



MINUTES

University of Victoria Students' Society

Monday, September 21, 2020 – Google Meet, 6pm

Google Meet meeting link:

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2. Please type "x" into the chat if you'd like to be placed on the speakers' list.
3. You will be asked to vote yes or no in the chat during motions - you can always abstain if you'd like.

ATTENDANCE de Havelyn, Guildford, Abuelazm, Blecha, Mittal, Muir, Tubeishat, Lancaster, Henderson, Tran, Nag, Lowan, Adachi, Ritchie, Barkowsky, Dodds, Franco-Monroy, Burd, Giesbrecht
Staff: James, Hardman, McFarlin

1. CALL TO ORDER

De Havelyn called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

2. LIVESTREAM

MOTION 2020/09/21: 01 - ADACHI/NAG

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 September 21st, 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

Tubeishat acknowledged the land.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adoption of Agenda

- i. 2020/09/21

MOTION TO ADOPT - ADACHI/MITTAL

MOTION CARRIED

b. Adoption of Minutes

- i. 2020/09/14

**MOTION TO ADOPT - GUILDFORD/RITCHIE
MOTION CARRIED**

c. Ratification of Directors

MOTION 2020/09/21: 02 - TUBEISHAT/MITTAL

BIRT the Board accepts the resignation of Gina Tran as the Pride representative to the Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 Board term; and,

BIRT the Board ratifies Gina Tran as the SOCC representative for the remainder of the Board term.

MOTION CARRIED

7. QUESTION PERIOD (15 mins)

8. MAIN MOTIONS

a. NEW BUSINESS

RECOMMENDED BY THE PIRG WORKING GROUP

MOTION 2020/09/21: 02 - ABUELAZM/BLECHA

WHEREAS the BoD approved the following questions to go a referendum and be held in the Fall of 2020:

1. "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)?"
2. "Are you in favour of reallocating the fees currently held in trust for the Public Interest Research Group (PIRG), to be split evenly between a student bursary/award and the UVSS Operating Fund?"

You are voting for this question under the following circumstances:

1. The fees held in trust are \$128,848.17 as of August 10, 2020; and,
2. If this question is defeated, the UVSS Board of Directors will administer all PIRG fees currently held in trust in the best interests of students at the University of Victoria until such time as a service provider is identified to fulfill the purpose of a PIRG, or the collection of the PIRG fee is ended."

BIRT the Board endorses the 'yes' side of both referendum questions; and

BIFRT the Board selects Evan Guildford to be the official proponent for both questions.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020/09/21: 03 - ABUELAZM/TUBEISHAT

BIRT the board approves the addition of Evan Guildford to the PIRG Working Group as a voting member in effect from September 21st 2020 to the conclusion of the electoral event; and

BIFRT the PIRG Working Group policy is amended as follows in effect from September 21st 2020 to the conclusion of the electoral event:

4. Membership Voting Members*:

- a. Director of Outreach and University Relations - ex officio and chair of the committee
- b. One [1] Lead Director elected by the BoD - second chair of the committee
- c. ~~Three [3]~~ **Four [4]** directors (non-lead directors) elected by the BoD (must be available for the entirety of the board term)

*This working group can have a maximum of two self-identified cisgender men as voting members.

*In the event of a tie, the chair shall be the deciding vote.

MOTION CARRIED

b. OLD BUSINESS

RECOMMENDED BY ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

MOTION 2020/09/14: 03 – FRANCO-MONROY/TUBEISHAT

WHEREAS the updated Electoral Policy is attached as Appendix A.

WHEREAS the changes made to the December 12, 2019 Electoral Policy is demonstrated in Appendix B.

BIRT the updated Electoral Policy is adopted.

BIFRT the highlights be removed from the Electoral Policy in Appendix A.

MOTION TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION - ABUELAZM/BLECHA

Treat as separate:

- 1. CO-OPERATIVES
- 2. ALL OTHER CHANGES

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020/09/14: 03A - FRANCO-MONROY/

BIRT the Board adopts Electoral Policy version A (as attached).

BIFRT the highlights be removed.

MOTION 2020/09/14: 03B - FRANCO-MONROY

BIRT the Board adopts Electoral Policy version B (with cooperatives).

BIFRT the highlights be removed.

MOTION TO AMEND - BLECHA/GUILDFORD

Switch the consideration of A and B; new order:

MOTION 2020/09/14: 03B - FRANCO-MONROY

BIRT the Board adopts Electoral Policy version B (with cooperatives).

BIFRT the highlights be removed.

MOTION 2020/09/14: 03A - FRANCO-MONROY/

BIRT the Board adopts Electoral Policy version A (as attached).

BIFRT the highlights be removed.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020/09/14: 03B - FRANCO-MONROY/

BIRT the Board adopts Electoral Policy version B (with cooperatives).

BIFRT the highlights be removed.

MOTION TO AMEND - BURD/BLECHA

Keep \$50 as maximum a candidate can spend in an election.

MOTION TO EXTEND SPEAKING RIGHTS - RITCHIE/ADACHI

Kate Korte

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION DEFEATED

MOTION TO AMEND - NAG/FRANCO-MONROY

Reduce upfront reimbursement to \$50.

MOTION DEFEATED

MOTION TO AMEND - TUBEISHAT/GIESBRECHT

Make the following grammatical changes:

Strike 6.1.g.

Strike "equally" and "proponent or opponent" from 8.1.c.

Strike "proponent and opponent" from 6.6.a.

Amend Part 5 to read "Campaigning Supports"

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020/09/14: 03A - FRANCO-MONROY/

BIRT the Board adopts Electoral Policy version A (as attached).

BIFRT the highlights be removed.

MOTION TO RECESS - BLECHA/ABUELAZM

10 minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION DEFEATED

Adachi abstained

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA - MITTAL/ADACHI

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting moved in camera at 8:51pm.

- 9. In Camera**
 - a. Legal**
 - b. Personnel Committee Report**

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA - GUILDFORD/BARKOWSKY
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved out of camera at 8:53pm.

10. MEETING TIMES

**The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:
Monday, September 28, 2020 via Google Meet (online).**

11. ADJOURNMENT