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AGENDA

UVic Grad Class Annual General Meeting

1:00pm, Tuesday, November 24th, 2020

On Zoom

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Agenda of 2020/11/24

4. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of 2019/02/12

5. MAIN MOTIONS

MOTION 2020/11/24: 01 – HERNANDEZ/

BIRT the Graduating Class Constitution & Bylaws are amended as per Appendix A.

MOTION 2020/11/24: 02 – HERNANDEZ/

BIRT nominations be opened to elect the positions on the Graduating Class Executive Council listed in Bylaw 2.2 of the Graduating Class Constitution & Bylaws.

6. **QUESTION PERIOD**

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Motion 2020/11/24: 03 – HERNANDEZ/

BIRT the Grad Class Executive presents a recommendation to the UVSS Board of Directors regarding the continuation of the Grad Class and the collection of its respective fees.

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

APPENDIX A

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization is the Graduating Class of the University of Victoria, which is a subsidiary organization of the ~~UVSS~~ **University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS)**, hereinafter referred to as the "Graduating Class".

2. PURPOSE OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

The purpose of the Graduating Class is to promote and direct Graduating Class activities and funds within the University of Victoria.

3. DISSOLUTION OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

Upon the dissolution of the Graduating Class, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of its debts ~~shall be given or transferred to the University of Victoria Students' Society to be kept in trust until bodies similar to the Graduating Class constitute~~ **will be transferred to existing bursaries managed by UVic Student Awards and Financial Aid.**

BYLAW 1 – MEMBERSHIP

1.1 ~~The Graduating Class shall be composed of active and ho~~ **The active members shall be comprised of all registered undergraduate students who have applied to graduate in the year of the Graduating Class. This includes the Fall and Spring convocations within the academic year.**

Honorary members:

~~a.b. Honorary membership may be conferred annually by the Graduating Class Executive Council to any two members they deem deserving of this award at the Semi-Annual General Meeting.~~

1.2 The rights and obligations of the members of the Graduating Class shall be as provided in the Bylaws of the Graduating Class.

1.3 Active membership in the Graduating Class will cease:

- a. when a member ceases to be a registered undergraduate student of the University of Victoria, ~~unless excepted by Bylaw 1.1.ba~~;
- b. by a resolution, two-thirds majority of the Graduating Class;
- c. by withdrawing application to graduate.

Note: Hereinafter, unless otherwise specified, the word “member” shall mean “active member”.

BYLAW 2 – GOVERNING BODY OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

2.1 The name of the Governing Body of the Graduating Class shall be the ~~Executive Council of the Graduating Class of the University of Victoria~~ **Graduating Class Executive**, hereinafter referred to as the “~~Executive Council~~” **“Grad Class Executive.”**

2.2 The members of the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive** shall be:

- a. ~~President~~ **Co-chair (two positions)**
- b. ~~Vice-President~~
- c. Treasurer
- d. ~~Secretary~~
- e. ~~Communications Director~~ **Coordinator**
- f. ~~Social Events~~ **Coordinator**
- g. ~~Chair~~ **A Director** of the University of Victoria Students’ Society (hereinafter “UVSS”) **appointed by the UVSS Executive Committee** [ex officio]

2.3 Any member of the Graduating Class shall be eligible for an elected position on the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive**.

BYLAW 3 – ELECTIONS TO THE ~~EXECUTIVE COUNCIL~~ GRAD CLASS EXECUTIVE

3.1 The members of the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive** shall be elected **at the Graduating Class Annual General Meeting (AGM)** for terms beginning in ~~September~~ **November** and ending in ~~April~~ **June**, ~~during the Annual General Meeting~~.

3.2 The elections at the Annual General Meeting shall be the responsibility of and administered by the ~~Chair of the UVSS~~ **director appointed by the UVSS Executive Committee**.

~~3.3 The members of the Executive Council shall be elected by secret ballot at a properly constituted Special General Meeting of the Graduating Class.~~

3.4 Nominations for positions on the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive** shall be open ~~for not less than ten consecutive days and shall close no less than three days prior to the election day.~~ **at the start of the AGM, with all positions elected by the close of the AGM.**

~~3.5 The Executive Council shall appoint a returning officer for any and all elections and referenda held.~~

~~3.6 A recount of any election or referendum shall be automatically held if the difference between a successful and unsuccessful candidate or choice after the first ballot count is less than or equal to five (5) votes. The Executive Council may request a recount at its discretion.~~

~~3.7 Ballots of the Graduating Class elections and referenda shall be kept for a period of fifteen days, after which, if no recount has been called, they shall be destroyed. If a recount has been conducted, ballots shall be destroyed fifteen days following the recount.~~

~~3.8 In the event of a recount, the candidates involved or their scrutineers shall be present for the entire duration of the recount if they so desire.~~

BYLAW 4 – VACANCIES

~~4.1 Should a vacancy occur on the Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive**, the vacancy shall be filled by ~~General Meeting of the Graduating Class. by a 2/3 majority vote at a quorate meeting of the Grad Class Executive.~~

BYLAW 5 – DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL GRAD CLASS EXECUTIVE

5.1 The President Co-Chairs shall:

- ~~a. Chair all meetings of the Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive**; and ~~of the Graduating Class;~~
- ~~b. Be the official spokesperson~~**people** for the Graduating Class;
- ~~c. Act, in the absence of a specifically designated person, as the official liaison person between the Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive** and any other organizations;
- ~~d. Be responsible for recommending to the Executive Council the establishment or amendment of committees or advisory boards; and~~
- ~~d. Perform other duties as directed by the Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive.**

5.2 The Vice President shall:

- ~~a. Assume all responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President; and~~
- ~~b. Perform other duties as directed by the Executive Council.~~

5.3 The Treasurer shall:

- ~~a. Prepare and present to the Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive** a statement of the ~~financial affairs~~ **financial position** of the Graduating Class ~~as soon as such information is available from the UVSS;~~
- ~~b. Be responsible to the Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive** for all vouchers, requisitions, cheques, petty cash payments and purchase orders issued in the name of the Graduating Class;
- ~~c. Prepare a budget and submit a copy to the Semi-Annual General Meeting~~ **Grad Class Executive** for approval; and
- ~~d. Perform other duties as directed by the Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive.**

5.4 The Secretary shall:

- ~~a. Record the minutes of all General, Special and Executive Council~~ **Graduating Class Executive** meetings;
- ~~b. Present two copies of the~~ **Provide** minutes of all **Graduating Class Executive** meetings to the Chair of the UVSS ~~appointed Director, one of which shall to be forwarded for to future Executive Councils~~ **Graduating Class Executive**; and
- ~~c. Perform other duties as directed by the Executive Council~~ **Graduating Class Executive.**

5.5 The Communications Director Coordinator shall:

- ~~a. Be responsible for ensuring that all General and Special Meetings and social events of the Graduating Class are advertised adequately according to Bylaw XIV; and~~
- ~~b. Perform other duties as directed by the Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive.**

5.6 The Social Events Coordinator shall:

- a. Coordinate all social events as ~~deemed desirable~~ **decided** by the ~~Executive Council~~ **Graduating Class Executive** for the benefit of the ~~Graduating Class~~; and
- b. Perform other duties as directed by the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive**.

5.7 The ~~Chair of the UVSS~~ Appointed Director shall:

- a. Assist the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive** where ~~she/he is~~ **they are** able, and particularly in ~~directing~~ **referring** the Executive to **useful** individuals and groups within the University; ~~which are already familiar to her/him by the nature of the Chair position;~~
- b. Be responsible for and administer the elections **of the Grad Class Executive** at the Annual General Meeting; and
- c. **Ensure that minutes are recorded for Grad Class general meetings; and**
- d. Perform other duties as directed by the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive**.

BYLAW 6 – ~~LEGISLATIVE POWERS~~ GRADUATING CLASS EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY

6.1 The affairs of the Graduating Class shall be managed by the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive**, who may act on behalf of the Graduating Class within the constraints of this document.

6.2 Decisions of the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive** shall be made by majority vote.

6.3 The ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive** shall:

- a. Be the only recognized medium between the Graduating Class and other organizations;
- b. Meet during the regular winter session;
- c. Meet quorum through the presence of ~~four (4)~~ **three** members of the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive**;
- d. Conduct its meetings according to the procedures set down in Robert's Rules of Order, or other rules agreed to by the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive**;
- e. Be ultimately responsible for the day-to-day administration of the affairs ~~of the Graduating Class~~ and for the implementation of the **Grad Class Constitution & Bylaws** ~~policies of the Graduating Class~~; and
- f. Prepare and provide ~~a written report~~ **a financial report and recommendations for next year** upon the completion of the ~~all~~ Graduating Class activities to the ~~UVSS Chair~~ **appointed UVSS Director**, to be ~~read~~ **distributed** at the ~~next~~ Graduating Class Annual General Meeting.

BYLAW 7 – SIGNING OFFICERS

7.1 All cheque requisitions of the Graduating Class must be signed by two (2) members of the ~~Executive Council~~ **Graduating Class Executive** to be submitted to ~~the UVSS Accounting Services Department~~.

BYLAW 8 – MEETINGS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

8.1 The Graduating Class shall hold ~~two~~ **one** general meetings which shall be known as the Annual General Meeting. ~~and the Semi-Annual General Meeting.~~

a. Annual General Meeting

- i. The Annual General Meeting of the Graduating Class shall be held ~~in the first fifteen (15) days of November~~ **before November 15th**.
- ii. ~~The Chair of the UVSS~~ **UVSS-appointed Director** shall chair the meeting.

~~b. Semi-Annual General Meeting~~

- ~~i. The Semi-Annual General Meeting shall be held in the first fifteen (15) days of February.~~
- ~~ii. The Chair of the UVSS shall chair the meeting.~~

c. Special General Meetings

- i. Special General Meetings may be called at anytime between the months of October and May (inclusive) by:
 - a majority vote of a quorate meeting of the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive**, or
 - a written request signed, with corresponding student numbers, by one percent (1%) of the members of the Graduating Class.

8.2 General Meeting Rules

- a. Elections shall occur as early as possible on the agenda, ~~where~~ **when** required, at General Meetings.
- b. Members of the Graduating Class may vote at meetings and each member shall have one vote. Voting by proxy is not permitted.
- c. Nominating by proxy is permitted.**
- d. ~~Robert's Rules~~ **Democratic** of Order shall govern the conduct of all General Meetings of the Graduating Class.
- ~~e. Meetings shall be advertised adequately according to Bylaw XIV.~~

8.3 Referenda

- a. Referenda may be called at anytime between the months of October and May inclusively by:
 - i. a majority vote of a quorate meeting of the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive**; or
 - ii. a requisite of one percent (1%) of the membership.
- b. Referendum shall be advertised adequately according to Bylaw XIV.

8.4 Quorum

- a. ~~Twenty-five (25)~~ **Twenty (20)** members of the Graduating Class or one percent (1%) of the Graduating Class (whichever is lower), shall constitute a quorum **for bylaw amendments**.
- ~~b. If a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be reconvened at a date set by the Chair of the UVSS (AGM) or the Executive Council (SAGM, SGM), not more than twenty-one (21) days and not less than seven (7) days following the date set for the original meeting.~~
- b. If quorum is not met, then the meeting may proceed with a limited agenda, including:**
 - i. Elections to the Grad Class Executive**
 - ii. Reports**
 - iii. Question Period**
- ~~c. If quorum is not present at the second meeting, the meeting shall proceed regardless.~~

BYLAW 9 – ABANDONMENT OF OFFICE OR REMOVAL OF ~~EXECUTIVE COUNCIL~~ **GRAD CLASS EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

9.1 An ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive** member who has missed three (3) regularly scheduled meetings without prior notification ~~of to the Executive Council~~ **Graduating Class Executive** shall be considered to have resigned.

9.2 Impeachment Proceedings

- a. A member of the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive** may be removed from office at a General Meeting or by a referendum.
- b. Impeachment proceedings may be initiated by:
 - i. a two-thirds majority vote of the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive**, or

- ii. a petition signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the members of the Graduating Class presented to the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive**.
- c. In the event that the General Meeting or referendum thus called fails to reach quorum, the proceeding shall cease.

BYLAW 10 – FEES

10.1 An alteration in the amount of membership fees of the Graduating Class ~~shall not be made until the request has been approved by a referendum, by secret ballot, of the members of the Graduating Class.~~ **may be made with a 2/3 majority vote of a quorate meeting of the Grad Class Exec.**

10.2 The ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive** shall be empowered to establish the criteria and procedures to be used in the refund or partial refund of fees.

10.3 If the AGM fails to make quorum, all graduating fees for the year will be transferred to existing bursaries managed by UVic Student Awards and Financial Aid.

BYLAW 11 – FUNDS

11.1 ~~The Executive Council of the Graduating Class~~ The **Treasurer, in consultation with the UVSS General Manager**, must prepare and present **to the Grad Class Executive** a budget for approval by the ~~membership at the Semi-Annual General Meeting.~~ **Grad Class Executive, by a 2/3 majority vote, by December 31st of that same year.**

11.2 The Grad Class does not have the power to bind future graduating classes to the allocation of funds.

BYLAW 12 – AMENDMENTS

12.1 Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Graduating Class may be initiated by:

- a. any member of the Graduating Class, provided that the proposed amendment is signed, with corresponding student numbers, by not less than one percent (1%) of the members of the Graduating Class; or
- b. the ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive**, after a 2/3 majority vote.

12.2 The Constitution and Bylaws of the Graduating Class may be amended by:

- a. the passage of a special resolution at a ~~properly constituted~~ **quorate** General Meeting of the Graduating Class by a simple majority; or
- b. referendum, by secret ballot, of the members of the Graduating Class.

BYLAW 13 – RECORDS

13.1 The ~~Executive Council~~ **Grad Class Executive** shall see that all necessary books and records of the Graduating Class required by the Constitution and/or the Bylaws of the ~~Graduating Class~~ or by any applicable statute of law are regularly and properly kept and distributed.

13.2 All original records are to be kept by the UVSS ~~and a copy must be submitted to the Office of Student and Ancillary Services, University of Victoria, upon completion of the~~ **Executive Council Grad Class Executive** term in June.

BYLAW 14 – POSTERING

14.1 All announcements/advertisements required to be made under the Graduating Class Constitution and Bylaws shall be considered to have been duly advertised by **publishing notice on the UVSS website and social media, and by sending an email to all students registered to graduate that year.** ~~placing at least forty (40) 8½" x 11" posters on University bulletin boards, of which at least four posters must be in each building. No less than four banners must be placed to advertise events and general meetings.~~

~~14.2 In addition to the above postering, an advertisement shall be placed in the official student newspaper. In the case of general meetings and referenda, an advertisement shall be placed in the student newspaper.~~