum to cease the collection of the fee, the UVSS is required to collect the PIRG Fee at \$1.50 for part time and \$3.00 for full time students, despite the on campus PIRG leaving the SUB in the summer of 2019. We now have \$108,931 accumulated in this fund. If this continues without intervention, we are projected to have \$17K more this summer, \$59K more this fall, and \$42K more this spring semester. The 2019-2020 Board conducted a formal request for proposals process for a replacement PIRG, but were unsuccessful in finding a candidate that met the board's requirements.

It is not ideal for the UVSS to hold these funds in trust for multiple reasons. First, many students who pay this fee are not benefitting from it while it is held in trust and will never benefit from it if they graduate or leave UVic for other reasons. Secondly, because the Society is a non-profit, it is not in our members' best interest to hold large sums of fees over long periods, which is why this referendum question is recommended to take place this fall rather than in spring. Particularly during COVID-19, we believe that establishing a bursary to assist our members as soon as possible is the responsible choice.

Additionally, the 2019-2020 Annual Survey revealed that few students accessed VIPIRG services. However, it is important to note that VIPIRG provided paid and volunteer roles for People of Colour on their staff and Board teams, and prioritised research on issues that disproportionately impact people of color. Without their presence on campus, there is a gap in student-led public research focused on equity issues for marginalised groups.

The money held in trust will likely be donated towards an award/bursary through UVic's Student Awards and Financial Aid (SAFA) department. This is to allow the UVSS to select eligibility criteria which satisfy the original purpose of the PIRG, while outsourcing costly administrative duties. In turn, the creation of an award/bursary will fulfill the mandate for which the fee was created.

The PIRG WG will work with SAFA to ensure that a donation is invested responsibly and dispersed in a timely manner.

The eligibility requirements for an award/bursary of students who have an interest in public research is to ensure that this award/bursary meets the mandate of the PIRG fees. Furthermore, we urge the Board to include requirements for preference towards undergraduate students who self-identify as BIPOC to reflect long-held UVSS goals of equity, anti-racism, and de-colonization to support marginalized students. Additional measures would be taken to proportionately benefit international students who are ineligible for bursaries.